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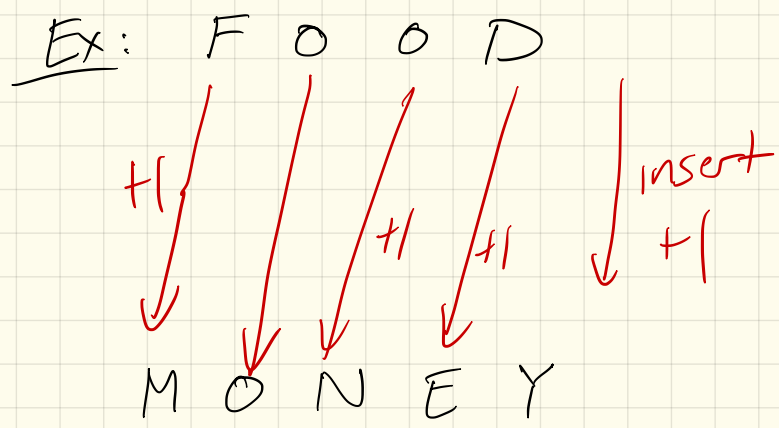
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# Edit Distance

The minimum number of deletions, insertions, or substitutions of letters to transform between two strings.



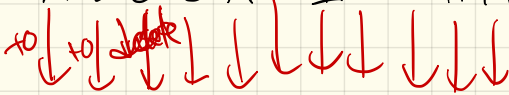
Uses?

- Spell checker
- bioinformatics →

How to solve:

Aligning/matching will help:

A: A L G O R I T H M

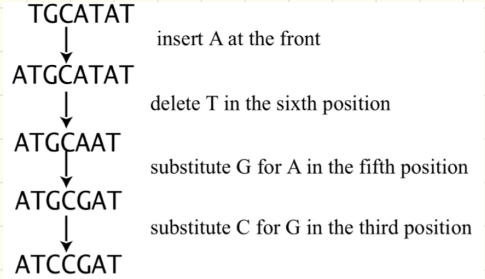
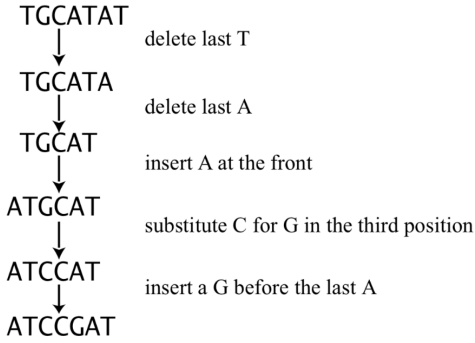


B: A L T R U I S T I C

H H H H H H  
distance?

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Example:



Alignment matrix:

A	T	-	G	T	T	A	T	-
A	T	C	G	T	-	A	-	C

(at most  $m+n$  columns)

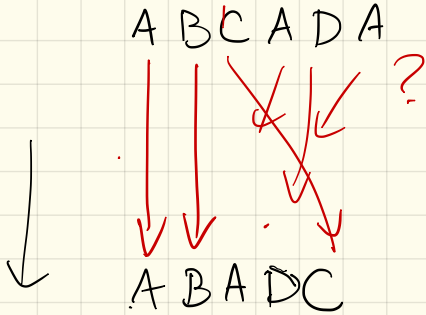
Another way:

Write # of repetitions:

v =	0	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	7
		A	T	-	G	T	T	A	T	-
w =										
		A	T	C	G	T	-	A	-	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	7

Don't be greedy!

The temptation is to do this  
as you go:



edit distance?

Idea: try matching,  
or not

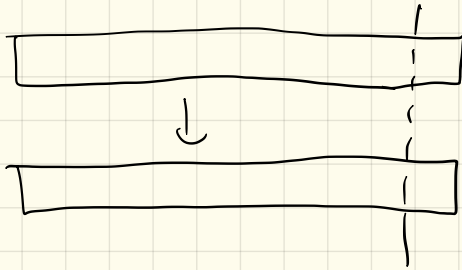
try both, pay  
costs that depend  
on letters

## Recursive formulation:

If I align like this, can observe:

If you delete last (aligned) column, the rest will still be optimal for shorter substrings edit distance.

Why?



Turning this into a matrix:

Let  $EDIT(A[1..m], B[1..n])$   
be edit distance b/t  $A$  &  $B$ .

When we choose how to align, 3 possibilities:

- insertion:

- deletion:

- substitution:

$$EDIT(A[1..m], B[1..n]) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} EDIT(A[1..m-1], B[1..n]) + 1 \\ EDIT(A[1..m], B[1..n-1]) + 1 \\ EDIT(A[1..m-1], B[1..n-1]) + [A[m] \neq B[n]] \end{array} \right\}$$



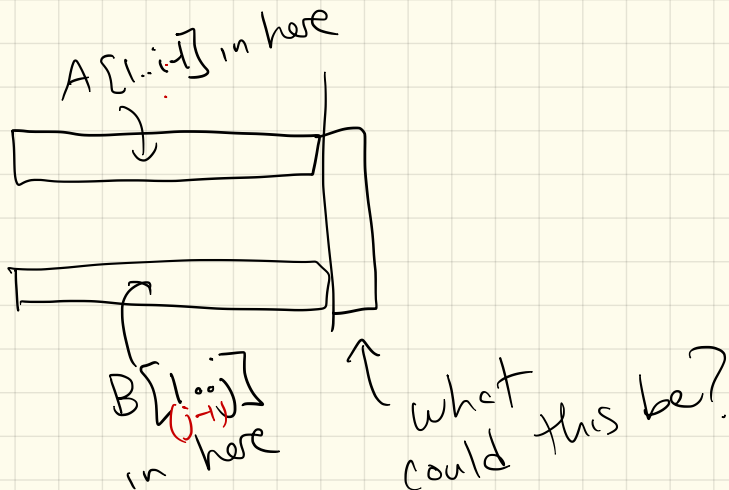
Turning this into a proper recursion:

Let  $EDIT(i, j) :=$  edit distance  
between:

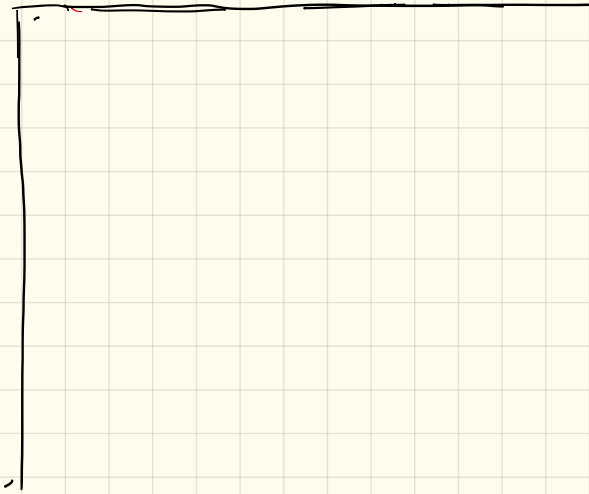
$A[1..i]$

$B[1..j]$

$$Edit(i, j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j = 0 \\ j & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} Edit(i-1, j) + 1, \\ Edit(i, j-1) + 1, \\ Edit(i-1, j-1) + [A[i] \neq B[j]] \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Give me 2 strings:



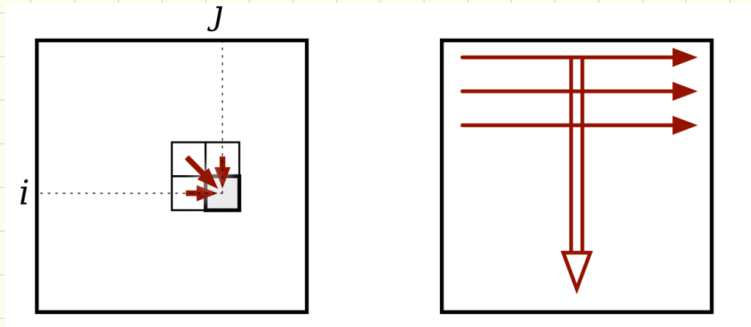
$$\text{Edit}(i, j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j = 0 \\ j & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Edit}(i-1, j) + 1, \\ \text{Edit}(i, j-1) + 1, \\ \text{Edit}(i-1, j-1) + [A[i] \neq B[j]] \end{array} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Now, don't bother analyzing  
the recursion.

(It's awful!)

Instead, be smart :  
memoize!

Table:



# Algorithm:

EDITDISTANCE( $A[1..m], B[1..n]$ ):

for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$

$Edit[0, j] \leftarrow j$

for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$

$Edit[i, 0] \leftarrow i$

    for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$

        if  $A[i] = B[j]$

$Edit[i, j] \leftarrow \min \{Edit[i-1, j] + 1, Edit[i, j-1] + 1, Edit[i-1, j-1]\}$

        else

$Edit[i, j] \leftarrow \min \{Edit[i-1, j] + 1, Edit[i, j-1] + 1, Edit[i-1, j-1] + 1\}$

return  $Edit[m, n]$

# Runtime:

Example:

	A	L	G	O	R	I	T	H	M		
	0	→1	→2	→3	→4	→5	→6	→7	→8	→9	
A	↓ 1	↘ <b>0</b>	→1	→2	→3	→4	→5	→6	→7	→8	
L	↓ 2	↓ 1	↘ <b>0</b>	→1	→2	→3	→4	→5	→6	→7	
T	↓ 3	↓ 2	↓ 1	↘1	→2	→3	→4	↘ <b>4</b>	→5	→6	
R	↓ 4	↓ 3	↓ 2	↘2	↘2	↘2	↘ <b>2</b>	→3	→4	→5	→6
U	↓ 5	↓ 4	↓ 3	↘3	↘3	↘3	↘3	↘3	→4	→5	→6
I	↓ 6	↓ 5	↓ 4	↘4	↘4	↘4	↘4	↘ <b>3</b>	→4	→5	→6
S	↓ 7	↓ 6	↓ 5	↘5	↘5	↘5	↘5	↘4	↘4	↘5	↘6
T	↓ 8	↓ 7	↓ 6	↘6	↘6	↘6	↘6	↘5	↘ <b>4</b>	→5	→6
I	↓ 9	↓ 8	↓ 7	↘7	↘7	↘7	↘7	↘ <b>6</b>	↘5	↘5	→6
C	↓ 10	↓ 9	↓ 8	↘8	↘8	↘8	↘8	↘7	↘6	↘6	↘6

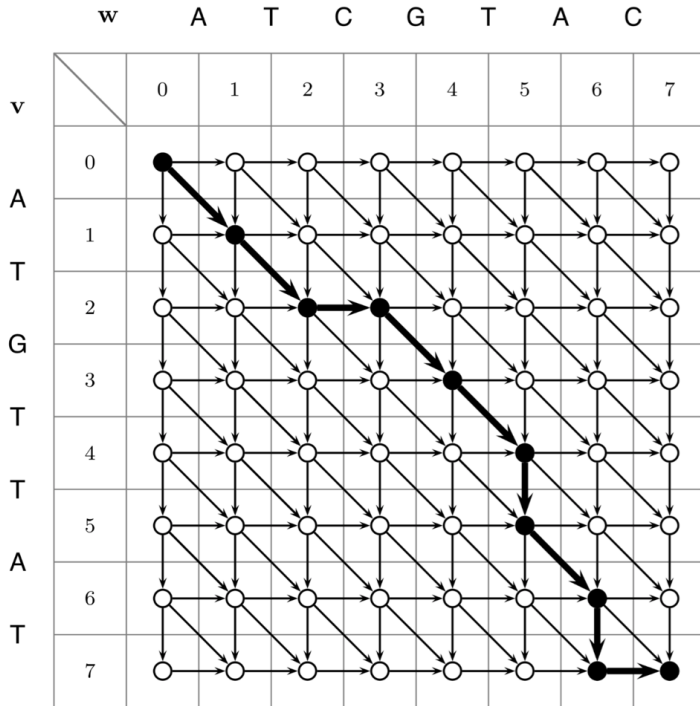
The memoization table for  $Edit(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{ALTRUISTIC})$

A L G O R I T H M  
A L T R U I S T I C

# Another: (DNA Example)

$v =$ 

0	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	
	A	T	-	G	T	T	A	T	-	
$w =$	A	T	C	G	T	-	A	-	C	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	7



↘	↘	→	↘	↘	↓	↘	↓	→
A	T	-	G	T	T	A	T	-
A	T	C	G	T	-	A	-	C

# Next: Subset Sum

Given a set  $X$  of positive integers and a target value  $t$ , is there a subset of  $X$  which sums to  $t$ ?

Recall our (exponential) backtracking.

Formalize this: recursion!

$$T(X, t) = \begin{cases} \text{include } X[1]: \\ T(X[2..n], t - X[1]) \\ \text{not:} \\ T(X[2..n], t) \end{cases}$$

**SUBSETSUM**( $X[1..n], T$ ):

if  $T = 0$

return TRUE

else if  $T < 0$  or  $n = 0$

return FALSE

else

return (SUBSETSUM( $X[1..n-1], T$ )  $\vee$  SUBSETSUM( $X[1..n-1], T - X[n]$ ))

Can we do DP?

In this chapter:

$$SS(i, t) = \begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } t = 0 \\ \text{FALSE} & \text{if } t < 0 \text{ or } i > n \\ SS(i+1, t) \vee SS(i+1, t - X[i]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Or:

$$SS(i, t) = \begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } t = 0 \\ \text{FALSE} & \text{if } i > n \\ SS(i+1, t) & \text{if } t < X[i] \\ SS(i+1, t) \vee SS(i+1, t - X[i]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

How to memoize?