The algorithm I wrote functions pretty damn slow. It tries to do everything in one loop and does so with a lazy attitude, performing 10* (length of the word being searched for +1) if statements for every single character in the string being searched for in an absolute worst case scenario. Because of this, if we take m as the length of the string being searched in and n as the length of the word being searched for, this algorithm runs around theta(10m(n+1)) which is omega(n^2). Whatever brute force algorithm was being used for the benchmarks is clearly better than the times I was able to put out, except for one case where my algorithm happened to be around 10 times faster than the better benchmark time. The code contains both a comparison calculator and timing functionality.

The structure of the algorithm is as follows:

Main:

Create a hash table for the word

while the current index is less than the length of the string

test for a match

if an exact match is found, exit

if a partial match is found, store it in a list and increment the index

if no match is found, use the hash table to shift based on the last character if possible, the second to last character if not

print details

Testing for a match:

Create a string the length of the word being searched for + 1

if the string created is less than the length we need, go ahead and return no match found

if the length of the word being searched for is 2, go through all possible test cases for a two-character match

for each character in the test string

if the character in the first position of the test string matches the first character of the word, pop it

else:

increment error checker

if the second letter matches instead:

pop the second letter

if this occurred on the second to last letter of the word

check that this is a double-case

else if this is the second to last letter:

check that this is a double-case

pop the first two letters

else pop the first two letters

if the error number is greater than 1, return 0

if the length of the stack is 0:

if the error number is 0, return 2

if there is a double case, add the index to the list of mispelled words, return 1

return 1