

# Exact matching: naïve algorithm

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How many alignments are possible given  $x$  and  $y$ ?

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*P*: aaaa

*T*: aa

aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa  
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Well the worst case  
scenario looks like this.

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How many character comparisons in this example?

*P*: word

*T*: There would have been a time for such a word

word word word word word word word word word word  
word word word word word word word word word  
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40 mismatches + 6 matches = 46 character comparisons

Much closer to minimum (41) than maximum (164)



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$P$ : abbb

$T$ : bbb

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So the first character of the pattern is  
a, and yet the text consists of all b's.