

# NOTES ON LEVENSHTEIN DISTANCE

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## 1. LEVENSHTEIN\_DISTANCE(DEPART, LEOPARD)

- ← Deletion (cost 1) of a letter  $x$  in first word:  $\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ * \end{smallmatrix}$
- ↓ Insertion (cost 1) of a letter  $x$  in second word:  $\begin{smallmatrix} * \\ x \end{smallmatrix}$
- ↖ Match (cost 0) of the same letter  $x$  in both words:  $\begin{smallmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$
- ↗ Substitution (cost 2) of a letter  $x$  in first word by a different letter  $y$  in second word:  $\begin{smallmatrix} x & y \\ x & y \end{smallmatrix}$

d	7		6	←	7		6		5		4	←	5
	↓	↖			↓		↓		↓		↓	↖	↓
r	6	←	7		6		5		4		3	←	4
	↓	↖	↓		↓		↓		↓	↖			
a	5	←	6		5		4		3	←	4	←	5
	↓	↖	↓		↓		↓	↖					
p	4	←	5		4		3	←	4	←	5	←	6
	↓	↖	↓		↓	↖							
o	3	←	4		3	←	4	←	5	←	6	←	7
	↓	↖	↓		↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓
e	2	←	3		2	←	3	←	4	←	5	←	6
	↓	↖	↓	↖									
l	1	←	2	←	3	←	4	←	5	←	6	←	7
	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖	↓
.	0	←	1	←	2	←	3	←	4	←	5	←	6
	.		d		e		p		a		r		t

\* d e \* p a r \* t  
l \* e o p a r d \*

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d e \* p a r t  
l e o p a r d

## 2. LEVENSHTEIN\_DISTANCE(PAPER, POPE)

4	e	4		3	←	4		3		2	←	3
		↓		↓	↖	↓		↑	↖			
3	p	3		2	←	3		2	←	3	←	4
		↓	↖	↓	↖	↓	↖					
2	o	2		1	←	2	←	3	←	4	←	5
		↓		↓	↖	↑	↖	↑	↖	↑	↖	↑
1	p	1		0	←	1	←	2	←	3	←	4
		↓	↖				↖					
0	.	0	←	1	←	2	←	3	←	4	←	5
	.		p		a		p		e		r	
		0	1	2	3	4	5					

table:

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[[[0, []], [1, ['V']], [2, ['V']], [3, ['V']], [4, ['V']]],
 [[1, ['H']], [0, ['D']], [1, ['V']], [2, ['D', 'V']], [3, ['V']]],
 [[2, ['H']], [1, ['H']], [2, ['D', 'H', 'V']], [3, ['D', 'H', 'V']], [4, ['D', 'H', 'V']]],
 [[3, ['H']], [2, ['D', 'H']], [3, ['D', 'H', 'V']], [2, ['D']], [3, ['V']]],
 [[4, ['H']], [3, ['H']], [4, ['D', 'H', 'V']], [3, ['H']], [2, ['D']]],
 [[5, ['H']], [4, ['H']], [5, ['D', 'H', 'V']], [4, ['H']], [3, ['H']]]]
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entwined\_aligned\_pairs:

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5 4 ['']
  H 4 4 ['r*']
    D 3 3 ['r*ee']
      D 2 2 ['r*eepp']
        D 1 1 ['r*eeppao']
          D 0 0 ['r*eeppaopp']
            1 1 ['r*eeppaopp']
              H 1 2 ['r*eeppa*']
                V 1 1 ['r*eeppa**o']
                  D 0 0 ['r*eeppa**opp']
                    1 1 ['r*eeppa**opp']
                      1 2 ['r*eeppa**opp']
                        V 2 1 ['r*eepp*o']
                          H 1 1 ['r*eepp*oa*']
                            D 0 0 ['r*eepp*oa*pp']
                              1 1 ['r*eepp*oa*pp']
                                2 1 ['r*eepp*oa*pp']
                                  2 2 ['r*eeppa**opp', 'r*eepp*oa*pp', 'r*eeppaopp']
                                    3 3 ['r*eeppa**opp', 'r*eepp*oa*pp', 'r*eeppaopp']
                                      4 4 ['r*eeppa**opp', 'r*eepp*oa*pp', 'r*eeppaopp']
                                        5 4 ['r*eeppa**opp', 'r*eepp*oa*pp', 'r*eeppaopp']
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