Edit Distance

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Minimum Edit Distance

- Given two strings *A* and *B* (i.e., two sequences of characters).
- Goal: Find the minimum number of edits to transforms s_1 to s_2.

- Edit operations include:
  - Insertion
  - Deletion
  - Substitution

Example

F	O	O	D	
M	O	N	E	Y
S		S	S	I

4 edits

	F	O	O	D
M	O	N	E	Y
I	S	S	S	S

5 edits

F	O	O	D		
	M	O	N	E	Y
D	S		S	I	I

5 edits

F		O	O	D
M	O	N	E	Y
S	I	S	S	S

4 edits

F	O		O	D
M	O	N	E	Y
S		I	S	S

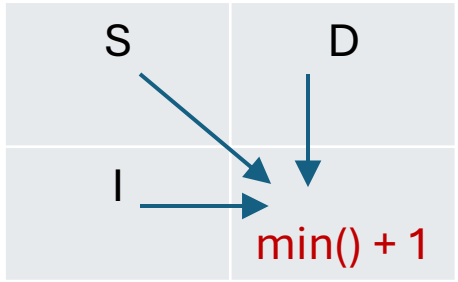
4 edits

F	O	O		D
M	O	N	E	Y
S		S	I	S

4 edits

Example

if A[i] ≠ B[j]



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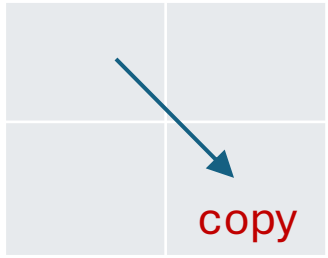

		B				
		M	O	N	E	Y
	0	1	2	3	4	5
A: F	1					
A: O	2					
A: O	3					
A: D	4					

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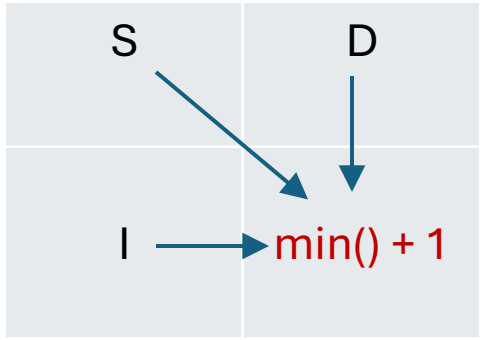

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		M	O	N	E	Y
	0	1	2	3	4	5
F	1	1	2	3	4	5
O	2	2	1	2	3	4
O	3	3	2	2	3	4
D	4	4	3	3	3	4

Recursion Tree