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Workshop sample solutions: Week 4

Suppose that we have observed the token lended, and we have a dictionary as follows:

addendum
blenders -3
commodity
deaden -2 3
end -3
leader -2
leant -4
lent -3
lemonade
pleading

1. Which, if any, of the above dictionary entries would be returned using a Neighbourhood Search with a neighbourhood of 1? 2? 3?

- There aren't any items in the dictionary requiring only a single change from lended.
- With a neighbourhood size of 2, there is a dictionary entry:
 - leader, by Replacing the n with a, and the second d with r
- Along with the above, the following are also within a neighbourhood of 3:
 - blenders, by Inserting the b, Replacing the second d with r, and Inserting the s
 - deaden (three Replaces)
 - end (three Deletions)
 - lent (one Replace and two Deletions)

2. With respect to the input string lended and the dictionary entry deaden, calculate the following:

(a) the Global Edit Distance, using the parameter $[m, i, d, r] = [+1, -1, -1, -1]$

input

(a)	ϵ	l	e	n	d	e	d
ϵ	0	←	-1	←	-2	←	-3
d	-1	←	-1	←	-2	←	-3
e	-2	←	-2	←	-1	←	-2
a	-3	←	-3	←	-1	←	-2
d	-4	←	-4	←	-2	←	-1
e	-5	←	-5	←	-3	←	-2
n	-6	←	-6	←	-4	←	-2

target

- From the table above, we can observe that the Global Edit Distance is 0, corresponding to the following sequence of operations: Replace, Match, Replace, Match, Match, Replace, which I will abbreviate as rmrmmr. (You can follow along with the highlighted back-pointers.)

global distance lended: $[m, i, d, r] = [+1, -1, -1, -1]$

l/b: addendum, blenders, commodity deaden, end, leader
leant, lemonade, pleading

	ε	l	e	n	d	e	d
ε	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
a	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
d	-2	-2	-3	-4	-2	-3	-4
d	-3	-3	-3	-4	-3	-3	-2
e	-4	-4	-2	-3	-4	-2	-3
n	-5	-5	-3	-1	-2	-3	-3
d	-6	-6	-4	-2	0	-1	-2
u	-7	-7	-5	-3	-1	-1	-2
m	-8	-8	-6	-4	-2	-2	-2

	ε	l	e	n	d	e	d
ε	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
b	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
l	-2	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
e	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4
n	-4	-2	0	2	-1	0	-1
d	-5	-3	-1	1	2	1	0
e	-6	-4	-2	0	2	4	3
r	-7	-5	-3	-1	1	3	3
s	-8	-6	-4	-2	0	2	2

	ε	l	e	n	d	e	d
ε	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
l	-1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
e	-2	0	2	1	0	-1	-2
a	-3	-1	1	1	0	-1	-2
d	-4	-2	0	0	2	1	0
e	-5	-3	-1	-1	1	3	2
r	-6	-4	-2	-2	0	2	2

local edit distance

lende - leade

	ε	l	e	n	d	e	d
ε	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
e	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
n	0	0	1	3	2	1	0
d	0	0	0	2	4	3	2
e	0	0	1	1	3	5	4
r	0	0	0	0	2	4	4
s	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

	ε	l	e	n	d	e	d
ε	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
e	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
a	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
d	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
e	0	0	1	0	0	3	2
r	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

commodity
C05503030
↓
C0503030
↓
C533
leant lent
L0053 L053
↓ ↓
L53 L53

Souder

a.e.h.i.o.u.w.y → 0
b.f.p.v → 1
c.g.j.k.q.s.x.z → 2
d.t → 3
l → 4 m.n → 5 r → 6

N-Gram

lended: le, en, nd, de, ed

1) end: en, nd. $D = 5 + 2 - 2 \times 2 = 3$

2) blenders: bl, le, en, nd, de, er, rs.
 $D = 5 + 7 - 2 \times 4 = 4$

3) leader: le ea ad de er
 $D = 5 + 5 - 2 \times 2 = 6$

lended - blenders - leader
L05303 B4053062 L00306
↓ ↓ ↓
L533 B45362 L306
↓ ↓ ↓
L533 B453 L36

(b)	ε	l	e	n	d	e	d
ε	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
e	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
a	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
d	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
e	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
n	0	0	0	2	1	1	1

lended → deaden.

(b) the Local Edit Distance, using the parameter $[m, i, d, r] = [+1, -1, -1, -1]$

- From the table above, we can observe that the Local Edit Distance is 2 (highlighted); there are five equivalent-scoring substring matches that it corresponds to:
 - Align -de- in lended with the first de- in deaden: mm
 - Align -ded with dead-: mmim
 - Align -de- in lended with the second -de- in deaden: mm
 - Align -ende- with -eade-: mrmm
 - Align -en- with -en: mm

(c) the N-Gram Distance, using $n = 2$

- We begin by generating the 2-grams of the two strings; I will opt not to use the terminal marker (#) here:
 - lended: le, en, nd, de, ed
 - deaden: de, ea, ad, de, en
- Recall that the N-Gram Distance is defined as follows:

$$D(s, t) = |G_n(s)| + |G_n(t)| - 2 \times |G_n(s) \cap G_n(t)|$$

- Here we have 5 2-grams in lended, as well as 5 in deaden. Also, the two sets share 2 2-grams: de and en. (Note that we don't double-count the des in deaden, because there is only a single de in lended)
- Consequently, the 2-gram Distance is $5 + 5 - 2 \times 2 = 6$

3. Find the best approximate match (or matches, if there are ties) in the dictionary for the string lended, based on the following methods; consider different parameters where necessary:

(a) the Global Edit Distance

- Using the above scoring parameter, the most similar dictionary entries are blenders (+2) and leader (+2)
- You might like to try some other parameter setting(s), to see if they give different results.

(b) the Local Edit Distance

- Using the above scoring parameter, the best dictionary entry is blenders (+5)
- In this case, changing the parameter is unlikely to result in a different answer. (Why?)

(c) the N-Gram Distance

- If we are using n is 2 and not padding with #, the best dictionary entry is end, with a 2-Gram Distance of 3.
- You might find that adding the padding characters or changing n will give different results.

(d) Soundex

- The Soundex code of `lended` is 1533.
- None of the dictionary entries have this exact code; however, if we permit one mismatch in the Soundex code (as in Neighbourhood Search with a neighbourhood of 1), then the best matches are `commodity` (c533), `leant` (153), `lent` (153), and `lemonade` (1553)

