

# Algorithms for the Edit Distance Between Trees

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# Ordered Labelled Tree

An ordered labelled tree is a tree in which the nodes are labeled and the left-to-right order among siblings is significant.

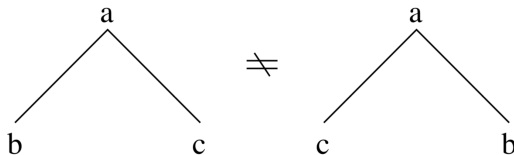


Figure: Ordered Labelled Tree

The ordered labelled tree can represent:

- an XML document
- a natural language parse
- RNA secondary structure
- and so on...

# Tree Edit Distance

- The string edit distance is the minimum cost to transform one string to another.

- Align two sequences of nucleotides

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AGGCTATCACCTGACCTCCAGGCCGATGCCC
TAGCTATCACGACCGCGGTTCGATTGCCCCGAC
```

- Resulting alignment

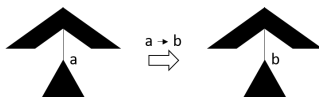
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-AGGCTATCACCTGACCTCCAGGCCGA--TGCCC---
TAG-CTATCAC--GACCGC--GGTCGATTGCCCCGAC
```

- The tree edit distance is introduced by Tai as a generalization of the string edit distance.
- The edit distance between two trees  $P$  and  $D$  is the minimum cost to change  $P$  to  $D$  via a sequence of basic edit operations.

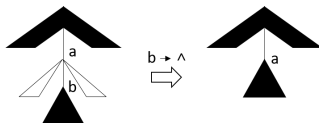
# Edit Operations

- Three valid edit operations supported:

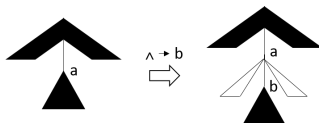
- Substitution.** replace a label of a node by another label.



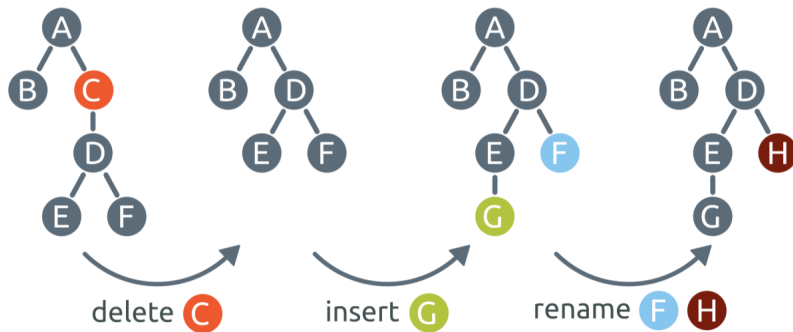
- Deletion.** deletion of a node



- Insertion.** insertion of a node.



# Edit Operations



# Cost of Edit Operations

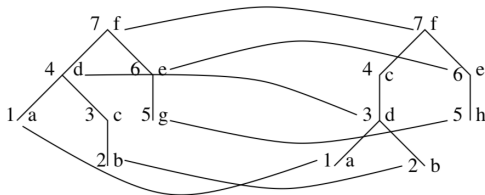
- Each edit operations has a cost.
- Let  $\gamma$  be a cost function of each operations. The cost function  $\gamma$  is a distance metric.
  - $\gamma(a \rightarrow b)$  can be 1 or other user defined value.

	-	A	G	C	U	AA	AG	AC	AU	GA	GG	GC	GU	CA	CG	CC	CU	UA	UG	UC	UU
-	-																				
A		1	0																		
G		1	1	0																	
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AG		1	1	1	1	1	1	0													
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AU		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0											
GA		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0										
GG		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0									
GC		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
GU		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0							
CA		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0						
CG		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0					
CC		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0				
CU		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0			
UA		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
UG		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	
UC		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
UU		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- The edit distance is the sum of the cost of the minimum cost sequence.

# Mapping in Trees

- Mapping between trees.
- The cost of a mapping is the sum of its insertion, deletion and substitutions.



Edit sequence:  $(c \rightarrow \lambda), (g \rightarrow h), (\lambda \rightarrow c)$

Figure: The Edit Sequence and its Cost

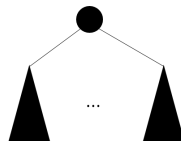


- **Tree**

- $l(f)$



- $l(A_1 \circ A_2 \circ \dots \circ A_n)$



Let  $T$  be a tree,

- $r(T)$

the root of  $T$

- $T^\circ$

$$T - r(T)$$

- $lr(T)$

the root of the leftmost tree in the forest  $T^\circ$

- $rr(T)$

the root of the rightmost tree in the forest  $T^\circ$

- **Forest**

- $l(f) \circ t$

- $t \circ l(f)$



Let  $F$  be a forest,

- $|F|$  the number of nodes in the forest  $F$
- $\#leaves(F)$  the number of leaves in the forest  $F$
- $F(i)$  the sub-tree of  $F$  rooted at node  $i$
- $F - i$  the forest after deleting node  $i$
- $lr(F)$  the root of the leftmost tree in the forest  $F$
- $rr(F)$  the root of the rightmost tree in the forest  $F$

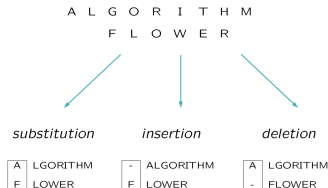
# String Edit Distance and its Recursive Solution

- String edit distance is the minimum cost to change one string to another via a sequence of basic edit operations.
- The recursive solution of the string edit problem  $d(S_1, S_2)$  is

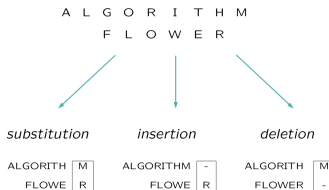
$$d(S_1, S_2) = \min \begin{cases} d(S_1 - u, S_2) + \delta(u, \emptyset) \\ d(S_1, S_2 - v) + \delta(\emptyset, v) \\ d(S_1 - u, S_2 - v) + \delta(u, v) \end{cases}$$

# String Edit Distance and its Recursive Solution

- If  $u$  and  $v$  is both the first element of string  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , then it is a leftmost decomposition.



- If  $u$  and  $v$  is both the last element of string  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , then it is a rightmost decomposition.



# Tree Edit Distance and its Recursive Solution

For tree-to-tree distance, Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are both trees of the form  $l(f)$  and  $l'(f')$ ,

$$d(l(f), l'(f')) = \min \begin{cases} d(f, l'(f')) + \delta(l, \emptyset) \\ d(l(f), l'(f')) + \delta(\emptyset, l') \\ d(f, f') + \delta(l, l') \end{cases}$$

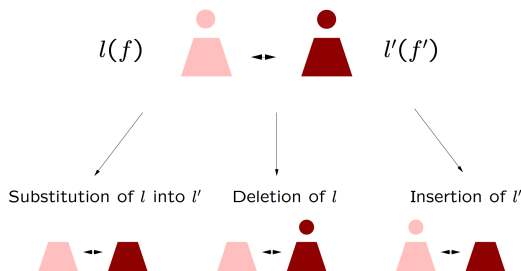


Figure: Tree-to-Tree Edit Distance

# Tree Edit Distance and its Recursive Solution

For forest-to-forest distance, Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are both trees of the form  $l(f) \circ t$  and  $l'(f') \circ t'$ ,

$$d(l(f) \circ t, l'(f') \circ t') = \min \begin{cases} d(f \circ t, l'(f') \circ t') + \delta(l, \emptyset) \\ d(l(f) \circ t, f' \circ t') + \delta(\emptyset, l') \\ d(f \circ t, f' \circ t') + \delta(l, l') \end{cases}$$



Leftmost decomposition

Substitution of  $l$  into  $l'$

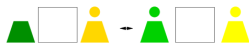


$\text{Distance}(l(f), l'(f'))$

+

$\text{Distance}(t, t')$

Deletion of  $l$



$\text{Distance}(f \circ t, l'(f') \circ t') + \text{del}(l)$

Insertion of  $l'$



$\text{Distance}(l(f) \circ t, f' \circ t') + \text{ins}(l')$

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Rightmost decomposition

Substitution of  $l$  into  $l'$



$\text{Distance}(l(f), l'(f'))$

+

$\text{Distance}(t, t')$



Deletion of  $l$



$\text{Distance}(t \circ f, t' \circ l'(f')) + \text{del}(l)$

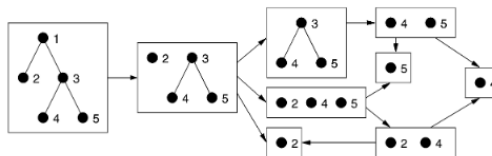
Insertion of  $l'$



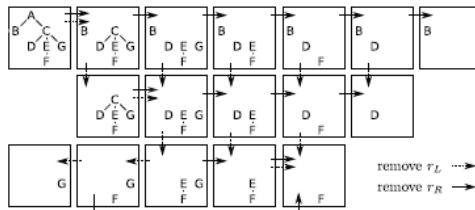
$\text{Distance}(t \circ l(f), t' \circ f') + \text{ins}(l')$

# Relevant Sub-forests and Full Decomposition

- Relevant sub-forests



- Full decomposition



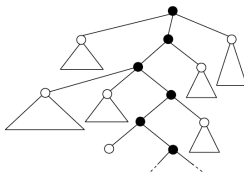


# Root-leaf Path and Relevant Sub-trees

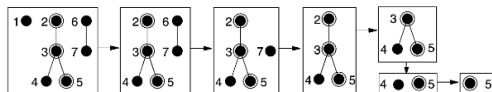
- Root-leaf path



- Relevant sub-trees



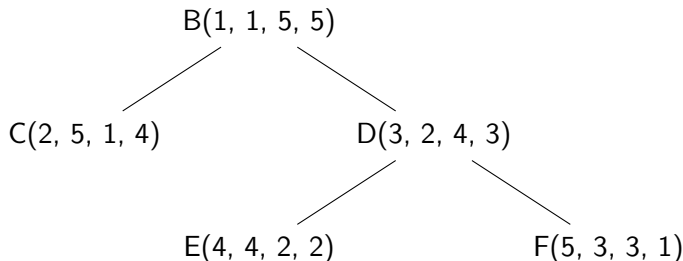
- Path decomposition



# Tree Indexing

- $preOrder\_left\_to\_right \rightarrow preL$
- $preOrder\_right\_to\_left \rightarrow preR$
- $postOrder\_left\_to\_right \rightarrow postL$
- $postOrder\_right\_to\_left \rightarrow postR$

Consider a tree  $T(preL, preR, postL, postR)$



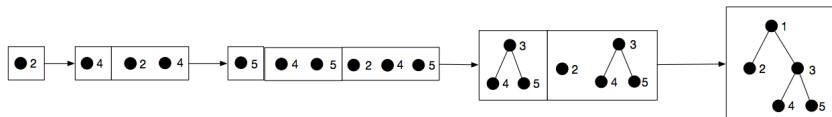
## Note:

- $preL + postR = treeSize + 1$
- $preR + postL = treeSize + 1$

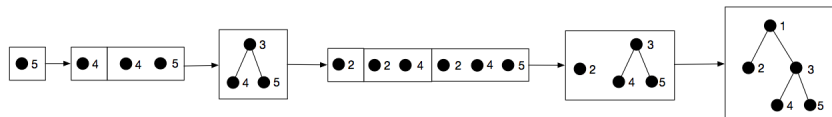
# Bottom-up Enumeration

Two orders of the enumeration of the full decomposition:

- Prefix-suffix order



- Suffix-prefix order



# A Simple Algorithm

## Main Idea:

Enumerate each pairs of sub-forests in tree A and B in prefix-suffix post order or suffix-prefix post order.

## Pseudocode:

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**Algorithm 1:** Compute tree edit distance by enumerating all pairs in  $O(m^2n^2)$  time.

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**inputs:**  $(T_1, T_2)$ , with  $|T_1| = m$  and  $|T_2| = n$

**output:**  $d(T_1[i], T_2[j])$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$

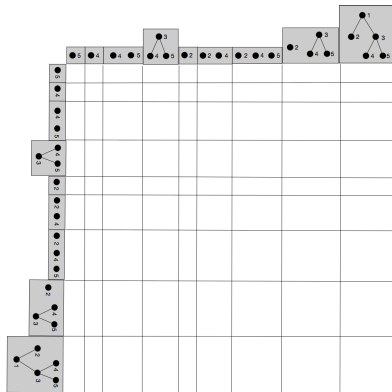
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1  $L_1 \leftarrow \text{POSTORDER}(T_1);$ 
2  $L_2 \leftarrow \text{POSTORDER}(T_2);$ 
3 for  $i = 1$  to  $|L_1|$  do
4   for  $j = 1$  to  $|L_2|$  do
5      $\mid$  compute  $d(L_1[i], L_2[j])$  as in Equation 2.3
6   end
7 end
8  $d(T_1[i], T_2[j]) \leftarrow d(L_1[[i]], L_2[[j]]);$ 
9 return  $d(T_1[i], T_2[j]);$ 
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# A Simple Algorithm

## Implementation:

- Implemented in dynamic programming.
- Runs in  $\mathcal{O}(m^2 n^2)$  time using  $\mathcal{O}(m^2 n^2)$  space.

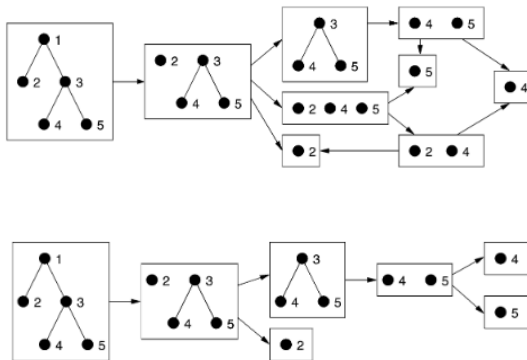


- The upper bound of the post-order enumeration method for the tree edit distance problem is  $\mathcal{O}(n^4)$

# Improved Algorithmic Path Strategies

## Key Ideas:

- Different path decomposition creates different number of relevant sub-forests.
- Take advantage of the overlap among sub-forests that are contained in the same sub-tree, and the overlap of sub-trees as well.



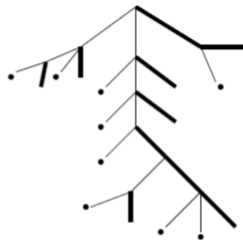
# Zhang and Shasha's Algorithm

## Key Ideas:

- Fixed direction in each recursive calls.
  - Recursive right decomposition - leftmost paths.
  - Recursive left decomposition - rightmost paths.



(a) leftmost paths



(b) rightmost paths

## Implementation:

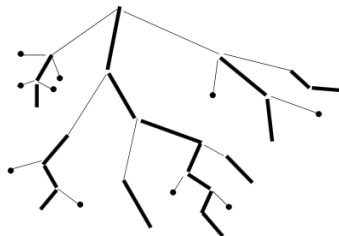
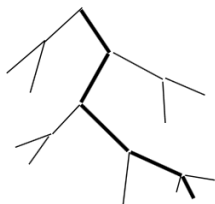
- Implemented via dynamic programming.
- Enumerates sub-trees pairs rooted at key roots.
  - Leftmost paths: either tree root or has a left sibling
  - Rightmost paths: either tree root or has a right sibling
- Uses two memorized tables to store intermediate results:
  - a temporary table to store forest-forest distance.
  - a permanent table to store tree-tree distance.
- Runs in  $\mathcal{O}(|A| * |B| * \min\{\text{depth}(A), \text{leaves}(A)\} * \min\{\text{depth}(B), \text{leaves}(B)\})$  time and  $\mathcal{O}(|A| * |B|)$  space.



# Klein's Algorithm

## Key Ideas:

- Zhang and Shasha's algorithm depends on shapes of trees.
- Heavy node.
- Heavy paths generate the least number of sub-forests on one tree.



## Implementation:

- Implemented via dynamic programming.
- applies heavy paths to the larger tree and fully decomposes the smaller tree.
- Uses temporary tables to store forest-forest distance and a permanent tables to store tree-tree distance.
- Runs in  $\mathcal{O}(|A| \log(|A|) * |B|^2)$  time using  $\mathcal{O}(|A| * |B|)$  space.

## Key Ideas:

- Klein's algorithm consider the shape of one tree with no consideration on the other tree.
- Heavy paths can be applied on both trees.
- Always applies heavy paths on the larger tree.

## Implementation:

- Implemented via dynamic programming.
- Runs in  $\mathcal{O}(|A| |B|^2 (1 + \log(\frac{|A|}{|B|})))$  time using  $\mathcal{O}(|A| * |B|)$  space.

# Conclusion

	Time	Space	Comments
Simple Algorithm	$\mathcal{O}(n^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^4)$	first algorithm
Zhang	$\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log^2(n))$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	efficient for balanced trees
Klein	$\mathcal{O}(n^3 \log(n))$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	no consider smaller trees
Demaine	$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	worse case is frequent

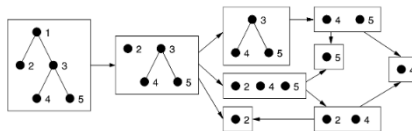
**Table:** State-of-the-Art Algorithms in the Tree Edit Distance Problem

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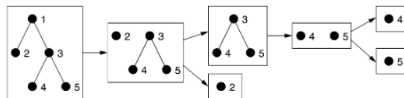
- heavy paths is a kind of greedy algorithm which usually lead to the local optimum rather than global optimum.
- quantifies each possible paths and selects the path with the least number of sub-problems is selected
- implemented via dynamic programming.
- Preprocessing time is bounded by  $\mathcal{O}(|A| |B|)$

# Relevant Leftmost/Rightmost/Special Sub-forests

- Path decomposition  $\rightarrow$  relevant sub-forests
- Recursive leftmost path decomposition  $\rightarrow$  relevant leftmost sub-forests



- Recursive rightmost path decomposition  $\rightarrow$  relevant rightmost sub-forests



- Full decomposition  $\rightarrow$  relevant special sub-forests

# Relevant Leftmost/Rightmost/Special Sub-forests

Let  $T$  be a tree of the form  $I(T_1 \circ \dots \circ T_n)$  and the size of  $T$  is  $n$ ,

- The Number of Relevant Leftmost Sub-forests( $\#left(T)$ )

$$\#left(T) = |T| - |T_1| + \sum_{i=1}^n \#left(T_i)$$

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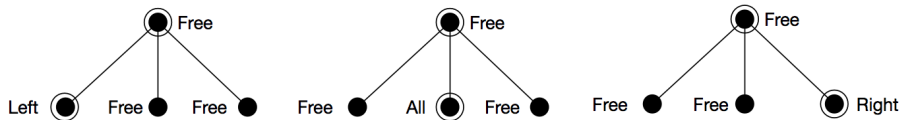
- Relevant Special Sub-forests( $\#special(T)$ )

$$\#spec(T) = \frac{n(n+3)}{2} - \sum_{i \in T} |T(i)|$$

# Status of a Node in a Tree

Let  $T$  be a tree with a root-leaf path,

- Free node: the node is the root of  $T$ , or is not on the root-leaf path.
- Left node: the node is on the root-leaf path and is the leftmost child of its parent.
- Right node: the node is on the root-leaf path and is the rightmost child of its parent.
- All node: the node is on the root-leaf path and is neither the leftmost child nor the rightmost child of its parent.



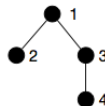


# Quantify the Number of Sub-Problem

- Seven memorized tables to store intermediate results.
  - Free
  - LeftA
  - RightA
  - AllA
  - LeftB
  - RightB
  - AllB
- Dynamic programming.

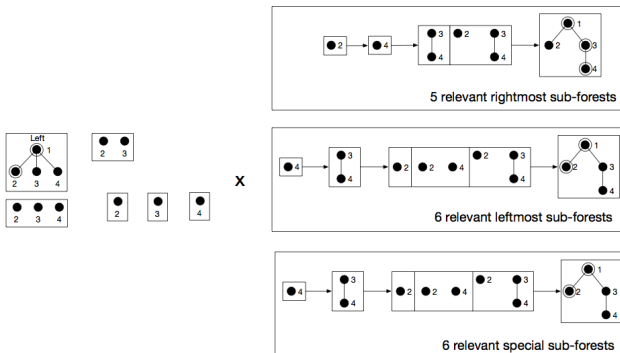
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Let  $A$  be a tree with a root-leaf path and  $B$  be another tree,



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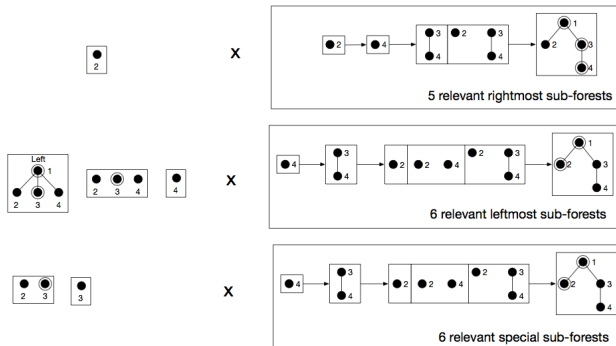
Let A be a tree with a root-leaf path and B be another tree.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \#leftA(1, 1) &= Free(3, 1) + Free(4, 1) + LeftA(2, 1) \\
 &+ |A - A(2)| * \#left(B) \\
 &= \#left(B) + \#left(B) + \#left(B) + 3 * \#left(B)
 \end{aligned}$$

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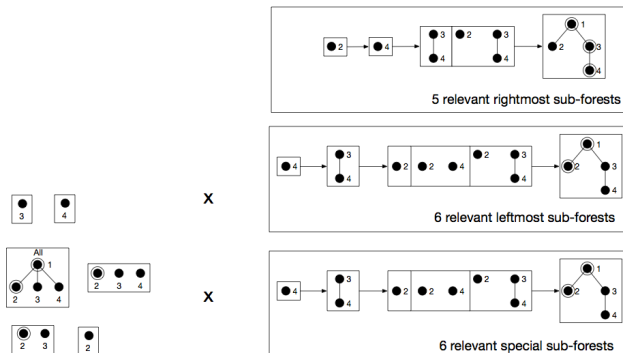
Let A be a tree with a root-leaf path and B be another tree.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \#leftA(1, 1) &= Free(2, 1) + Free(4, 1) + AllA(3, 1) \\
 &+ |1 + A(4)| * \#left(B) + |A(2)| * \#special(B) \\
 &= \#right(B) + \#left(B) + \#special(B) \\
 &+ \#special(B) + 2 * \#left(B)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Quantify the Number of Sub-Problem

Let A be a tree with a root-leaf path and B be another tree.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \#AllA(1, 1) &= Free(3, 1) + Free(4, 1) + AllA(2, 1) \\
 &+ |A - A(2)| * \#special(B) \\
 &= \#left(B) + \#left(B) + \#special(B) + 3 * \#special(B)
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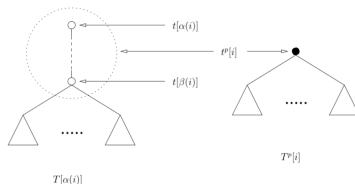
# Vertical Reduction on Trees

## Key Ideas:

- A large number of non-branching nodes can be compressed into one node.

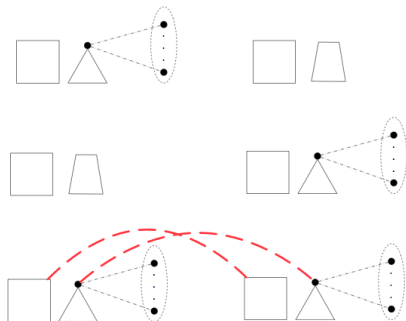
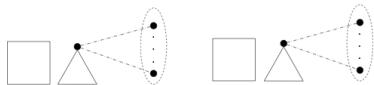


- The compact representation of the original tree can aid in improving the running time for computing the tree edit distance.



•  $T \rightarrow \tilde{T}$

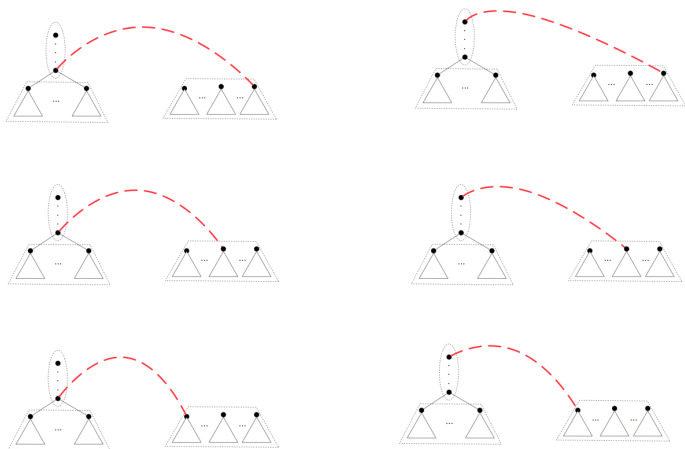
## Forest-to-Forest Distance:



# Algorithm

## Tree-to-Tree Distance:

- Compute  $d(\widetilde{T}_1, \widetilde{T}_2^\circ)$



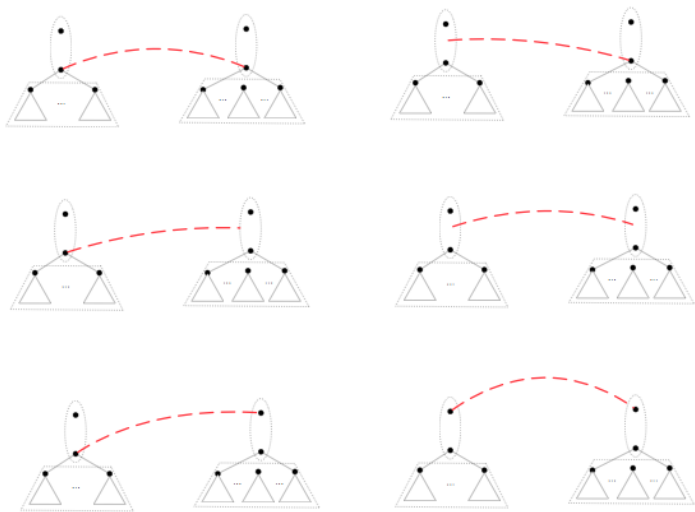
- The computation of  $d(\widetilde{T}_1, \widetilde{T}_2)$  is symmetric.



# Algorithm

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- Compute  $d(\widetilde{T}_1, \widetilde{T}_2)$



# Implementation

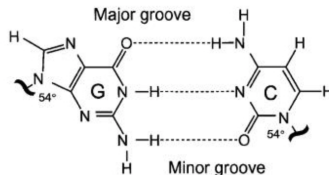
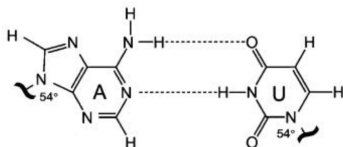
- three memorized tables to store intermediate results:
  - $D_t$ : a  $(|T_1| + 1) * (|T_2| + 1)$  two dimensional permanent array.
  - $\tilde{D}_t$ : a  $(|\tilde{T}_1| + 1) * (|\tilde{T}_2| + 1)$  two dimensional permanent array.
  - $\tilde{D}_f$ : a  $(|\tilde{T}_1| + 1) * (|\tilde{T}_2| + 1)$  two dimensional temporary array.
- Dynamic programming.

- RNA is an essential molecule in organisms.
  - Cellular organisms
  - Viruses
- RNA is assembled as a chain of nucleotides.

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1  AAAGCAGGCC AGGCAACCGC UGCCUGCACC GCAAGGUGCA GGGGGAGGAA
51  AGUCCGGACU CCACAGGGCA GGGUGUUGGC UAACAGCCAU CCACGGCAAC
101 GUGCGGAAUA GGGCCACAGA GACGAGUCUU GCCGCCGGGU UGCCCCGGCG
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251 UAACAGCCGG CCUAGAGGAA UGGUUGUCAC GCACCGUUUG CCGCAAGGCG
301 GGCGGGGCGC ACAGAAUCCG GCUUAUCGGC CUGCUUUGCU U
    
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- RNA is unstable.



# RNA Secondary Structure

- a list of base pairs satisfies the following constraints:
  - A base cannot participate in more than one base pair,
  - No two base pairs cross.

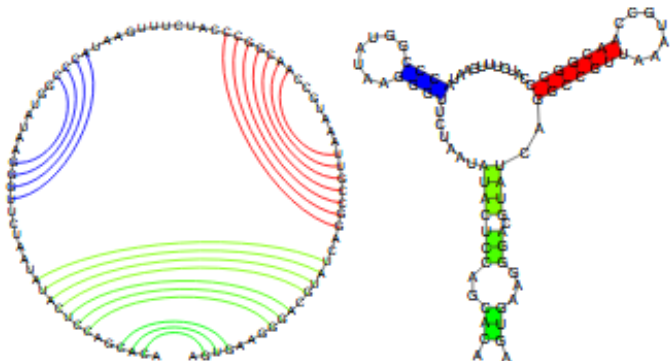
( 1)	1	337	10
( 2)	11	326	1
( 3)	12	278	7
( 4)	20	45	2
( 5)	23	42	8
( 6)	59	183	4
( 7)	71	179	5
( 8)	77	89	4
( 9)	91	105	1
( 10)	92	103	4
( 11)	106	174	2
( 12)	111	172	2
( 13)	127	156	4
( 14)	132	151	8
( 15)	187	235	4
( 16)	197	226	6
( 17)	206	220	5
( 18)	242	261	8
( 19)	281	308	2
( 20)	284	305	9

# RNA Secondary Structure Representation

- String representation

ACACGACCUCUAUAAUCUUGGSAUAUUGGCCCAUAAGUUUCUACCCGGCAACCGUAAAUUGCCGGACUAUGCAGGGAAGUGA  
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- Graph representation



# Tree Representation of the RNA Secondary Structure

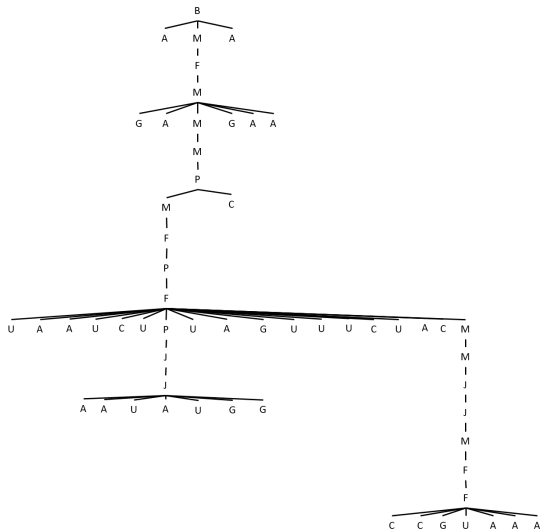
- Base pair labelling

Base Pairs	Label
$A = U$	F
$G \equiv C$	J
$U = A$	P
$C \equiv G$	M

Table: The Label of Base Pair

- Tree representation

# Tree Representation of the RNA Secondary Structure



## Experiment

RNAName: Alcaligenes-eutrophus-pb-b

RNASize: 343

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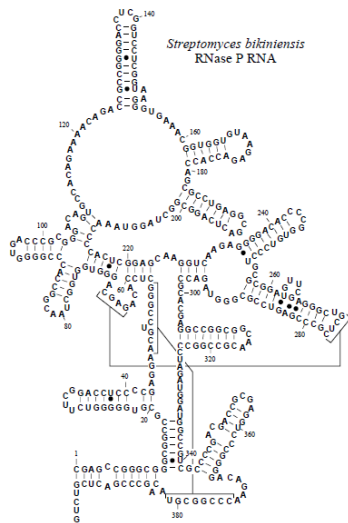
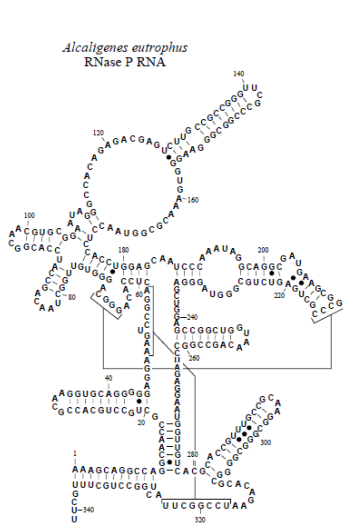
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RNASize: 400

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CGCACGAGGCCGGCGGCAACGCCGCCUAGAUGGAUGGCCGUCGCCCGACGACCGCGAGGUCCGGGGACAGAACCCGGCGUACAGCCCGACUCGUC



# Experiment



# Experiment Result

*Alcaligenes eutrophus* ~ *Streptomyces bikiniensis*

deletion: 1 insertion: 1 substitution: 1 distance: 134

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--ACAGAACCCGGCGUACAGCCC-GACUCGUCUG
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Tree size: 246 and 282

Algorithm	# <i>Rel.sub</i>	Time[sec]
<i>Zhang – L</i>	849282	0.08
<i>Zhang – R</i>	2039089	0.13
<i>Demaine</i>	7175224	0.65
<i>Our Algorithm(Before Compression)</i>	553526	0.04
<i>Zhang – L(Compressed)</i>	428766	0.05
<i>Zhang – R(Compressed)</i>	686562	0.05
<i>Our Algorithm(After Compression)</i>	291329	0.03

Tree size: 1041 and 1012

Algorithm	#Rel.sub	Time[sec]
<i>Zhang – L</i>	41889364	3.2
<i>Zhang – R</i>	42972591	3.3
<i>Demaine</i>	273276733	20.98
<i>Our Algorithm(Before Compression)</i>	32254346	2.3
<i>Zhang – L(Compressed)</i>	17769036	0.47
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<i>Our Algorithm(After Compression)</i>	13546825	0.34

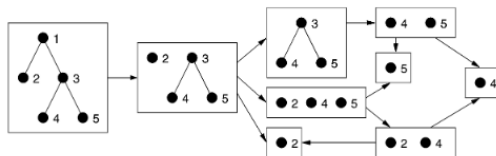
# Conclusion

- Tree edit distance quantifies the similarity between two ordered labelled trees.
- Three kinds of root-leaf path are introduced to take the advantages of the overlapping relevant sub-forests and sub-trees in different ways.
- The optimal root-leaf path can be found via dynamic programming and can be used for the tree edit distance problem.
- The vertical reduction on trees can significantly reduced the running time.
- The comparison between RNA secondary structures is an application of the tree edit distance.
- Our strategies on compressed trees are by far the best decomposition strategy, creating the least number of relevant sub-problems.

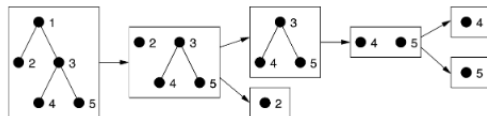
Thank you. Questions?

# Path Decomposition

- Leftmost path decomposition



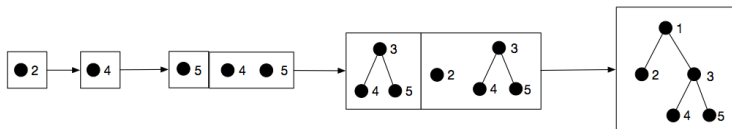
- Rightmost path decomposition



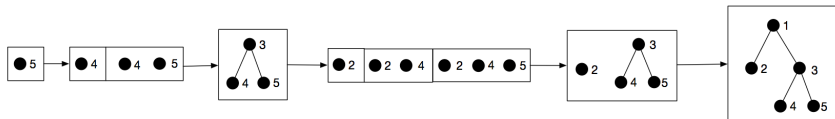
# Bottom-up Enumeration

Two orders of the enumeration of the path decomposition:

- LR-postorder enumeration



- RL-postorder enumeration



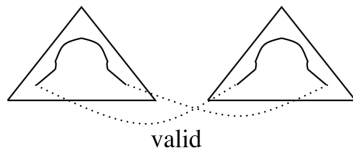
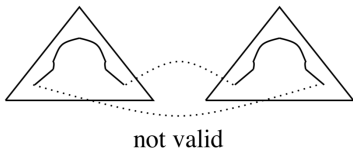


# Matching in Trees

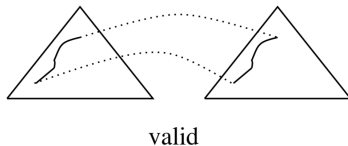
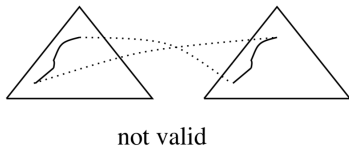
- **Input:** Two labelled ordered trees  $T$  and  $P$ .

- **Constraints:**

- One-to-one relationship
- Sibling order is preserved.



- Ancestor order is preserved.



- **Output:** Mapping between  $T$  and  $P$ .