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- Let's assume we have two sequences of strings composed by any sequence of the following four characters: 'A', 'T', 'G', and 'C'.
  - Adenine (A) Thymine (T)
  - Guanine (G) Cytosine (C)
- You would like to align those two sequences by inserting gaps or admitting differences.
  - Any time you have a gap, an '\_' is inserted in one of the sequences. Any '\_' adds a cost of 2 units to the final solution.
  - Any time you allow a difference, replace the two characters with a '\*'. Any '\*' adds a cost of 5 units to the final solution (10 on both strings).
- Given two strings,  $X = x_1 x_2 ... x_m$ , and  $Y = y_1 y_2 ... y_n$ , write the algorithm that outputs the minimum cost-aligned strings.
- The two aligned strings generated have to have the same length.

## Examples

Gap Cost = 2, replace Cost = 5+5

- Input : X = EG, Y = CA,
- Output : X = CG\_, Y = C\_A, final cost = 4
- Input: X = AGGGCT, Y = AGGCA,
- Output : X = AGGGC\*, Y = A\_GGC\*, final cost = 12
- Input : X = CG, Y = CA,
- Output : X = C\*, Y = C\*, final cost = 10

## Challenge duties

- Provide a link to a Google Colab where you show your findings.
- Provide a short video where you present your findings.

- One additional point for:
  - Given two numbers n and m:
    - generate two strings composed of 'A', 'T', 'G', and 'C' characters that produce the maximum cost
    - The gap and the replacement costs have to be parametric