

edit distance

i the edit distance at position $e(i, j)$ is same as $e(i-1, j-1)$ if $a_i = b_j$, else it is equal to the minimum cost of deleting, replacing or inserting plus 1 for current mismatch.

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$$e(i, j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j=0 \\ j & \text{if } i=0 \\ e(i-1, j-1), & \text{if } a_i = b_j \\ 1 + \min(e(i-1, j-1), & \text{if } a_i \neq b_j \\ & e(i-1, j), \\ & e(i, j-1)) \end{cases}$$

iii pseudocode

for $i=0 \rightarrow n$, $e(i, 0) = i$

for $j=0 \rightarrow m$, $e(0, j) = j$

for $i = 1 \rightarrow n$

for $j = 1 \rightarrow m$

if $a_i = b_j$

then, $e(i, j) = e(i-1, j-1)$

else, $e(i, j) = 1 + \min(e(i-1, j-1),$
 $e(i, j-1),$
 $e(i-1, j))$

return $e(n, m)$

iv $O(nm)$