

## Edit Distance

$A$  is of length  $n$  &  $B$  of length  $m$ . We want to transform  $A$  to  $B$  by adding/deleting/transformation (changing) characters. The min no of ops needed is the edit distance. We assume that  $A$  sits in an array. When we delete the character at position  $i$  we replace  $A[i]$  with a deleted symbol. When we replace the character at posn.  $i$  we replace  $A[i]$  with the new character. When we insert a character at posn  $i$  we shift all characters to the right of (and including)  $i$  by 1 cell & set  $A[i]$  to the new character.

It is no loss of generality to assume that the operations done on  $A$  to transform it into  $B$  are done in a left to right manner.

Further, any optimum sequence of operations would not be performing 2 ops at the same position. This can be checked by considering all 6 cases where both ops are performed at the same posn.

- 1) insert followed by delete is equivalent to retaining the original string
- 2) insert followed by a replace could be combined into an insert
- 3) delete followed by an insert is equivalent to an insert at  $i$  & a delete at  $i+1$

- 4) delete followed by replace could be combined into a replace
- 5) replace followed by an insert is equivalent to an insert at  $i$  and a replace at  $i+1$

- 6) replace followed by a delete can be combined into a delete.

Thus a sequence of ops at posn  $i$  can be combined into a single op at posn  $i$  & perhaps an op at posn( $i+1$ )

We define the subproblems as follows.

Let  $X(i,j)$  denote the edit distance between  $A[1..i] \Delta B[1..j]$ .

If  $A[i]=B[j]$  then  $X(i,j)$  is the same as the edit distance

between  $A[1..i-1] \Delta B[1..j-1]$  which is  $X(i-1, j-1)$

If  $A[i] \neq B[j]$  then consider the last operation in the optimal transformation from  $A[1..i]$  to  $B[1..j]$ . If this is an

insertion, transformed  $A[1..i]$

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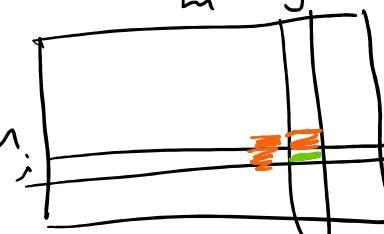
transformation from  $A[1..i]$  to  $B[1..j]$ . If this is an

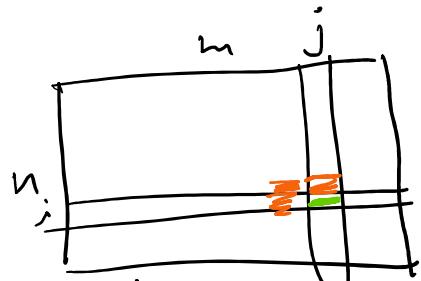
- 1) insert operation then the previous operations transformed  $A[1..i]$  to  $B[1..j-1]$  & hence  $X(i,j) = X(i,j-1) + 1$
- 2) delete operation then the previous ops transformed  $A[1..i-1]$  to  $B[1..j]$  & hence  $X(i,j) = X(i-1,j) + 1$
- 3) replace operation then the previous ops transformed  $A[1..i-1]$  to  $B[1..j-1]$  & hence  $X(i,j) = X(i-1,j-1) + 1$ .

Thus if  $A[i] \neq B[i]$  then

$$x(i,j) = \min \begin{cases} x(i-1, j) + 1 \\ x(i, j-1) + 1 \\ x(i-1, j-1) + 1 \end{cases}$$

Let  $X$  be a  $n \times m$  matrix whose  $(i, j)^{th}$  entry corresponds to  $X(i, j)$ . Since in computing  $X(i, j)$  we only need values for  $X(i-1, j), X(i, j-1), X(i-1, j-1)$  the matrix can be filled by moving row by row and filling each row left to right. Computing each entry takes constant time and so it takes  $O(nm)$  time to fill the table. The edit distance between  $A$  &  $B$  is  $X(n, m)$  & the sequence of edits needed to transform  $A$  to  $B$  can be computed by tracing how  $X(n, m)$  obtained its value.





## Boolean Parenthesizations

We are given a sequence of  $n$  TRUE/FALSE symbols in an array  $B$ . Between two consecutive symbols  $B[i], B[i+1]$  we are given a boolean operation  $op[i]$  which is one of AND/OR/XOR. We need to determine the no. of different parenthesizations of this boolean expression which evaluate to true.

Let  $T(i, j)$ ,  $j \geq 0$ , be the no. of parenthesizations of the boolean expression  $i = 1 \dots n$  which evaluate to TRUE &

Let  $T(i, j)$ ,  $j \geq i$ , be the no. of parenthesizations of the subexpression defined over  $B[i..j]$  which evaluate to TRUE &  $F(i, j)$  the no. of parenthesizations which evaluate FALSE. Each parenthesization of the boolean expression defined over  $B[i..j]$  can be viewed as a parenthesization of  $B[i..k]$  & of  $B[k+1..j]$  where  $i \leq k \leq j-1$ . Whether this parenthesization evaluates to TRUE / FALSE depends on the value of the expressions  $B[i..k]$ ,  $B[k+1..j]$  & the operation  $Op[k]$ . Thus

$$T(i, j) = \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) +$$

$$Op[k] = AND$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{j-1} [T(i, k) + F(i, k)] * [T(k+1, j) + F(k+1, j)] + \\ - F(i, k) * F(k+1, j)$$

$$Op[k] = OR$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{j-1} T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * T(k+1, j)$$

$$Op[k] = XOR$$

Similarly

$$F(i, j) = \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} F(i, k) * F(k+1, j) +$$

$$Op[k] = OR$$

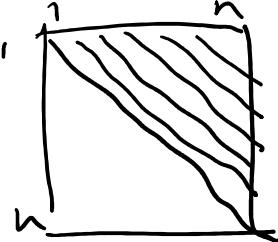
$$\sum_{k=2}^{j-1} [T(i, k) + F(i, k)] * [T(k+1, j) + F(k+1, j)] + \\ - T(i, k) * T(k+1, j)$$

$$Op[k] = AND$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{j-1} T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * F(k+1, j)$$

$$\text{Op}[k] = \text{XOR}$$

To do this computation we have 2  $n \times n$  matrices  $T, F$  where  $T[i,j]$  (resp.  $F[i,j]$ ) has the value  $T(i,j)$  (resp.  $F(i,j)$ ). The computation is similar to that employed for matrix-chain multiplication. Only the upper triangular parts of  $T, F$  are filled (since  $i \leq j$ ). The entries can be filled diagonal by diagonal starting from the principal diagonal (of length  $n$ ). Computing entry  $T[i,j]$  takes time  $O(j-i)$  & hence total time to compute all entries of  $T, F$  is  $O(n^3)$ .



The value of  $T(1,n)$  is the no. of parenthesizations that evaluate to TRUE.

### Value of Game

Let  $V(i,j) = \sum_{k=i}^j v_k$  be the total value of coins from  $i$  to  $j$  ( $j \geq i$ )

& let  $F(i,j)$  be the value that the first player can win on the subarray  $A[i..j]$  ( $A[1..n]$  is the array containing the  $n$  coins)

To compute  $F(i,j)$  note that if the player moving first removes coin  $i$  then we are left with the subarray  $A[i+1..j]$  & the other player (which will be the first player on this subarray) will receive a value  $F(i+1..j)$ . Thus the first player would receive value  $V(i+1..j) - F(i+1..j)$  & hence

$F(i,j) = v_i + V(i+1..j) - F(i+1..j)$ . Similarly if the first player removed  $v_j$  then

$$F(i,j) = v_j + V(i..j-1) - F(i..j-1) \text{ & hence}$$

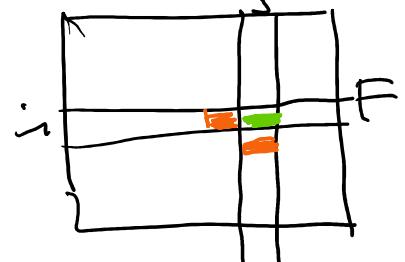
$$F(i,j) = \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} & v_i + V(i+1..j) - F(i+1..j), \\ & v_j + V(i..j-1) - F(i..j-1) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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$$v_j + V(i, j-1) - F(i, j-1)$$

Let  $F$  be a  $n \times n$  array such that  $F[i, j] = F(i, j)$ . To compute  $F(i, j)$  we need values  $F(i+1, j)$  &  $F(i, j-1)$ .

Since  $F(i, j)$  is only defined for  $i \leq j$  we only need to compute the entries in the upper triangular half of  $F$ . These entries can be computed diagonal by diagonal starting from the principal diagonal  $F[i, i] = v_i$ . Since each entry can be computed in constant time the total time required to compute all entries is  $O(n^2)$ .



$F[1, n] = F(i, n)$  is the value of interest & gives the maximum value that the first player can obtain. The strategy to be followed by the first player to obtain this value can be determined by tracing how  $F[1, n]$  is obtained.

### Two person traversals

Let  $d(i, j)$  be the distance between the  $i^{th}$  city & the  $j^{th}$  city.

Let  $X(i, j)$ ,  $0 \leq i < j$ , denote the best way for 2 persons to traverse cities  $i$  to  $j$  such that one person ends at city  $i$  (& the other at city  $j$ ). If  $i=0$  then one person has not started yet.

Note that if  $i < j-1$  then the person who visits city  $j$  also visits  $j-1$  & hence

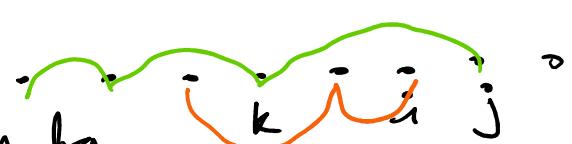
$$X(i, j) = X(i, j-1) + d(j-1, j) \quad \text{if } i < j-1$$

We next consider the case when  $i = j-1$ . Let  $k$  be the penultimate city visited by the person who ends up at city  $j$ .

Then

$$X(i, j) = X(k, i) + d(k, j)$$

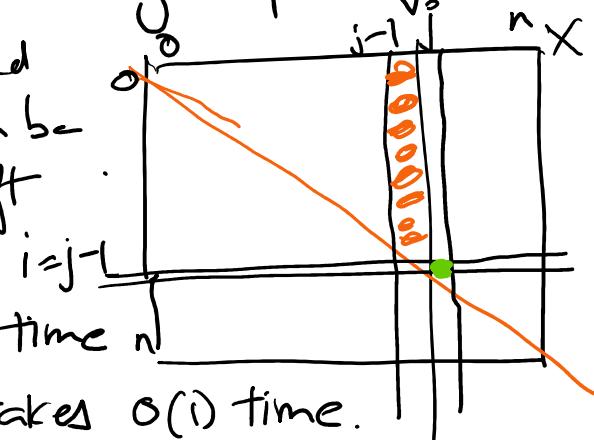
& since  $k$  could be any of the cities from



Since  $k$  could be any of the cities from  $0 \leq k \leq j-2$  we get

$$X(i,j) = \min_{0 \leq k \leq j-2} X(k,i) + d(k,j) \quad \text{for } i=j-1$$

Let  $X$  be a  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix such that  $X[i,j] = X(i,j)$ . Since  $i < j$ , we will only be filling the upper triangular part of  $X$ . To compute the column  $j$  we only need entries of column  $j-1$  & hence  $X$  can be computed column by column from left to right.



Computing  $X(j-1, j)$  takes  $O(j)$  time while computing  $X(i, j) \quad i \leq j-2$  takes  $O(i)$  time.

Hence time to compute all entries of column  $j$  is  $O(j)$  & hence total time to compute all entries of matrix  $X$  is  $O(n^2)$ .

Let  $X[i,n]$  be the smallest entry in the  $n^{th}$  column; this gives us the shortest way for the 2-persons to traverse  $n$  cities. To compute the actual traversal we need to trace how  $X[i,n]$  obtained its value. This can be accomplished in  $O(n)$  time since in each step of our tracing procedure we would decrease the column number by 1.