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Dynamic Programming

Edit Distance (Textbook Section 6.3)

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So $d(x, y) = 3$

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$E(i, 0)$
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How to use the solution to the subproblems to solve $E(i, j)$?

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if $x_i = y_j$ no extra cost

$$E(i, j) = E(i-1, j-1)$$

if $x_i \neq y_j$ +1

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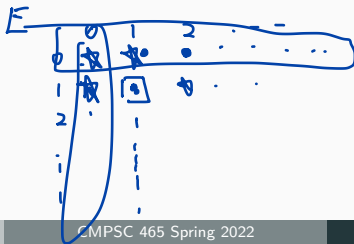
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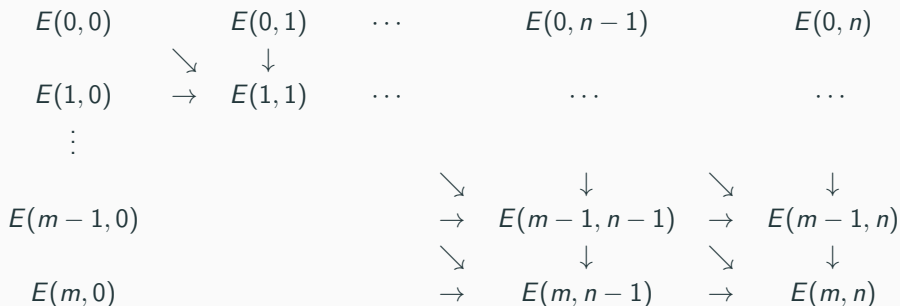
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