Assignment 1: Autocorrect

Welcome to the first assignment of Course 2. This assignment will give you a chance to brush up on your python and probability skills. In doing so, you will implement an auto-correct system that is very effective and useful.

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0. Overview

You use autocorrect every day on your cell phone and computer. In this assignment, you will explore what really goes on behind the scenes. Of course, the model you are about to implement is not identical to the one used in your phone, but it is still quite good.

By completing this assignment you will learn how to:

- · Get a word count given a corpus
- · Get a word probability in the corpus
- · Manipulate strings
- Filter strings
- Implement Minimum edit distance to compare strings and to help find the optimal path for the edits.
- · Understand how dynamic programming works

Similar systems are used everywhere.

• For example, if you type in the word "I am lerningg", chances are very high that you meant to write "learning", as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1

0.1 Edit Distance

In this assignment, you will implement models that correct words that are 1 and 2 edit distances away.

• We say two words are n edit distance away from each other when we need n edits to change one word into another.

An edit could consist of one of the following options:

- Delete (remove a letter): 'hat' => 'at, ha, ht'
- Switch (swap 2 adjacent letters): 'eta' => 'eat, tea,...'
- Replace (change 1 letter to another): 'jat' => 'hat, rat, cat, mat, ...'
- Insert (add a letter): 'te' => 'the, ten, ate, ...'

You will be using the four methods above to implement an Auto-correct.

To do so, you will need to compute probabilities that a certain word is correct given an input.

This auto-correct you are about to implement was first created by <u>Peter Norvig</u> (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter Norvig) in 2007.

His <u>original article (https://norvig.com/spell-correct.html)</u> may be a useful reference for this assignment.

The goal of our spell check model is to compute the following probability:

$$P(c|w) = rac{P(w|c) imes P(c)}{P(w)}$$
 (Eqn-1)

The equation above is <u>Bayes Rule (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayes%27_theorem)</u>.

- Equation 1 says that the probability of a word being correct P(c|w) is equal to the probability of having a certain word w, given that it is correct P(w|c), multiplied by the probability of being correct in general P(C) divided by the probability of that word w appearing P(w) in general.
- To compute equation 1, you will first import a data set and then create all the probabilities that you need using that data set.

Part 1: Data Preprocessing

```
In [1]: import re
    from collections import Counter
    import numpy as np
    import pandas as pd
```

As in any other machine learning task, the first thing you have to do is process your data set.

- · Many courses load in pre-processed data for you.
- However, in the real world, when you build these NLP systems, you load the datasets and process them.
- So let's get some real world practice in pre-processing the data!

Your first task is to read in a file called **'shakespeare.txt'** which is found in your file directory. To look at this file you can go to File ==> Open.

Exercise 1

Implement the function process_data which

- 1) Reads in a corpus (text file)
- 2) Changes everything to lowercase
- 3) Returns a list of words.

Options and Hints

- If you would like more of a real-life practice, don't open the 'Hints' below (yet) and try searching the web to derive your answer.
- If you want a little help, click on the green "General Hints" section by clicking on it with your mouse.
- If you get stuck or are not getting the expected results, click on the green 'Detailed Hints' section to get hints for each step that you'll take to complete this function.

General Hints

Detailed Hints

```
In [2]: # UNQ C1 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
        # GRADED FUNCTION: process data
        def process data(file name):
            Input:
                A file name which is found in your current directory. You just have to
        read it in.
            Output:
                words: a list containing all the words in the corpus (text file you re
        ad) in lower case.
            words = [] # return this variable correctly
            ### START CODE HERE ###
            with open(file name) as f:
                file name data = f.read()
            file name data=file name data.lower()
            words = re.findall('\w+',file name data)
            ### END CODE HERE ###
            return words
```

Note, in the following cell, 'words' is converted to a python set. This eliminates any duplicate entries.

```
In [3]: #DO NOT MODIFY THIS CELL
word_l = process_data('shakespeare.txt')
vocab = set(word_l) # this will be your new vocabulary
print(f"The first ten words in the text are: \n{word_l[0:10]}")
print(f"There are {len(vocab)} unique words in the vocabulary.")

The first ten words in the text are:
['o', 'for', 'a', 'muse', 'of', 'fire', 'that', 'would', 'ascend', 'the']
There are 6116 unique words in the vocabulary.
```

Expected Output

```
The first ten words in the text are:
['o', 'for', 'a', 'muse', 'of', 'fire', 'that', 'would', 'ascend', 'the']
There are 6116 unique words in the vocabulary.
```

Exercise 2

Implement a get_count function that returns a dictionary

- · The dictionary's keys are words
- The value for each word is the number of times that word appears in the corpus.

For example, given the following sentence: **"I am happy because I am learning"**, your dictionary should return the following:

Key	Value
1	2
am	2
happy	1
because	1
learning	1

Instructions: Implement a get_count which returns a dictionary where the key is a word and the value is the number of times the word appears in the list.

Hints

```
In [5]: #DO NOT MODIFY THIS CELL
word_count_dict = get_count(word_1)
print(f"There are {len(word_count_dict)} key values pairs")
print(f"The count for the word 'thee' is {word_count_dict.get('thee',0)}")
```

There are 6116 key values pairs
The count for the word 'thee' is 240

Expected Output

```
There are 6116 key values pairs
The count for the word 'thee' is 240
```

Exercise 3

Given the dictionary of word counts, compute the probability that each word will appear if randomly selected from the corpus of words.

$$P(w_i) = rac{C(w_i)}{M}$$
 (Eqn-2)

where

 $C(w_i)$ is the total number of times w_i appears in the corpus.

M is the total number of words in the corpus.

For example, the probability of the word 'am' in the sentence 'I am happy because I am learning' is:

$$P(am) = rac{C(w_i)}{M} = rac{2}{7}.$$
 (Eqn-3)

Instructions: Implement get_probs function which gives you the probability that a word occurs in a sample. This returns a dictionary where the keys are words, and the value for each word is its probability in the corpus of words.

Hints

```
In [6]: # UNQ C3 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
        # GRADED FUNCTION: get probs
        def get_probs(word_count_dict):
            Input:
                word count dict: The wordcount dictionary where key is the word and va
         lue is its frequency.
            Output:
                probs: A dictionary where keys are the words and the values are the pr
        obability that a word will occur.
            probs = {} # return this variable correctly
            ### START CODE HERE ###
            m = sum(word count dict.values())
            for key in word_count_dict.keys():
                 probs[key] = word count dict[key] / m
            ### END CODE HERE ###
            return probs
```

```
In [7]: #DO NOT MODIFY THIS CELL
probs = get_probs(word_count_dict)
print(f"Length of probs is {len(probs)}")
print(f"P('thee') is {probs['thee']:.4f}")

Length of probs is 6116
P('thee') is 0.0045
```

Expected Output

```
Length of probs is 6116 P('thee') is 0.0045
```

Part 2: String Manipulations

Now, that you have computed $P(w_i)$ for all the words in the corpus, you will write a few functions to manipulate strings so that you can edit the erroneous strings and return the right spellings of the words. In this section, you will implement four functions:

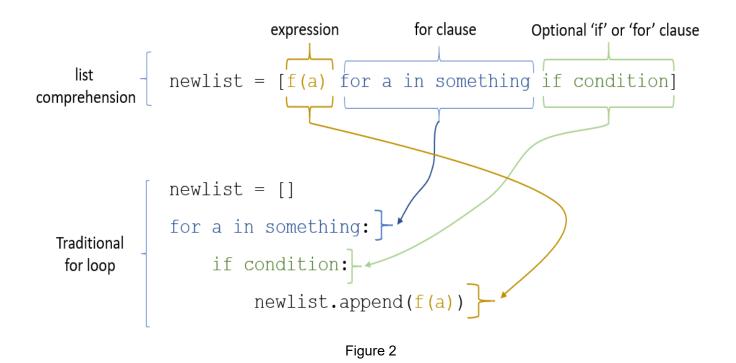
- delete letter: given a word, it returns all the possible strings that have one character removed.
- switch letter: given a word, it returns all the possible strings that have two adjacent letters switched.
- replace_letter: given a word, it returns all the possible strings that have one character replaced by another different letter.
- insert_letter: given a word, it returns all the possible strings that have an additional character inserted.

List comprehensions

String and list manipulation in python will often make use of a python feature called <u>list comprehensions</u> (https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html#list-comprehensions). The routines below will be described as using list comprehensions, but if you would rather implement them in another way, you are free to do so as long as the result is the same. Further, the following section will provide detailed instructions on how to use list comprehensions and how to implement the desired functions. If you are a python expert, feel free to skip the python hints and move to implementing the routines directly.

Python List Comprehensions embed a looping structure inside of a list declaration, collapsing many lines of code into a single line. If you are not familiar with them, they seem slightly out of order relative to for loops.

Generic Python list comprehension example



The diagram above shows that the components of a list comprehension are the same components you would find in a typical for loop that appends to a list, but in a different order. With that in mind, we'll continue the specifics of this assignment. We will be very descriptive for the first function, deletes(), and less so in later functions as you become familiar with list comprehensions.

Exercise 4

Instructions for delete_letter(): Implement a delete_letter() function that, given a word, returns a list of strings with one character deleted.

For example, given the word **nice**, it would return the set: {'ice', 'nce', 'nic', 'nie'}.

Step 1: Create a list of 'splits'. This is all the ways you can split a word into Left and Right: For example, 'nice is split into: [('', 'nice'), ('ni', 'ce'), ('nic', 'e'), ('nice', '')] This is common to all four functions (delete, replace, switch, insert).

'splits' example

Figure 3

Step 2: This is specific to delete_letter. Here, we are generating all words that result from deleting one character.

This can be done in a single line with a list comprehension. You can make use of this type of syntax: [f(a,b) for a, b in splits if condition]

For our 'nice' example you get: ['ice', 'nce', 'nie', 'nic']

Python list comprehension example

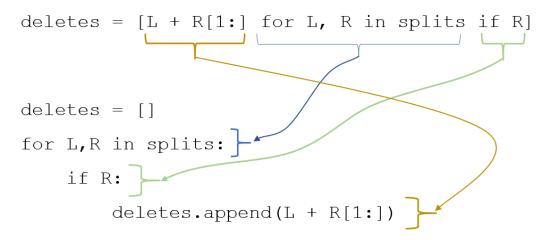


Figure 4

Levels of assistance

Try this exercise with these levels of assistance.

- We hope that this will make it both a meaningful experience but also not a frustrating experience.
- Start with level 1, then move onto level 2, and 3 as needed.
 - Level 1. Try to think this through and implement this yourself.
 - Level 2. Click on the "Level 2 Hints" section for some hints to get started.
 - Level 3. If you would prefer more guidance, please click on the "Level 3 Hints" cell for step by step instructions.
- If you are still stuck, look at the images in the "list comprehensions" section above.

Level 2 Hints

Level 3 Hints

```
In [8]: # UNQ C4 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
        # UNIT TEST COMMENT: Candidate for Table Driven Tests
        # GRADED FUNCTION: deletes
        def delete letter(word, verbose=False):
            Input:
                word: the string/word for which you will generate all possible words
                         in the vocabulary which have 1 missing character
            Output:
                delete l: a list of all possible strings obtained by deleting 1 charac
        ter from word
            delete 1 = []
            split_l = []
            ### START CODE HERE ###
            for c in range(len(word)):
                 split 1.append((word[:c],word[c:]))
            for a,b in split 1:
                delete_l.append(a+b[1:])
            ### END CODE HERE ###
            if verbose: print(f"input word {word}, \nsplit l = {split l}, \ndelete l =
        {delete 1}")
            return delete 1
In [9]: delete word 1 = delete letter(word="cans",
                                 verbose=True)
```

Expected Output

```
Note: You might get a slightly different result with split_l

input word cans,

split_l = [('', 'cans'), ('c', 'ans'), ('ca', 'ns'), ('can', 's')],

delete_l = ['ans', 'cns', 'cas', 'can']
```

Note 1

- Notice how it has the extra tuple ('cans', '').
- This will be fine as long as you have checked the size of the right-side substring in tuple (L,R).
- Can you explain why this will give you the same result for the list of deletion strings (delete 1)?

```
input word cans,
split_1 = [('', 'cans'), ('c', 'ans'), ('ca', 'ns'), ('can', 's'), ('cans', ''),
)],
delete_1 = ['ans', 'cns', 'cas', 'can']
```

Note 2

If you end up getting the same word as your input word, like this:

```
input word cans,
split_l = [('', 'cans'), ('c', 'ans'), ('ca', 'ns'), ('can', 's'), ('cans', '')],
delete_l = ['ans', 'cns', 'cas', 'can', 'cans']
```

- · Check how you set the range.
- See if you check the length of the string on the right-side of the split.

```
In [10]: # test # 2
print(f"Number of outputs of delete_letter('at') is {len(delete_letter('a
t'))}")
```

Number of outputs of delete_letter('at') is 2

Expected output

Number of outputs of delete_letter('at') is 2

Exercise 5

Instructions for switch_letter(): Now implement a function that switches two letters in a word. It takes in a word and returns a list of all the possible switches of two letters **that are adjacent to each other**.

• For example, given the word 'eta', it returns {'eat', 'tea'}, but does not return 'ate'.

Step 1: is the same as in delete_letter()

Step 2: A list comprehension or for loop which forms strings by swapping adjacent letters. This is of the form: [f(L,R)] for L, R in splits if condition where 'condition' will test the length of R in a given iteration. See below.

Figure 5

Levels of difficulty

Try this exercise with these levels of difficulty.

- · Level 1. Try to think this through and implement this yourself.
- Level 2. Click on the "Level 2 Hints" section for some hints to get started.
- Level 3. If you would prefer more guidance, please click on the "Level 3 Hints" cell for step by step instructions.

Level 2 Hints

Level 3 Hints

```
In [11]: # UNQ C5 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
         # UNIT TEST COMMENT: Candidate for Table Driven Tests
         # GRADED FUNCTION: switches
         def switch letter(word, verbose=False):
             Input:
                 word: input string
              Output:
                 switches: a list of all possible strings with one adjacent charater sw
         itched
             switch_l = []
             split_l = []
             ### START CODE HERE ###
             len word=len(word)
             for c in range(len_word):
                 split_1.append((word[:c],word[c:]))
             switch 1 = [a + b[1] + b[0] + b[2:] for a,b in split 1 if len(b) >= 2]
             ### END CODE HERE ###
             if verbose: print(f"Input word = {word} \nsplit l = {split l} \nswitch l =
         {switch_1}")
             return switch 1
```

Expected output

```
Input word = eta
split_l = [('', 'eta'), ('e', 'ta'), ('et', 'a')]
switch_l = ['tea', 'eat']
```

Note 1

You may get this:

```
Input word = eta
split_l = [('', 'eta'), ('e', 'ta'), ('et', 'a'), ('eta', '')]
switch_l = ['tea', 'eat']
```

- Notice how it has the extra tuple ('eta', '').
- · This is also correct.
- · Can you think of why this is the case?

Note 2

If you get an error

```
IndexError: string index out of range
```

· Please see if you have checked the length of the strings when switching characters.

```
In [13]: # test # 2
print(f"Number of outputs of switch_letter('at') is {len(switch_letter('a
t'))}")
```

Number of outputs of switch letter('at') is 1

Expected output

```
Number of outputs of switch_letter('at') is 1
```

Exercise 6

Instructions for replace_letter(): Now implement a function that takes in a word and returns a list of strings with one **replaced letter** from the original word.

```
Step 1: is the same as in delete_letter()
```

Step 2: A list comprehension or for loop which form strings by replacing letters. This can be of the form: [f(a,b,c) for a, b in splits if condition for c in string] Note the use of the second for loop. It is expected in this routine that one or more of the replacements will include the original word. For example, replacing the first letter of 'ear' with 'e' will return 'ear'.

Step 3: Remove the original input letter from the output.

In [14]: # UNQ C6 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)

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Hints

```
# GRADED FUNCTION: replaces
           def replace_letter(word, verbose=False):
               Input:
                    word: the input string/word
               Output:
                    replaces: a list of all possible strings where we replaced one letter
            from the original word.
               letters = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
               replace 1 = []
               split 1 = []
               ### START CODE HERE ###
               for c in range(len(word)):
                    split_1.append((word[0:c],word[c:]))
               replace l = [a + l + (b[1:] if len(b) > 1 else '') for a,b in split l if b
           for 1 in letters]
               replace set=set(replace 1)
               replace set.remove(word)
               ### END CODE HERE ###
               # turn the set back into a list and sort it, for easier viewing
               replace 1 = sorted(list(replace set))
               if verbose: print(f"Input word = {word} \nsplit l = {split l} \nreplace l
           {replace 1}")
               return replace 1
In [15]: replace l = replace letter(word='can',
                                             verbose=True)
           Input word = can
           split_l = [('', 'can'), ('c', 'an'), ('ca', 'n')]
          replace_l ['aan', 'ban', 'caa', 'cab', 'cac', 'cad', 'cae', 'caf', 'cag', 'ca
h', 'cai', 'caj', 'cak', 'cal', 'cam', 'cao', 'cap', 'caq', 'car', 'cas', 'ca
          t', 'cau', 'cav', 'caw', 'cax', 'cay', 'caz', 'cbn', 'ccn', 'cdn', 'cen', 'cfn', 'cgn', 'chn', 'cin', 'cjn', 'ckn', 'cln', 'cmn', 'cnn', 'con', 'cpn', 'cq
          n', 'crn', 'csn', 'ctn', 'cun', 'cvn', 'cxn', 'cxn', 'cyn', 'czn', 'dan', 'ea
```

n', 'fan', 'gan', 'han', 'ian', 'jan', 'kan', 'lan', 'man', 'nan', 'oan', n', 'qan', 'ran', 'san', 'tan', 'uan', 'van', 'wan', 'xan', 'yan', 'zan']

'lan', 'man', 'nan', 'oan', 'pa

Expected Output:**

```
Input word = can
split_l = [('', 'can'), ('c', 'an'), ('ca', 'n')]
replace_l ['aan', 'ban', 'caa', 'cab', 'cac', 'cad', 'cae', 'caf', 'cag', 'cah', 'c
ai', 'caj', 'cak', 'cal', 'cam', 'cao', 'cap', 'caq', 'car', 'cas', 'cat', 'cau',
'cav', 'caw', 'cax', 'cay', 'caz', 'cbn', 'ccn', 'cdn', 'cen', 'cfn', 'cgn', 'chn',
'cin', 'cjn', 'ckn', 'cln', 'cmn', 'cnn', 'con', 'cpn', 'cqn', 'crn', 'csn', 'ctn',
'cun', 'cvn', 'cwn', 'cxn', 'cyn', 'czn', 'dan', 'ean', 'fan', 'gan', 'han', 'ian',
'jan', 'kan', 'lan', 'man', 'nan', 'oan', 'pan', 'qan', 'ran', 'san', 'tan', 'uan',
'van', 'wan', 'xan', 'yan', 'zan']
```

• Note how the input word 'can' should not be one of the output words.

Note 1

If you get something like this:

```
Input word = can
split_l = [('', 'can'), ('c', 'an'), ('ca', 'n'), ('can', '')]
replace_l ['aan', 'ban', 'caa', 'cab', 'cac', 'cad', 'cae', 'caf', 'cag', 'cah', 'c
ai', 'caj', 'cak', 'cal', 'cam', 'cao', 'cap', 'caq', 'car', 'cas', 'cat', 'cau',
'cav', 'caw', 'cax', 'cay', 'caz', 'cbn', 'ccn', 'cdn', 'cen', 'cfn', 'cgn', 'chn',
'cin', 'cjn', 'ckn', 'cln', 'cmn', 'cnn', 'con', 'cpn', 'cqn', 'crn', 'csn', 'ctn',
'cun', 'cvn', 'cwn', 'cxn', 'cyn', 'czn', 'dan', 'ean', 'fan', 'gan', 'han', 'ian',
'jan', 'kan', 'lan', 'man', 'nan', 'oan', 'pan', 'qan', 'ran', 'san', 'tan', 'uan',
'van', 'wan', 'xan', 'yan', 'zan']
```

Notice how split I has an extra tuple ('can', ''), but the output is still the same, so this is okay.

Note 2

If you get something like this:

```
Input word = can
split_l = [('', 'can'), ('c', 'an'), ('ca', 'n'), ('can', '')]
replace_l ['aan', 'ban', 'caa', 'cab', 'cac', 'cad', 'cae', 'caf', 'cag', 'cah', 'c
ai', 'caj', 'cak', 'cal', 'cam', 'cana', 'canb', 'canc', 'cand', 'cane', 'canf', 'c
ang', 'canh', 'cani', 'canj', 'cank', 'canl', 'canm', 'cann', 'cano', 'canp', 'can
q', 'canr', 'cans', 'cant', 'canu', 'canv', 'canw', 'canx', 'cany', 'canz', 'cao',
'cap', 'caq', 'car', 'cas', 'cat', 'cau', 'cav', 'caw', 'cax', 'cay', 'caz', 'cbn',
'ccn', 'cdn', 'cen', 'cfn', 'cgn', 'chn', 'cin', 'cjn', 'ckn', 'cln', 'cmn', 'cnn',
'con', 'cpn', 'cqn', 'crn', 'csn', 'ctn', 'cun', 'cvn', 'cwn', 'cxn', 'cyn', 'czn',
'dan', 'ean', 'fan', 'gan', 'han', 'ian', 'jan', 'kan', 'lan', 'man', 'nan', 'oan',
'pan', 'qan', 'ran', 'san', 'tan', 'uan', 'van', 'wan', 'xan', 'yan', 'zan']
```

- Notice how there are strings that are 1 letter longer than the original word, such as cana.
- Please check for the case when there is an empty string '', and if so, do not use that empty string when setting replace I.

```
In [16]: # test # 2
print(f"Number of outputs of switch_letter('at') is {len(switch_letter('a
t'))}")
```

Number of outputs of switch letter('at') is 1

Expected output

Number of outputs of switch_letter('at') is 1

Exercise 7

Instructions for insert_letter(): Now implement a function that takes in a word and returns a list with a letter inserted at every offset.

Step 1: is the same as in delete_letter()

Step 2: This can be a list comprehension of the form:

```
[f(a,b,c) for a, b in splits if condition for c in string]
```

```
In [17]: # UNQ C7 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
         # UNIT TEST COMMENT: Candidate for Table Driven Tests
         # GRADED FUNCTION: inserts
         def insert_letter(word, verbose=False):
             Input:
                 word: the input string/word
             Output:
                  inserts: a set of all possible strings with one new letter inserted at
         every offset
             letters = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
             insert 1 = []
             split_l = []
             ### START CODE HERE ###
             for c in range(len(word)+1):
                 split_1.append((word[0:c],word[c:]))
             insert l = [ a + l + b for a,b in split l for l in letters]
             ### END CODE HERE ###
             if verbose: print(f"Input word {word} \nsplit 1 = {split 1} \ninsert 1 =
         {insert 1}")
             return insert 1
```

```
In [18]: insert_l = insert_letter('at', True)
    print(f"Number of strings output by insert_letter('at') is {len(insert_l)}")

Input word at
    split_l = [('', 'at'), ('a', 't'), ('at', '')]
    insert_l = ['aat', 'bat', 'cat', 'dat', 'eat', 'fat', 'gat', 'hat', 'iat', 'j
    at', 'kat', 'lat', 'mat', 'nat', 'oat', 'pat', 'qat', 'rat', 'sat', 'tat', 'u
    at', 'vat', 'wat', 'xat', 'yat', 'zat', 'aat', 'abt', 'act', 'adt', 'aet', 'a
    ft', 'agt', 'aht', 'ait', 'ajt', 'akt', 'alt', 'amt', 'ant', 'aot', 'apt', 'a
    qt', 'art', 'ast', 'att', 'avt', 'awt', 'axt', 'ayt', 'azt', 'ata', 'a
    tb', 'atc', 'atd', 'ate', 'atf', 'atg', 'ath', 'ati', 'atj', 'atk', 'atl', 'a
    tm', 'atn', 'ato', 'atp', 'atq', 'atr', 'ats', 'att', 'atu', 'atv', 'atw', 'a
    tx', 'aty', 'atz']
    Number of strings output by insert_letter('at') is 78
```

Expected output

```
Input word at
split_l = [('', 'at'), ('a', 't'), ('at', '')]
insert_l = ['aat', 'bat', 'cat', 'dat', 'eat', 'fat', 'gat', 'hat', 'iat', 'jat',
'kat', 'lat', 'mat', 'nat', 'oat', 'pat', 'qat', 'rat', 'sat', 'tat', 'uat', 'vat',
'wat', 'xat', 'yat', 'zat', 'aat', 'abt', 'act', 'adt', 'aet', 'aft', 'agt', 'aht',
'ait', 'ajt', 'akt', 'alt', 'amt', 'ant', 'aot', 'apt', 'aqt', 'art', 'ast', 'att',
'aut', 'avt', 'awt', 'axt', 'ayt', 'azt', 'ata', 'atb', 'atc', 'atd', 'ate', 'atf',
'atg', 'ath', 'ati', 'atj', 'atk', 'atl', 'atm', 'atn', 'ato', 'atp', 'atq', 'atr',
'ats', 'att', 'atu', 'atv', 'atw', 'atx', 'aty', 'atz']
Number of strings output by insert_letter('at') is 78
```

Note 1

If you get a split I like this:

```
Input word at
split_l = [('', 'at'), ('a', 't')]
insert_l = ['aat', 'bat', 'cat', 'dat', 'eat', 'fat', 'gat', 'hat', 'iat', 'jat',
'kat', 'lat', 'mat', 'nat', 'oat', 'pat', 'qat', 'rat', 'sat', 'tat', 'uat', 'vat',
'wat', 'xat', 'yat', 'zat', 'aat', 'abt', 'act', 'adt', 'aet', 'aft', 'agt', 'aht',
'ait', 'ajt', 'akt', 'alt', 'amt', 'ant', 'aot', 'apt', 'aqt', 'art', 'ast', 'att',
'aut', 'avt', 'awt', 'axt', 'ayt', 'azt']
Number of strings output by insert letter('at') is 52
```

- Notice that split I is missing the extra tuple ('at', "). For insertion, we actually **WANT** this tuple.
- The function is not creating all the desired output strings.
- · Check the range that you use for the for loop.

Note 2

If you see this:

```
Input word at
split_l = [('', 'at'), ('a', 't'), ('at', '')]
insert_l = ['aat', 'bat', 'cat', 'dat', 'eat', 'fat', 'gat', 'hat', 'iat', 'jat',
'kat', 'lat', 'mat', 'nat', 'oat', 'pat', 'qat', 'rat', 'sat', 'tat', 'uat', 'vat',
'wat', 'xat', 'yat', 'zat', 'aat', 'abt', 'act', 'adt', 'aet', 'aft', 'agt', 'aht',
'ait', 'ajt', 'akt', 'alt', 'amt', 'ant', 'aot', 'apt', 'aqt', 'art', 'ast', 'att',
'aut', 'avt', 'awt', 'axt', 'ayt', 'azt']
Number of strings output by insert_letter('at') is 52
```

- Even though you may have fixed the split_I so that it contains the tuple ('at', ''), notice that you're still missing some output strings.
 - Notice that it's missing strings such as 'ata', 'atb', 'atc' all the way to 'atz'.
- To fix this, make sure that when you set insert I, you allow the use of the empty string ''.

```
In [19]: # test # 2
print(f"Number of outputs of insert_letter('at') is {len(insert_letter('a
t'))}")
```

Number of outputs of insert letter('at') is 78

Expected output

Number of outputs of insert_letter(at) is 78

Part 3: Combining the edits

Now that you have implemented the string manipulations, you will create two functions that, given a string, will return all the possible single and double edits on that string. These will be <code>edit_one_letter()</code> and <code>edit_two_letters()</code>.

3.1 Edit one letter

Exercise 8

Instructions: Implement the <code>edit_one_letter</code> function to get all the possible edits that are one edit away from a word. The edits consist of the replace, insert, delete, and optionally the switch operation. You should use the previous functions you have already implemented to complete this function. The 'switch' function is a less common edit function, so its use will be selected by an "allow_switches" input argument.

Note that those functions return *lists* while this function should return a *python set*. Utilizing a set eliminates any duplicate entries.

Hints

```
In [20]: # UNQ_C8 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
         # UNIT TEST COMMENT: Candidate for Table Driven Tests
         # GRADED FUNCTION: edit one letter
         def edit one letter(word, allow switches = True):
             Input:
                 word: the string/word for which we will generate all possible wordstha
         t are one edit away.
             Output:
                 edit_one_set: a set of words with one possible edit. Please return a s
         et. and not a list.
             edit one set = set()
             ### START CODE HERE ###
             edit one set.update(delete letter(word))
             if allow switches:
                  edit one set.update(switch letter(word))
             edit one set.update(replace letter(word))
             edit one set.update(insert letter(word))
             ### END CODE HERE ###
             return edit_one_set
```

```
In [21]: tmp_word = "at"
    tmp_edit_one_set = edit_one_letter(tmp_word)
    # turn this into a list to sort it, in order to view it
    tmp_edit_one_l = sorted(list(tmp_edit_one_set))

print(f"input word {tmp_word} \nedit_one_l \n{tmp_edit_one_l}\n")
    print(f"The type of the returned object should be a set {type(tmp_edit_one_set)}")
    print(f"Number of outputs from edit_one_letter('at') is {len(edit_one_letter('at'))}")
```

```
input word at
edit_one_1
['a', 'aa', 'aat', 'ab', 'abt', 'ac', 'act', 'ad', 'adt', 'ae', 'aet', 'af',
'aft', 'ag', 'agt', 'ah', 'aht', 'ai', 'ait', 'aj', 'ajt', 'ak', 'akt', 'al',
'alt', 'am', 'amt', 'an', 'ant', 'ao', 'aot', 'ap', 'apt', 'aq', 'aqt', 'ar',
'art', 'as', 'ast', 'ata', 'atb', 'atc', 'atd', 'ate', 'atf', 'atg', 'ath',
'ati', 'atj', 'atk', 'atl', 'atm', 'atn', 'ato', 'atp', 'atq', 'atr', 'ats',
'att', 'atu', 'atv', 'atw', 'atx', 'aty', 'atz', 'au', 'aut', 'av', 'avt', 'a
w', 'awt', 'ax', 'axt', 'ay', 'ayt', 'az', 'azt', 'bat', 'bt', 'cat', 'ct',
'dat', 'dt', 'eat', 'et', 'fat', 'ft', 'gat', 'gt', 'hat', 'ht', 'iat', 'it',
'jat', 'jt', 'kat', 'kt', 'lat', 'lt', 'mat', 'mt', 'nat', 'nt', 'oat', 'ot',
'pat', 'pt', 'qat', 'qt', 'rat', 'rt', 'sat', 'st', 't', 'ta', 'tat', 'zt']
```

The type of the returned object should be a set <class 'set'>
Number of outputs from edit_one_letter('at') is 129

Expected Output

```
input word at
edit_one_l
['a', 'aa', 'aat', 'abt', 'abt', 'ac', 'act', 'ad', 'adt', 'ae', 'aet', 'af',
             | 'agt', 'ah', 'aht', 'ai', 'ait', 'aj', 'ajt', 'akt', 'akt', 'al',
'aft',
       'ag',
                    'an', 'ant', 'ao', 'aot', 'ap', 'apt', 'aq', 'aqt', 'ar',
'alt',
       'am',
             'amt',
                           'atb', 'atc', 'atd', 'ate', 'atf', 'atg',
             'ast',
                    'ata',
'art',
       'as',
ati , atj ,
                    latl, latm,
                                          | 'ato', 'atp', 'atq', 'atr',
                                  'atn',
             'atk',
                    'atw', 'atx', 'aty', 'atz', 'au', 'aut', 'av', 'avt', 'aw
             'atv',
att', 'atu',
', 'awt', 'axt', 'axt', 'ay', 'ayt', 'az', 'azt', 'bat', 'bt', 'cat', 'ct', 'd
at', 'dt', 'eat', 'et', 'fat', 'ft', 'gat', 'gt', 'hat', 'ht', 'iat', 'it', '
jat', 'jt', 'kat', 'kt', 'lat', 'lt', 'mat', 'mt', 'nat', 'nt', 'oat', 'ot',
'pat', 'pt', 'qat', 'qt', 'rat', 'rt', 'sat', 'st', 't', 'ta', 'tat', 'tt', '
uat[], [ut[], [vat[], [vt[], [wat[], [wt[], [xat[], [xt[], [yat[], [yt[], [zat[], [zt[]]
The type of the returned object should be a set <class 'set'>
```

Number of outputs from edit one letter("at") is 129

Part 3.2 Edit two letters

Exercise 9

Now you can generalize this to implement to get two edits on a word. To do so, you would have to get all the possible edits on a single word and then for each modified word, you would have to modify it again.

Instructions: Implement the edit_two_letters function that returns a set of words that are two edits away. Note that creating additional edits based on the edit_one_letter function may 'restore' some one_edits to zero or one edits. That is allowed here. This accounted for in get_corrections.

Hints

```
In [22]: # UNQ C9 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
         # UNIT TEST COMMENT: Candidate for Table Driven Tests
         # GRADED FUNCTION: edit two letters
         def edit_two_letters(word, allow_switches = True):
             Input:
                 word: the input string/word
             Output:
                 edit_two_set: a set of strings with all possible two edits
             edit two set = set()
             ### START CODE HERE ###
             edit one = edit one letter(word,allow switches=allow switches)
             for w in edit one:
                 if w:
                      edit_two = edit_one_letter(w,allow_switches=allow_switches)
                      edit two set.update(edit two)
             ### END CODE HERE ###
             return edit two set
```

```
In [23]: tmp_edit_two_set = edit_two_letters("a")
    tmp_edit_two_l = sorted(list(tmp_edit_two_set))
    print(f"Number of strings with edit distance of two: {len(tmp_edit_two_l)}")
    print(f"First 10 strings {tmp_edit_two_l[:10]}")
    print(f"Last 10 strings {tmp_edit_two_l[-10:]}")
    print(f"The data type of the returned object should be a set {type(tmp_edit_two_set)}")
    print(f"Number of strings that are 2 edit distances from 'at' is {len(edit_two_letters('at'))}")
```

```
Number of strings with edit distance of two: 2654

First 10 strings ['', 'a', 'aa', 'aaa', 'aab', 'aac', 'aad', 'aae', 'aaf', 'a
ag']

Last 10 strings ['zv', 'zva', 'zw', 'zwa', 'zx', 'zxa', 'zy', 'zya', 'zz', 'z
za']

The data type of the returned object should be a set <class 'set'>

Number of strings that are 2 edit distances from 'at' is 7154
```

Expected Output

```
Number of strings with edit distance of two: 2654

First 10 strings ['', 'a', 'aa', 'aaa', 'aab', 'aac', 'aad', 'aae', 'aaf', 'aag']

Last 10 strings ['zv', 'zva', 'zw', 'zwa', 'zx', 'zxa', 'zy', 'zya', 'zz', 'zz a']

The data type of the returned object should be a set <class 'set'>

Number of strings that are 2 edit distances from 'at' is 7154
```

Part 3-3: suggest spelling suggestions

Now you will use your edit_two_letters function to get a set of all the possible 2 edits on your word. You will then use those strings to get the most probable word you meant to type aka your typing suggestion.

Exercise 10

Instructions: Implement get_corrections, which returns a list of zero to n possible suggestion tuples of the form (word, probability of word).

Step 1: Generate suggestions for a supplied word: You'll use the edit functions you have developed. The 'suggestion algorithm' should follow this logic:

- If the word is in the vocabulary, suggest the word.
- Otherwise, if there are suggestions from edit_one_letter that are in the vocabulary, use those.
- Otherwise, if there are suggestions from edit_two_letters that are in the vocabulary, use those.
- Otherwise, suggest the input word.*
- The idea is that words generated from fewer edits are more likely than words with more edits.

Note:

• Edits of one or two letters may 'restore' strings to either zero or one edit. This algorithm accounts for this by preferentially selecting lower distance edits first.

Short circuit

In Python, logical operations such as and and or have two useful properties. They can operate on lists and they have <u>'short-circuit' behavior (https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html)</u>. Try these:

```
In [24]: # example of logical operation on lists or sets
    print( [] and ["a","b"] )
    print( [] or ["a","b"] )
    #example of Short circuit behavior
    val1 = ["Most","Likely"] or ["Less","so"] or ["least","of","all"] # selects
        first, does not evalute remainder
    print(val1)
    val2 = [] or [] or ["least","of","all"] # continues evaluation until there is
    a non-empty list
    print(val2)

[]
    ['a', 'b']
    ['Most', 'Likely']
    ['least', 'of', 'all']
```

The logical or could be used to implement the suggestion algorithm very compactly. Alternately, if/then constructs could be used.

Step 2: Create a 'best_words' dictionary where the 'key' is a suggestion and the 'value' is the probability of that word in your vocabulary. If the word is not in the vocabulary, assign it a probability of 0.

Step 3: Select the n best suggestions. There may be fewer than n.

Hints

```
In [25]: # UNQ C10 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
         # UNIT TEST COMMENT: Candidate for Table Driven Tests
         # GRADED FUNCTION: get_corrections
         def get corrections(word, probs, vocab, n=2, verbose = False):
             Input:
                 word: a user entered string to check for suggestions
                 probs: a dictionary that maps each word to its probability in the corp
         us
                 vocab: a set containing all the vocabulary
                 n: number of possible word corrections you want returned in the dictio
         nary
             Output:
                 n best: a list of tuples with the most probable n corrected words and
          their probabilities.
             suggestions = []
             n best = []
             ### START CODE HERE ###
             suggestions = list((word in vocab and word) or edit one letter(word).inter
         section(vocab) or edit two letters(word).intersection(vocab))
             n_best = [[s,probs[s]] for s in list(reversed(suggestions))]
             ### END CODE HERE ###
             if verbose: print("suggestions = ", suggestions)
             return n best
```

```
In [26]: # Test your implementation - feel free to try other words in my word
    my_word = 'dys'
    tmp_corrections = get_corrections(my_word, probs, vocab, 2, verbose=True)
    for i, word_prob in enumerate(tmp_corrections):
        print(f"word {i}: {word_prob[0]}, probability {word_prob[1]:.6f}")

# CODE REVIEW COMMENT: using "tmp_corrections" insteads of "cors". "cors" is n
        ot defined
        print(f"data type of corrections {type(tmp_corrections)}")

suggestions = ['dye', 'days']
    word 0: days, probability 0.000410
    word 1: dye, probability 0.000019
    data type of corrections <class 'list'>
```

Expected Output

Note: This expected output is for my word = 'dys'. Also, keep verbose=True

```
entered word = dys
suggestions = { 'days', 'dye'}
word 0: days, probability 0.000410
word 1: dye, probability 0.000019
data type of corrections < class 'list'>
```

Part 4: Minimum Edit distance

Now that you have implemented your auto-correct, how do you evaluate the similarity between two strings? For example: 'waht' and 'what'

Also how do you efficiently find the shortest path to go from the word, 'waht' to the word 'what'?

You will implement a dynamic programming system that will tell you the minimum number of edits required to convert a string into another string.

Part 4.1 Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming breaks a problem down into subproblems which can be combined to form the final solution. Here, given a string source[0..i] and a string target[0..j], we will compute all the combinations of substrings[i, j] and calculate their edit distance. To do this efficiently, we will use a table to maintain the previously computed substrings and use those to calculate larger substrings.

You have to create a matrix and update each element in the matrix as follows:

Initialization

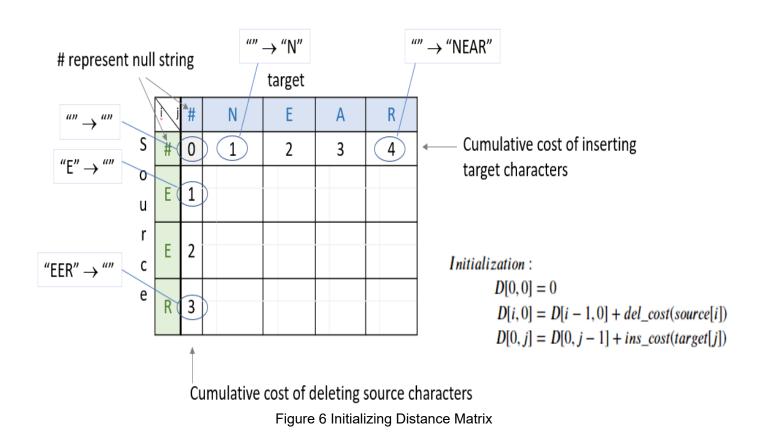
$$egin{aligned} D[0,0] &= 0 \ D[i,0] &= D[i-1,0] + del_cost(source[i]) \ D[0,j] &= D[0,j-1] + ins_cost(target[j]) \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Per Cell Operations

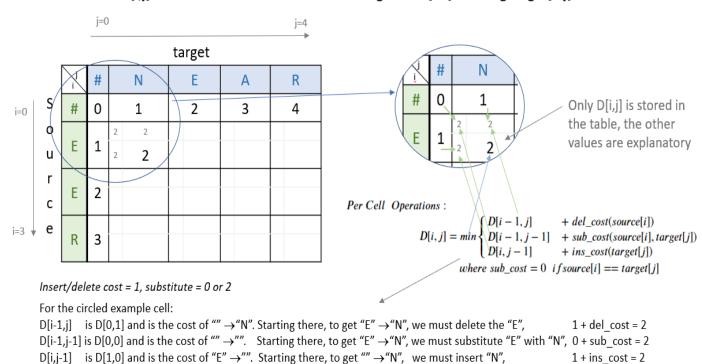
So converting the source word **play** to the target word **stay**, using an input cost of one, a delete cost of 1, and replace cost of 2 would give you the following table:

The operations used in this algorithm are 'insert', 'delete', and 'replace'. These correspond to the functions that you defined earlier: insert_letter(), delete_letter() and replace_letter(). switch_letter() is not used here.

The diagram below describes how to initialize the table. Each entry in D[i,j] represents the minimum cost of converting string source[0:i] to string target[0:j]. The first column is initialized to represent the cumulative cost of deleting the source characters to convert string "EER" to "". The first row is initialized to represent the cumulative cost of inserting the target characters to convert from "" to "NEAR".



Filling in the remainder of the table utilizes the 'Per Cell Operations' in the equation (5) above. Note, the diagram below includes in the table some of the 3 sub-calculations shown in light grey. Only 'min' of those operations is stored in the table in the min_edit_distance() function.



D[i,j] is the minimum cost to convert string source[0:i] to string target[0:j]

Figure 7 Filling Distance Matrix

Note that the formula for D[i,j] shown in the image is equivalent to:

$$D[i,j] = min egin{cases} D[i-1,j] + del_cost \ D[i,j-1] + ins_cost \ D[i-1,j-1] + egin{cases} rep_cost; & ifsrc[i]
eq tar[j] \ 0; & ifsrc[i] = tar[j] \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

The variable sub_cost (for substitution cost) is the same as rep_cost; replacement cost. We will stick with the term "replace" whenever possible.

Below are some examples of cells where replacement is used. This also shows the minimum path from the lower right final position where "EER" has been replaced by "NEAR" back to the start. This provides a starting point for the optional 'backtrace' algorithm below.

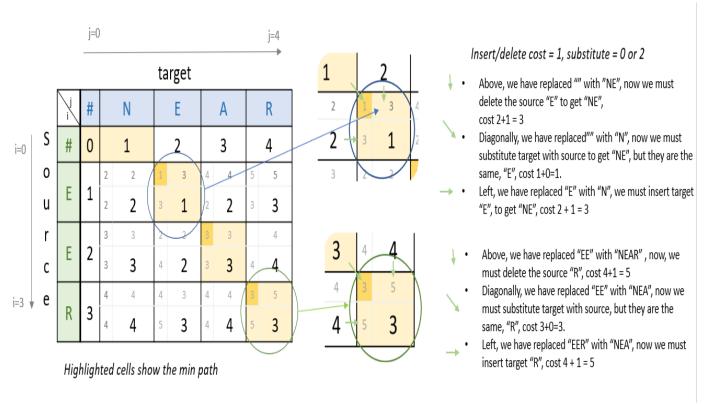


Figure 8 Examples Distance Matrix

Exercise 11

Again, the word "substitution" appears in the figure, but think of this as "replacement".

Instructions: Implement the function below to get the minimum amount of edits required given a source string and a target string.

Hints

```
In [27]: # UNQ C11 (UNIQUE CELL IDENTIFIER, DO NOT EDIT)
         # GRADED FUNCTION: min edit distance
         def min edit distance(source, target, ins cost = 1, del cost = 1, rep cost = 2
         ):
             Input:
                 source: a string corresponding to the string you are starting with
                 target: a string corresponding to the string you want to end with
                 ins cost: an integer setting the insert cost
                 del_cost: an integer setting the delete cost
                 rep cost: an integer setting the replace cost
             Output:
                 D: a matrix of len(source)+1 by len(target)+1 containing minimum edit
          distances
                 med: the minimum edit distance (med) required to convert the source st
         ring to the target
             # use deletion and insert cost as 1
             m = len(source)
             n = len(target)
             #initialize cost matrix with zeros and dimensions (m+1,n+1)
             D = np.zeros((m+1, n+1), dtype=int)
             ### START CODE HERE (Replace instances of 'None' with your code) ###
             # Fill in column 0, from row 1 to row m, both inclusive
             for row in range(1,m+1): # Replace None with the proper range
                 D[row,0] = D[row-1,0] + del_cost
             # Fill in row 0, for all columns from 1 to n, both inclusive
             for col in range(1,n+1): # Replace None with the proper range
                 D[0,col] = D[0,col-1] + ins_cost
             # Loop through row 1 to row m, both inclusive
             for row in range(1,m+1):
                 # Loop through column 1 to column n, both inclusive
                 for col in range(1,n+1):
                     # Intialize r cost to the 'replace' cost that is passed into this
          function
                     r cost = rep cost
                     # Check to see if source character at the previous row
                     # matches the target character at the previous column,
                     if source[row-1] == target[col-1]:
                         # Update the replacement cost to 0 if source and target are th
         e same
                         r cost = 0
                     # Update the cost at row, col based on previous entries in the cos
         t matrix
                     # Refer to the equation calculate for D[i,j] (the minimum of three
         calculated costs)
                     D[row,col] = min([D[row-1,col]+del cost, D[row,col-1]+ins cost, D[
         row-1,col-1]+r cost])
```

```
# Set the minimum edit distance with the cost found at row m, column n
med = D[m,n]

### END CODE HERE ###
return D, med
```

```
In [28]: #DO NOT MODIFY THIS CELL
# testing your implementation
source = 'play'
target = 'stay'
matrix, min_edits = min_edit_distance(source, target)
print("minimum edits: ",min_edits, "\n")
idx = list('#' + source)
cols = list('#' + target)
df = pd.DataFrame(matrix, index=idx, columns= cols)
print(df)
```

```
# s t a y # 0 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 6 a 3 4 5 4 5 y 4 5 6 5 4
```

minimum edits: 4

Expected Results:

```
# s t a y
# 0 1 2 3 4
p 1 2 3 4 5
l 2 3 4 5 6
a 3 4 5 4 5
y 4 5 6 5 4
```

```
In [29]: #DO NOT MODIFY THIS CELL
# testing your implementation
source = 'eer'
target = 'near'
matrix, min_edits = min_edit_distance(source, target)
print("minimum edits: ",min_edits, "\n")
idx = list(source)
idx.insert(0, '#')
cols = list(target)
cols.insert(0, '#')
df = pd.DataFrame(matrix, index=idx, columns= cols)
print(df)
minimum edits: 3
```

n e a r # 0 1 2 3 4 e 1 2 1 2 3 e 2 3 2 3 4 r 3 4 3 4 3

Expected Results

```
minimum edits: 3

# n e a r

# 0 1 2 3 4

e 1 2 1 2 3

e 2 3 2 3 4

r 3 4 3 4 3
```

We can now test several of our routines at once:

```
In [30]: source = "eer"
    targets = edit_one_letter(source,allow_switches = False) #disable switches si
    nce min_edit_distance does not include them
    for t in targets:
        _, min_edits = min_edit_distance(source, t,1,1,1) # set ins, del, sub cos
    ts all to one
        if min_edits != 1: print(source, t, min_edits)
```

Expected Results

(empty)

The 'replace()' routine utilizes all letters a-z one of which returns the original word.

```
In [31]: source = "eer"
    targets = edit_two_letters(source,allow_switches = False) #disable switches si
    nce min_edit_distance does not include them
    for t in targets:
        _, min_edits = min_edit_distance(source, t,1,1,1) # set ins, del, sub cos
    ts all to one
        if min_edits != 2 and min_edits != 1: print(source, t, min_edits)
    eer eer 0
```

Expected Results

```
eer eer 0
```

We have to allow single edits here because some two_edits will restore a single edit.

Submission

Make sure you submit your assignment before you modify anything below

Part 5: Optional - Backtrace

Once you have computed your matrix using minimum edit distance, how would find the shortest path from the top left corner to the bottom right corner?

Note that you could use backtrace algorithm. Try to find the shortest path given the matrix that your min edit distance function returned.

You can use these <u>lecture slides on minimum edit distance (https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs124/lec/med.pdf)</u> by Dan Jurafsky to learn about the algorithm for backtrace.

```
In [ ]: # Experiment with back trace - insert your code here
```

References

- Dan Jurafsky Speech and Language Processing Textbook
- This auto-correct explanation was first done by Peter Norvig in 2007