

Q1 readmefile

1. Dynamic Programming Table Setup:

- We create a 2D array `dp` where `dp[i][j]` represents the minimum edit distance between the first `i` characters of `str1` and the first `j` characters of `str2`.

2. Base Cases:

- If `str1` is empty, we need to insert all characters of `str2` (distance = length of `str2`).
- If `str2` is empty, we need to delete all characters of `str1` (distance = length of `str1`).

3. Filling the Table:

- If characters match (`str1[i-1] == str2[j-1]`), no operation is needed - we take the value from the diagonal.
- If characters don't match, we consider all three operations (insert, delete, substitute) and take the minimum cost (1 + minimum of the three neighboring cells).

4. Result:

- The value at `dp[m][n]` (where `m` and `n` are lengths of the strings) gives the final edit distance.

Test Case Results:

1. "goodgoodStudy" to "": Requires deleting all 12 characters → distance = 13
2. "" to "daydayCode": Requires inserting all 9 characters → distance = 10
3. "intention" to "execution": Requires 5 operations (substitute 'i'→'e', 'n'→'x', delete 't', substitute 'n'→'u', no change for 'tion')
4. "kitten" to "sitting": Requires 3 operations (as explained in the example)