

Example

What's the distance between babyodas and tastysoda?

B	A	B		Y	Y	O	D	A	S
sub		sub	ins		sub				del
T	A	S	T	Y	S	O	D	A	

Distance: 5, one point for each colored box

Quick Checks – can you explain these?

If x has length n and y has length m , the edit distance is at most $\max(x, y)$

The distance from x to y is the same as from y to x (i.e. transforming x to y and y to x are the same)

Finding a recurrence

What information would let us simplify the problem?

What would let us “take one step” toward the solution?

“Handling” one character of x or y

i.e. choosing one of insert, delete, or substitution and increasing the “distance” by 1

OR realizing the characters are the same and matching for free.

$OPT(i, j)$ is the edit distance of the strings $x_1x_2 \cdots x_i$ and $y_1y_2 \cdots y_j$.
(we're indexing strings from 1, it'll make things a little prettier).

Edit Distance

Fill in the next two entries. Be careful with the sub/match distinction!

$OPT(i, j)$	0	B, 1	A, 2	B, 3	Y, 4	Y, 5	O, 6	D, 7	A, 8	S, 9
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T 1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A 2	2	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S 3	3	3	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	7
T 4	4	4	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8
Y 5	5	5	4	4	3					
S 6										
O 7										
D 8										
A 9										

Two Values

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Need two recursive values:

$INCLUDE(i)$: sum of the maximum sum subarray among elements from 0 to i that includes index i in the sum

$OPT(i)$: sum of the maximum sum subarray among elements 0 to i (that might or might not include i)

How can you calculate these values? Try to write recurrence(s), then think about memoization and running time.