

The recurrence

“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.

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} \min\{ \overset{\text{Delete}}{1 + OPT(i - 1, j)}, \overset{\text{Insert}}{1 + OPT(i, j - 1)}, \overset{\text{Sub and matching}}{\mathbb{I}[x_i \neq y_j] + OPT(i - 1, j - 1)} \} & \text{if } i = 0 \\ j & \\ i & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

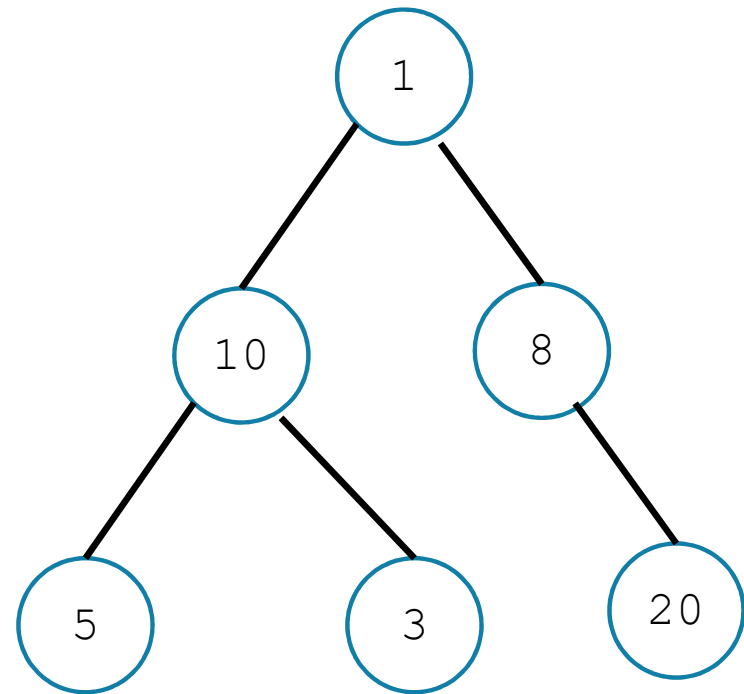
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A set S of vertices is a vertex cover if for every edge (u, v) : u is in S , or v is in S , (or both)

Find the minimum vertex cover in a tree.

Give every vertex a weight, find the minimum weight vertex cover



Vertex Cover – Recursively

Let's try to write a recursive algorithm first.

What information do we need to decide if we include u ?

If we don't include u then to be a valid vertex cover we need...

If we do include u then to be a valid vertex cover we need...