

# Pattern Matching under Hamming Distance

Chapters 9.1 and 9.4 of Dan Gusfield: *Algorithms on strings,  
trees, and sequences*

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# The k-mismatch problem

**IN:** a text  $T$  of length  $n$ , a pattern  $P$  of length  $m < n$ , an integer  $k < m$

**OUT:** all positions  $i$  in  $T$  such that  $d_H(T[i..i+|P|-1], P) \leq k$

7 10 13 16  
T=AMBARABACCIC<sup>x</sup>IC<sup>x</sup>IC<sup>x</sup>COCCO ; P=COCCO ; k=3  
COCCO  
COCCO  
COCCO  
COCCO

Output: {7,10,13,16}

# The kangaroo algorithm for k-mismatch

**KMISMATCH**(T,P,k)

sol  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ ;

**for all**  $i=1,\dots,|T|$

count  $\leftarrow 0$ ; match  $\leftarrow 0$ ;

**while** count  $\leq k$  **and** match+count  $< |P|$

ext  $\leftarrow \text{LCE}_{T,P}(\text{match}+\text{count}+i, \text{match}+\text{count}+1)$ ;

match  $\leftarrow \text{match} + \text{ext}$ ;

**if** match+count =  $|P|$

sol.append(i);

**else**

count  $\leftarrow \text{count} + 1$ ;

**return** sol;





# Edit Distance

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# Computing edit distance: recursion

Given strings  $S$  of length  $n$  and  $T$  of length  $m$ , we denote by  $D(i,j)$  the edit distance between  $S[1..i]$  and  $T[1..j]$ .  $D(n,m)$  denotes the edit distance between the whole  $S$  and  $T$ .

**Base conditions:**  $D(i,0)=i$  ( $i$  deletions) and  $D(0,j)=j$  ( $j$  insertions).

Let  $d:[1,n] \times [1,m] \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  a function such that  $d(i,j)=1$  if  $S[i] \neq T[j]$ ,  $d(i,j)=0$  otherwise. Then it holds the following

**Recursion:**  $D(i,j)=\min\{ D(i-1,j)+1, D(i,j-1)+1, D(i-1,j-1)+d(i,j) \}$  for any  $i \in [1,n], j \in [1,m]$ .



# Computing edit distance: dynamic programming

The dynamic programming algorithm for computing edit distance consists in **computing all values  $D(i,j)$  bottom-up**, starting from the smallest possible  $i$  and  $j$  and storing the computed values in a dynamic programming table that has the letters of  $S$  at the columns and the letters of  $T$  at the rows (plus an extra row and column to account for  $i=0$  and  $j=0$ ).

# Computing edit distance: dynamic programming

The optimal transcript highlighted in grey is MIIMRMMM, corresponding to the alignment

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Saturday

MIIMRMMM

		<b>S</b>	<b>u</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>y</b>
	<b>0</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>S</b>	1	<b>0</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>a</b>	2	<b>1</b>	1	2	3	3	4
<b>t</b>	3	<b>2</b>	2	2	3	4	4
<b>u</b>	4	3	<b>2</b>	3	3	4	5
<b>r</b>	5	4	3	<b>3</b>	4	4	5
<b>d</b>	6	5	4	4	<b>3</b>	4	5
<b>a</b>	7	6	5	5	4	<b>3</b>	4
<b>y</b>	8	7	6	6	5	4	<b>3</b>