

14.2.2

Edit distance as alignment

An Example

Example 14.4.

$$\begin{array}{c} o \mid \mid c \mid u \mid r \mid r \mid a \mid n \mid c \mid e \mid \\ o \mid c \mid c \mid u \mid r \mid r \mid e \mid n \mid c \mid e \mid \end{array} \quad \text{Cost} = \delta + \alpha_{ae}$$

Alternative:

$$\begin{array}{c} o \mid \mid c \mid u \mid r \mid r \mid \mid a \mid n \mid c \mid e \mid \\ o \mid c \mid c \mid u \mid r \mid r \mid e \mid \mid n \mid c \mid e \mid \end{array} \quad \text{Cost} = 3\delta$$

Or a really stupid solution (delete string, insert other string):

$$o \mid c \mid u \mid r \mid r \mid a \mid n \mid c \mid e \mid \mid o \mid c \mid c \mid u \mid r \mid r \mid e \mid n \mid c \mid e \mid$$

$$\text{Cost} = 19\delta.$$

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Sequence Alignment

Input Given two words X and Y , and gap penalty δ and mismatch costs α_{pq}

Goal Find alignment of minimum cost

Sequence Alignment in Practice

- ① Typically the DNA sequences that are aligned are about 10^5 letters long!
- ② So about 10^{10} operations and 10^{10} bytes needed
- ③ The killer is the 10GB storage
- ④ Can we reduce space requirements?

THE END

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