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**URL** <<https://github.com/StrategicProjects/RapidFuzz>>

**Note** This package makes use of the 'RapidFuzz' source code created by Max Bachmann and Adam Cohen (<<https://github.com/rapidfuzz/rapidfuzz-cpp>>).

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damerau\_levenshtein\_distance  
*Damerau-Levenshtein Distance*

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### Description

Calculate the Damerau-Levenshtein distance between two strings.

Computes the Damerau-Levenshtein distance, which is an edit distance allowing transpositions in addition to substitutions, insertions, and deletions.

### Usage

```
damerau_levenshtein_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = NULL)
```

### Arguments

- s1 A string. The first input string.
- s2 A string. The second input string.
- score\_cutoff An optional maximum threshold for the distance. Defaults to the largest integer value in R (`.Machine$integer.max`).

### Value

The Damerau-Levenshtein distance as an integer.

### Examples

```
damerau_levenshtein_distance("abcdef", "abcfde")  
damerau_levenshtein_distance("abcdef", "abcfde", score_cutoff = 3)
```

damerau\_levenshtein\_normalized\_distance

*Normalized Damerau-Levenshtein Distance*

---

### Description

Calculate the normalized Damerau-Levenshtein distance between two strings.

Computes the normalized Damerau-Levenshtein distance, where the result is between 0.0 (identical) and 1.0 (completely different).

### Usage

```
damerau_levenshtein_normalized_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 1)
```

### Arguments

s1	A string. The first input string.
s2	A string. The second input string.
score_cutoff	An optional maximum threshold for the normalized distance. Defaults to 1.0.

### Value

The normalized Damerau-Levenshtein distance as a double.

### Examples

```
damerau_levenshtein_normalized_distance("abcdef", "abcfde")  
damerau_levenshtein_normalized_distance("abcdef", "abcfde", score_cutoff = 0.5)
```

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damerau\_levenshtein\_normalized\_similarity

*Normalized Damerau-Levenshtein Similarity*

---

### Description

Calculate the normalized Damerau-Levenshtein similarity between two strings.

Computes the normalized similarity based on the Damerau-Levenshtein metric, where the result is between 0.0 (completely different) and 1.0 (identical).

### Usage

```
damerau_levenshtein_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string. The first input string.
s2	A string. The second input string.
score_cutoff	An optional minimum threshold for the normalized similarity. Defaults to 0.0.

**Value**

The normalized Damerau-Levenshtein similarity as a double.

**Examples**

```
damerau_levenshtein_normalized_similarity("abcdef", "abcfde")  
damerau_levenshtein_normalized_similarity("abcdef", "abcfde", score_cutoff = 0.7)
```

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damerau\_levenshtein\_similarity  
*Damerau-Levenshtein Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculate the Damerau-Levenshtein similarity between two strings.

Computes the similarity based on the Damerau-Levenshtein metric, which considers transpositions in addition to substitutions, insertions, and deletions.

**Usage**

```
damerau_levenshtein_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0L)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string. The first input string.
s2	A string. The second input string.
score_cutoff	An optional minimum threshold for the similarity score. Defaults to 0.

**Value**

The Damerau-Levenshtein similarity as an integer.

**Examples**

```
damerau_levenshtein_similarity("abcdef", "abcfde")  
damerau_levenshtein_similarity("abcdef", "abcfde", score_cutoff = 3)
```

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editops\_apply\_str      *Apply Edit Operations to String*

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**Description**

Applies edit operations to transform a string.

**Usage**

```
editops_apply_str(editops, s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

editops	A data frame of edit operations (type, src_pos, dest_pos).
s1	The source string.
s2	The target string.

**Value**

The transformed string.

---

editops\_apply\_vec      *Apply Edit Operations to Vector*

---

**Description**

Applies edit operations to transform a string.

**Usage**

```
editops_apply_vec(editops, s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

editops	A data frame of edit operations (type, src_pos, dest_pos).
s1	The source string.
s2	The target string.

**Value**

A character vector representing the transformed string.

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extract_best_match	<i>Extract Best Match</i>
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**Description**

Compares a query string to all strings in a list of choices and returns the best match with a similarity score above the score\_cutoff.

**Usage**

```
extract_best_match(query, choices, score_cutoff = 50, processor = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

query	The query string to compare.
choices	A vector of strings to compare against the query.
score_cutoff	A numeric value specifying the minimum similarity score (default is 50.0).
processor	A boolean indicating whether to preprocess strings before comparison (default is TRUE).

**Value**

A list containing the best matching string and its similarity score.

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extract_matches	<i>Extract Matches with Scoring and Limit</i>
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**Description**

Compares a query string to a list of choices using the specified scorer and returns the top matches with a similarity score above the cutoff.

**Usage**

```
extract_matches(  
  query,  
  choices,  
  score_cutoff = 50,  
  limit = 3L,  
  processor = TRUE,  
  scorer = "WRatio"  
)
```

**Arguments**

query	The query string to compare.
choices	A vector of strings to compare against the query.
score_cutoff	A numeric value specifying the minimum similarity score (default is 50.0).
limit	The maximum number of matches to return (default is 3).
processor	A boolean indicating whether to preprocess strings before comparison (default is TRUE).
scorer	A string specifying the similarity scoring method ("WRatio", "Ratio", "Partial-Ratio", etc.).

**Value**

A data frame containing the top matched strings and their similarity scores.

---

extract\_similar\_strings  
*Extract Matches*

---

**Description**

Compares a query string to all strings in a list of choices and returns all elements with a similarity score above the score\_cutoff.

**Usage**

```
extract_similar_strings(query, choices, score_cutoff = 50, processor = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

query	The query string to compare.
choices	A vector of strings to compare against the query.
score_cutoff	A numeric value specifying the minimum similarity score (default is 50.0).
processor	A boolean indicating whether to preprocess strings before comparison (default is TRUE).

**Value**

A data frame containing matched strings and their similarity scores.



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fuzz\_partial\_ratio      *Partial Ratio Calculation*

---

**Description**

Calculates a partial ratio between two strings, which ignores long mismatching substrings.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_partial_ratio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	First string.
s2	Second string.
score_cutoff	Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the partial ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_partial_ratio("this is a test", "this is a test!")
```

---

fuzz\_QRatio      *Quick Ratio Calculation*

---

**Description**

Calculates a quick ratio using fuzz ratio.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_QRatio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	First string.
s2	Second string.
score_cutoff	Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the quick ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_QRatio("this is a test", "this is a test!")
```

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fuzz_ratio	<i>Simple Ratio Calculation</i>
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**Description**

Calculates a simple ratio between two strings.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_ratio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	First string.
s2	Second string.
score_cutoff	Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_ratio("this is a test", "this is a test!")
```

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fuzz_token_ratio	<i>Combined Token Ratio</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the maximum ratio of token set ratio and token sort ratio.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_token_ratio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	First string.
s2	Second string.
score_cutoff	Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the combined token ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_token_ratio("fuzzy wuzzy was a bear", "wuzzy fuzzy was a bear")
```

---

fuzz\_token\_set\_ratio *Token Set Ratio Calculation*

---

**Description**

Compares the unique and common words in the strings and calculates the ratio.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_token_set_ratio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	First string.
s2	Second string.
score_cutoff	Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the token set ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_token_set_ratio("fuzzy wuzzy was a bear", "fuzzy fuzzy was a bear")
```

---

fuzz\_token\_sort\_ratio *Token Sort Ratio Calculation*

---

**Description**

Sorts the words in the strings and calculates the ratio between them.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_token_sort_ratio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1            First string.  
s2            Second string.  
score\_cutoff   Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the token sort ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_token_sort_ratio("fuzzy wuzzy was a bear", "wuzzy fuzzy was a bear")
```

---

fuzz\_WRatio            *Weighted Ratio Calculation*

---

**Description**

Calculates a weighted ratio based on other ratio algorithms.

**Usage**

```
fuzz_WRatio(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1            First string.  
s2            Second string.  
score\_cutoff   Optional score cutoff threshold (default: 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the weighted ratio between the two strings.

**Examples**

```
fuzz_WRatio("this is a test", "this is a test!")
```

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`get_editops`*Get Edit Operations*

---

**Description**

Generates edit operations between two strings.

**Usage**

```
get_editops(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

<code>s1</code>	The source string.
<code>s2</code>	The target string.

**Value**

A DataFrame with edit operations.

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`hamming_distance`*Hamming Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the Hamming distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
hamming_distance(s1, s2, pad = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>s1</code>	The first string.
<code>s2</code>	The second string.
<code>pad</code>	If true, the strings are padded to the same length (default: TRUE).

**Value**

An integer representing the Hamming distance.

**Examples**

```
hamming_distance("karolin", "kathrin")
```

hamming\_normalized\_distance

*Normalized Hamming Distance*

---

### **Description**

Calculates the normalized Hamming distance between two strings.

### **Usage**

```
hamming_normalized_distance(s1, s2, pad = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.
pad	If true, the strings are padded to the same length (default: TRUE).

### **Value**

A value between 0 and 1 representing the normalized distance.

### **Examples**

```
hamming_normalized_distance("karolin", "kathrin")
```

---

hamming\_normalized\_similarity

*Normalized Hamming Similarity*

---

### **Description**

Calculates the normalized Hamming similarity between two strings.

### **Usage**

```
hamming_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, pad = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.
pad	If true, the strings are padded to the same length (default: TRUE).

**Value**

A value between 0 and 1 representing the normalized similarity.

**Examples**

```
hamming_normalized_similarity("karolin", "kathrin")
```

---

hamming\_similarity      *Hamming Similarity*

---

**Description**

Measures the similarity between two strings using the Hamming metric.

**Usage**

```
hamming_similarity(s1, s2, pad = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- s1                    The first string.
- s2                    The second string.
- pad                    If true, the strings are padded to the same length (default: TRUE).

**Value**

An integer representing the similarity.

**Examples**

```
hamming_similarity("karolin", "kathrin")
```

---

indel\_distance      *Indel Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the insertion/deletion (Indel) distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
indel_distance(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1            The first string.  
s2            The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Indel distance.

**Examples**

```
indel_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

indel\_normalized\_distance  
*Normalized Indel Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized insertion/deletion (Indel) distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
indel_normalized_distance(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1            The first string.  
s2            The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value between 0 and 1 representing the normalized Indel distance.

**Examples**

```
indel_normalized_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```



---

indel\_normalized\_similarity  
*Normalized Indel Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized insertion/deletion (Indel) similarity between two strings.

**Usage**

```
indel_normalized_similarity(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value between 0 and 1 representing the normalized Indel similarity.

**Examples**

```
indel_normalized_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

indel\_similarity      *Indel Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the insertion/deletion (Indel) similarity between two strings.

**Usage**

```
indel_similarity(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Indel similarity.

**Examples**

```
indel_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

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jaro_distance	<i>Jaro Distance</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the Jaro distance between two strings, a value between 0 and 1.

**Usage**

```
jaro_distance(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Jaro distance.

**Examples**

```
jaro_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

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jaro_normalized_distance	<i>Normalized Jaro Distance</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the normalized Jaro distance between two strings, a value between 0 and 1.

**Usage**

```
jaro_normalized_distance(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized Jaro distance.

**Examples**

```
jaro_normalized_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

jaro\_normalized\_similarity  
*Normalized Jaro Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized Jaro similarity between two strings, a value between 0 and 1.

**Usage**

```
jaro_normalized_similarity(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized Jaro similarity.

**Examples**

```
jaro_normalized_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

jaro\_similarity      *Jaro Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the Jaro similarity between two strings, a value between 0 and 1.

**Usage**

```
jaro_similarity(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Jaro similarity.

**Examples**

```
jaro_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

jaro\_winkler\_distance *Jaro-Winkler Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the Jaro-Winkler distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
jaro_winkler_distance(s1, s2, prefix_weight = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

s1                    The first string.  
s2                    The second string.  
prefix\_weight        The weight applied to the prefix (default: 0.1).

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Jaro-Winkler distance.

**Examples**

```
jaro_winkler_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

jaro\_winkler\_normalized\_distance  
*Normalized Jaro-Winkler Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized Jaro-Winkler distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
jaro_winkler_normalized_distance(s1, s2, prefix_weight = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

s1                    The first string.  
s2                    The second string.  
prefix\_weight        The weight applied to the prefix (default: 0.1).

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized Jaro-Winkler distance.

**Examples**

```
jaro_winkler_normalized_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

```
jaro_winkler_normalized_similarity
```

*Similaridade Normalizada Jaro-Winkler*

---

**Description**

Calcula a similaridade normalizada Jaro-Winkler entre duas strings.

**Usage**

```
jaro_winkler_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, prefix_weight = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

s1	Primeira string.
s2	Segunda string.
prefix_weight	Peso do prefixo (valor padrão: 0.1).

**Value**

Um valor numérico representando a similaridade normalizada Jaro-Winkler.

**Examples**

```
jaro_winkler_normalized_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

```
jaro_winkler_similarity
```

*Jaro-Winkler Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the Jaro-Winkler similarity between two strings.

**Usage**

```
jaro_winkler_similarity(s1, s2, prefix_weight = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.
prefix_weight	The weight applied to the prefix (default: 0.1).

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Jaro-Winkler similarity.

**Examples**

```
jaro_winkler_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

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lcs_seq_distance	<i>LCSseq Distance</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the LCSseq (Longest Common Subsequence) distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
lcs_seq_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.
score_cutoff	Score threshold to stop calculation. Default is the maximum possible value.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the LCSseq distance.

**Examples**

```
lcs_seq_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

lcs_seq_editops	<i>LCSseq Edit Operations</i>
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---

**Description**

Calculates the edit operations required to transform one string into another.

**Usage**

```
lcs_seq_editops(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1            The first string.  
s2            The second string.

**Value**

A data.frame containing the edit operations (substitutions, insertions, and deletions).

**Examples**

```
lcs_seq_editops("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

lcs\_seq\_normalized\_distance  
*Normalized LCSseq Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized LCSseq distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
lcs_seq_normalized_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 1)
```

**Arguments**

s1            The first string.  
s2            The second string.  
score\_cutoff    Score threshold to stop calculation. Default is 1.0.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized LCSseq distance.

**Examples**

```
lcs_seq_normalized_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

lcs\_seq\_normalized\_similarity  
*Normalized LCSseq Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized LCSseq similarity between two strings.

**Usage**

```
lcs_seq_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1                    The first string.  
s2                    The second string.  
score\_cutoff        Score threshold to stop calculation. Default is 0.0.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized LCSseq similarity.

**Examples**

```
lcs_seq_normalized_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

lcs\_seq\_similarity    *LCSseq Similarity*

---

**Description**

Calculates the LCSseq similarity between two strings.

**Usage**

```
lcs_seq_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0L)
```

**Arguments**

s1                    The first string.  
s2                    The second string.  
score\_cutoff        Score threshold to stop calculation. Default is 0.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the LCSseq similarity.



**Examples**

```
lcs_seq_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

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```
levenshtein_distance
```

*Levenshtein Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates the Levenshtein distance between two strings, which represents the minimum number of insertions, deletions, and substitutions required to transform one string into the other.

**Usage**

```
levenshtein_distance(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Levenshtein distance.

**Examples**

```
levenshtein_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

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```
levenshtein_normalized_distance
```

*Normalized Levenshtein Distance*

---

**Description**

The normalized Levenshtein distance is the Levenshtein distance divided by the maximum length of the compared strings, returning a value between 0 and 1.

**Usage**

```
levenshtein_normalized_distance(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized Levenshtein distance.

**Examples**

```
levenshtein_normalized_distance("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

```
levenshtein_normalized_similarity
```

*Normalized Levenshtein Similarity*

---

**Description**

The normalized Levenshtein similarity returns a value between 0 and 1, indicating how similar the compared strings are.

**Usage**

```
levenshtein_normalized_similarity(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

s1	The first string.
s2	The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the normalized Levenshtein similarity.

**Examples**

```
levenshtein_normalized_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

```
levenshtein_similarity
```

*Levenshtein Similarity*

---

**Description**

Levenshtein similarity measures how similar two strings are, based on the minimum number of operations required to make them identical.

**Usage**

```
levenshtein_similarity(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

- `s1`            The first string.
- `s2`            The second string.

**Value**

A numeric value representing the Levenshtein similarity.

**Examples**

```
levenshtein_similarity("kitten", "sitting")
```

---

`opcodes_apply_str`      *Apply Opcodes to String*

---

**Description**

Applies opcodes to transform a string.

**Usage**

```
opcodes_apply_str(opcodes, s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

- `opcodes`        A data frame of opcode transformations (type, src\_begin, src\_end, dest\_begin, dest\_end).
- `s1`            The source string.
- `s2`            The target string.

**Value**

The transformed string.

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opcodes_apply_vec	<i>Apply Opcodes to Vector</i>
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**Description**

Applies opcodes to transform a string.

**Usage**

```
opcodes_apply_vec(opcodes, s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

opcodes	A data frame of opcode transformations (type, src_begin, src_end, dest_begin, dest_end).
s1	The source string.
s2	The target string.

**Value**

A character vector representing the transformed string.

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osa_distance	<i>Distance Using OSA</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the OSA distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
osa_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the distance score (default is the maximum possible size_t value).

**Value**

An integer representing the OSA distance.

**Examples**

```
osa_distance("string1", "string2")
```

---

`osa_editops`*Edit Operations Using OSA*

---

**Description**

Provides the edit operations required to transform one string into another using the OSA algorithm.

**Usage**

```
osa_editops(s1, s2)
```

**Arguments**

<code>s1</code>	A string to transform.
<code>s2</code>	A target string.

**Value**

A data frame with the following columns:

**operation** The type of operation (delete, insert, replace).

**source\_position** The position in the source string.

**destination\_position** The position in the target string.

**Examples**

```
osa_editops("string1", "string2")
```

---

`osa_normalized_distance`*Normalized Distance Using OSA*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized OSA distance between two strings.

**Usage**

```
osa_normalized_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>s1</code>	A string to compare.
<code>s2</code>	Another string to compare.
<code>score_cutoff</code>	A threshold for the normalized distance score (default is 1.0).

**Value**

A double representing the normalized distance score.

**Examples**

```
osa_normalized_distance("string1", "string2")
```

---

osa\_normalized\_similarity

*Normalized Similarity Using OSA*

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized similarity between two strings using the Optimal String Alignment (OSA) algorithm.

**Usage**

```
osa_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the normalized similarity score (default is 0.0).

**Value**

A double representing the normalized similarity score.

**Examples**

```
osa_normalized_similarity("string1", "string2")
```

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osa_similarity	<i>Similarity Using OSA</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the OSA similarity between two strings.

**Usage**

```
osa_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0L)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the similarity score (default is 0).

**Value**

An integer representing the OSA similarity.

**Examples**

```
osa_similarity("string1", "string2")
```

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postfix_distance	<i>Postfix Distance</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the distance between the postfixes of two strings.

**Usage**

```
postfix_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the distance score (default is the maximum possible size_t value).

**Value**

An integer representing the postfix distance.

**Examples**

```
postfix_distance("string1", "string2")
```

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```
postfix_normalized_distance  
Normalized Postfix Distance
```

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized distance between the postfixes of two strings.

**Usage**

```
postfix_normalized_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 1)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the normalized distance score (default is 1.0).

**Value**

A double representing the normalized postfix distance.

**Examples**

```
postfix_normalized_distance("string1", "string2")
```

---

```
postfix_normalized_similarity  
Normalized Postfix Similarity
```

---

**Description**

Calculates the normalized similarity between the postfixes of two strings.

**Usage**

```
postfix_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the normalized similarity score (default is 0.0).



**Value**

A double representing the normalized postfix similarity.

**Examples**

```
postfix_normalized_similarity("string1", "string2")
```

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postfix_similarity	<i>Postfix Similarity</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the similarity between the postfixes of two strings.

**Usage**

```
postfix_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0L)
```

**Arguments**

s1	A string to compare.
s2	Another string to compare.
score_cutoff	A threshold for the similarity score (default is 0).

**Value**

An integer representing the postfix similarity.

**Examples**

```
postfix_similarity("string1", "string2")
```

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prefix_distance	<i>Calculate the prefix distance between two strings</i>
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**Description**

Computes the prefix distance, which measures the number of character edits required to convert one prefix into another. This includes insertions, deletions, and substitutions.

**Usage**

```
prefix_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>s1</code>	A string. The first input string.
<code>s2</code>	A string. The second input string.
<code>score_cutoff</code>	An optional maximum threshold for the distance. Defaults to the largest integer value in R ( <code>.Machine\$integer.max</code> ).

**Value**

The prefix distance as an integer.

**Examples**

```
prefix_distance("abcdef", "abcxyz")
prefix_distance("abcdef", "abcxyz", score_cutoff = 3)
```

---

`prefix_normalized_distance`

*Calculate the normalized prefix distance between two strings*

---

**Description**

Computes the normalized distance of the prefixes of two strings, where the result is between 0.0 (identical) and 1.0 (completely different).

**Usage**

```
prefix_normalized_distance(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>s1</code>	A string. The first input string.
<code>s2</code>	A string. The second input string.
<code>score_cutoff</code>	An optional maximum threshold for the normalized distance. Defaults to 1.0.

**Value**

The normalized prefix distance as a double.

**Examples**

```
prefix_normalized_distance("abcdef", "abcxyz")
prefix_normalized_distance("abcdef", "abcxyz", score_cutoff = 0.5)
```

---

`prefix_normalized_similarity`*Calculate the normalized prefix similarity between two strings*

---

**Description**

Computes the normalized similarity of the prefixes of two strings, where the result is between 0.0 (completely different) and 1.0 (identical).

**Usage**

```
prefix_normalized_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

`s1`                    A string. The first input string.  
`s2`                    A string. The second input string.  
`score_cutoff`        An optional minimum threshold for the normalized similarity. Defaults to 0.0.

**Value**

The normalized prefix similarity as a double.

**Examples**

```
prefix_normalized_similarity("abcdef", "abcxyz")  
prefix_normalized_similarity("abcdef", "abcxyz", score_cutoff = 0.7)
```

---

`prefix_similarity`*Calculate the prefix similarity between two strings*

---

**Description**

Computes the similarity of the prefixes of two strings based on their number of matching characters.

**Usage**

```
prefix_similarity(s1, s2, score_cutoff = 0L)
```

**Arguments**

`s1`                    A string. The first input string.  
`s2`                    A string. The second input string.  
`score_cutoff`        An optional minimum threshold for the similarity score. Defaults to 0.

**Value**

The prefix similarity as an integer.

**Examples**

```
prefix_similarity("abcdef", "abcxyz")
prefix_similarity("abcdef", "abcxyz", score_cutoff = 3)
```

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processString

*Process a String*

---

**Description**

Processes a given input string by applying optional trimming, case conversion, and ASCII transliteration.

**Usage**

```
processString(input, processor = TRUE, asciify = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

input	A <code>std::string</code> representing the input string to be processed.
processor	A <code>bool</code> indicating whether to trim whitespace and convert the string to lowercase. Default is <code>true</code> .
asciify	A <code>bool</code> indicating whether to transliterate non-ASCII characters to their closest ASCII equivalents. Default is <code>false</code> .

**Details**

The function applies the following transformations to the input string, in this order:

- **Trimming (if processor = TRUE):** Removes leading and trailing whitespace.
- **Lowercasing (if processor = TRUE):** Converts all characters to lowercase.
- **ASCII Transliteration (if asciify = TRUE):** Replaces accented or special characters with their closest ASCII equivalents.

**Value**

A `std::string` representing the processed string.

**Examples**

```
# Example usage
processString(" Êxâmp!e! ", processor = TRUE, asciify = TRUE)
# Returns: "example!"

processString(" Êxâmp!e! ", processor = TRUE, asciify = FALSE)
# Returns: "êxâmp!e!"

processString(" Êxâmp!e! ", processor = FALSE, asciify = TRUE)
# Returns: "Êxâmp!e!"

processString(" Êxâmp!e! ", processor = FALSE, asciify = FALSE)
# Returns: " Êxâmp!e! "
```

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