

72. Edit Distance

Difficulty : Medium

<https://leetcode.com/problems/edit-distance>

Given two strings word1 and word2, return *the minimum number of operations required to convert word1 to word2*.

You have the following three operations permitted on a word:

- Insert a character
- Delete a character
- Replace a character

Example 1:

Input: word1 = "horse", word2 = "ros"

Output: 3

Explanation:

horse -> rorse (replace 'h' with 'r')

rorse -> rose (remove 'r')

rose -> ros (remove 'e')

Example 2:

Input: word1 = "intention", word2 = "execution"

Output: 5

Explanation:

intention -> inention (remove 't')

inention -> enention (replace 'i' with 'e')

enention -> exention (replace 'n' with 'x')

exention -> exection (replace 'n' with 'c')

exection -> execution (insert 'u')

Constraints:

- $0 \leq \text{word1.length}, \text{word2.length} \leq 500$
- word1 and word2 consist of lowercase English letters.