

## JUMANJI - The snake and ladder version

To tackle this problem you need to have some knowledge on simple graph theory concepts like [vertices](#) and [edges](#) . Here we need to map the problem into a [directed graph](#) . First you need to create the graph and the board. To create the board you can use a vector or an array of size n according to the given end index. When there is a snake as in the problem statement you are going to a lower index that means there must be an edge starting from snakes mouth to its tail .

(snake mouth) ---→ (snake tail) . And when there is a ladder there must be an edge starting from ladder bottom to top. (bottom of the ladder) → (top of the ladder).

As I mentioned above we need to map all the indexes to a directed graph accordingly skipping cursed indexes.

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int min_jumps(int n, vector<pair<int, int> > Ladders, vector<pair<int, int> > Snakes, vector<int> broken, int
maxVal)
{
    vector<int> board(n + 1, 0);
    vector<int> cursedIndexes(n + 1, 0);
    for (int i = 0; i < broken.size(); i++)
    {
        cursedIndexes[broken[i]] = 1;
    }
    // board to graph conversion
    for (auto sp : Snakes)
    {
        int s = sp.first;
        int e = sp.second;
        if (!(cursedIndexes[s]) && !(cursedIndexes[e-s]))
            // if !(cursedIndexes[s])
            board[s] = e-s;
    }

    for (auto lp : Ladders)
    {
        int s = lp.first;
        int e = lp.second;
        if (!(cursedIndexes[s]) && !(cursedIndexes[e+s]))
            // if !(cursedIndexes[s])
            board[s] = e-s;
    }

    // Graph
    Graph g(n + 1);
    for (int u = 1; u < n; u++)
    {
        for (int jmp = 1; jmp <= maxVal; jmp++)
        {
            int v = u + jmp;
            v += board[v];
            if (v <= n && !(cursedIndexes[v]))
            {
                g.addEdge(u, v);
            }
        }
    }
}
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    }  
  }  
}  
return g.minCostBFS(1, n);  
}
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And once you have mapped the snake and ladders board to a graph you just have to call a shortest path algorithm like [bfs](#) or [dijkstra's algorithm](#) .