

# Dynamic programming

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- The greedy algorithm doesn't provide us with the optimal answer
- How we can modify the algorithm to fix it?

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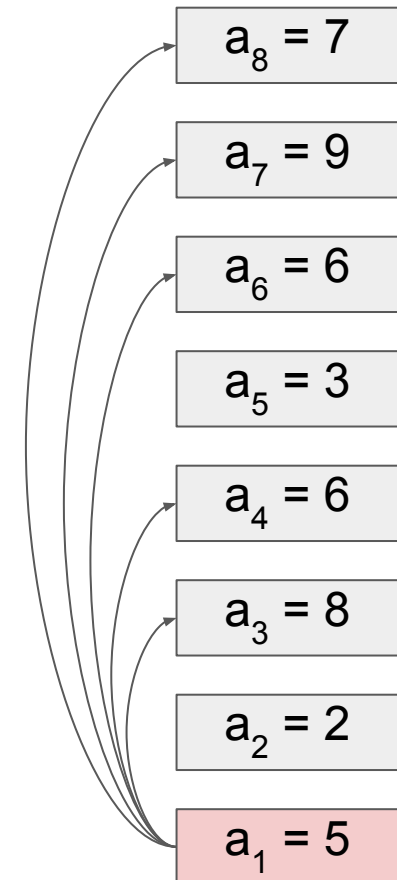
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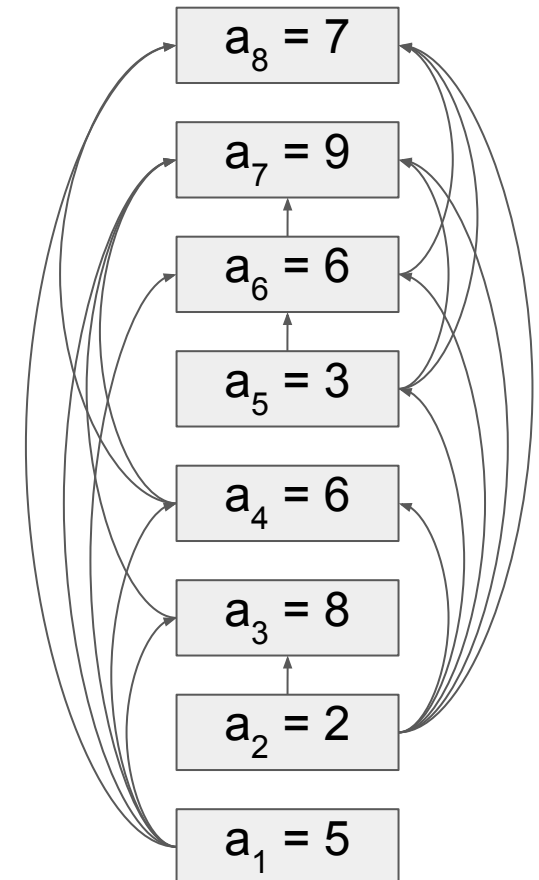
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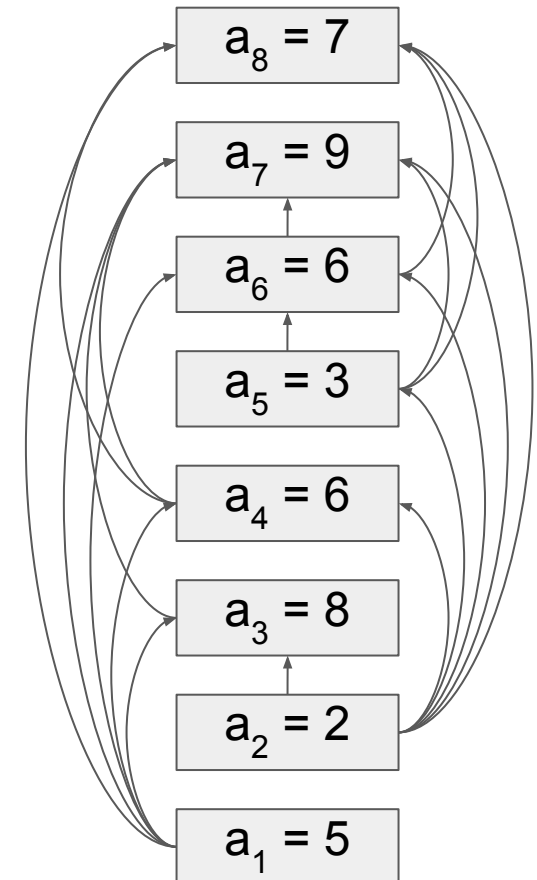




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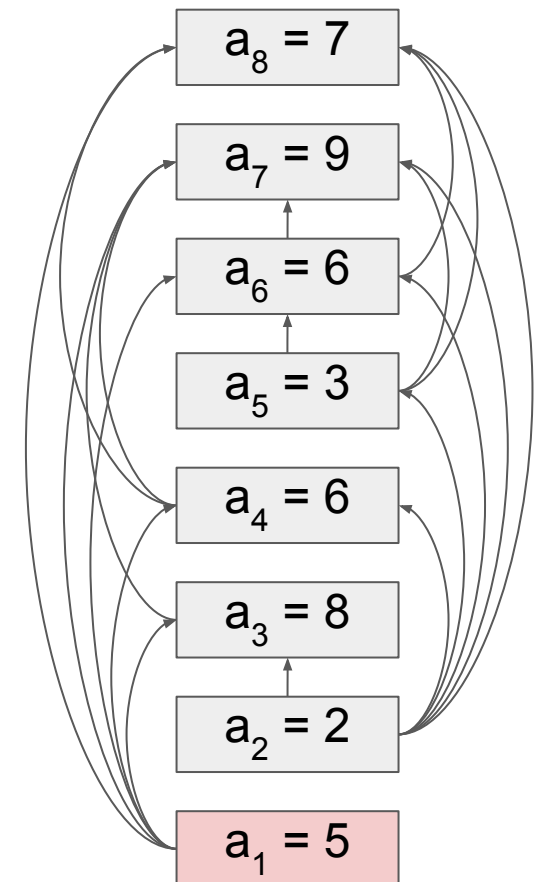
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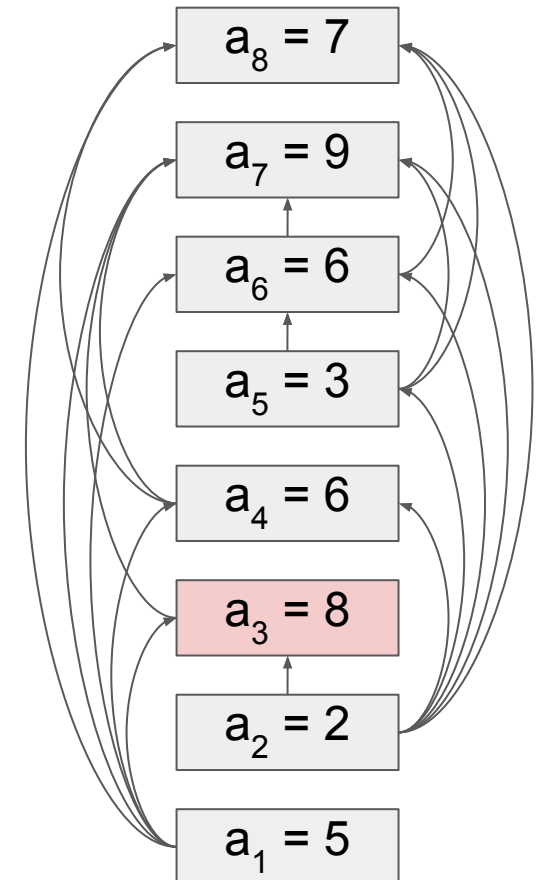
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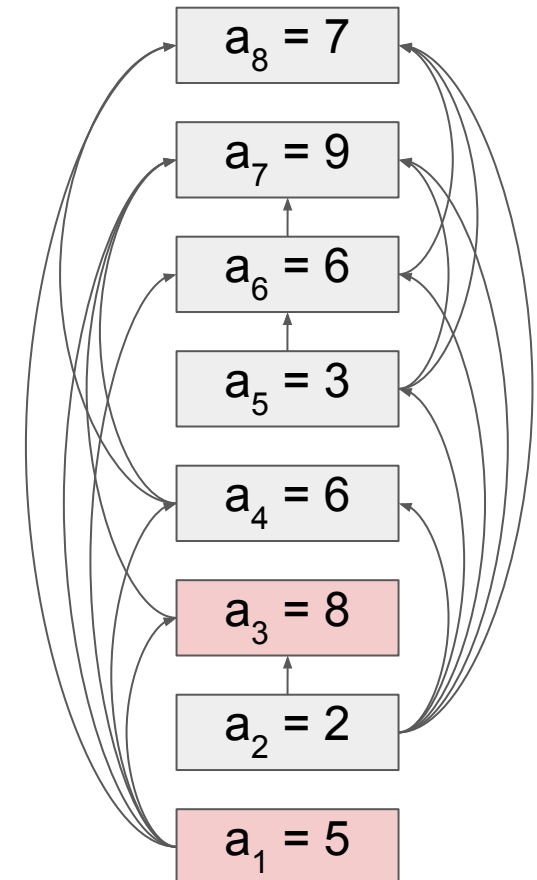
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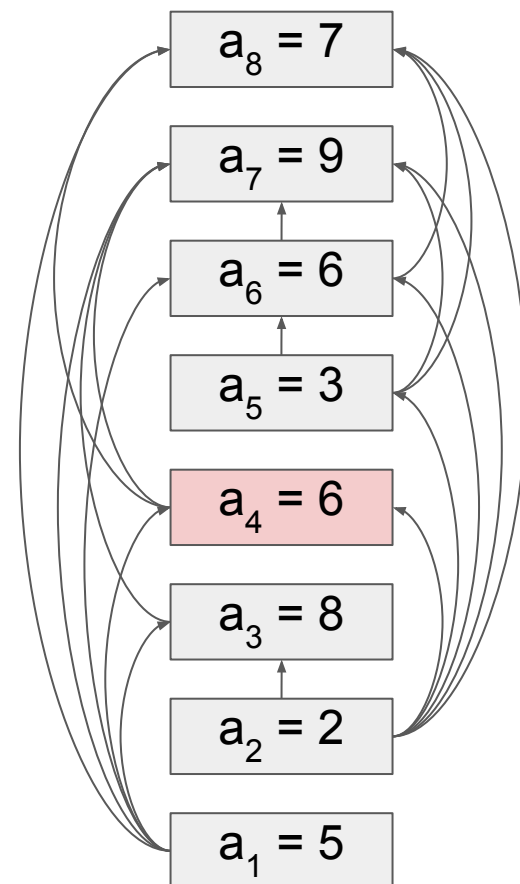
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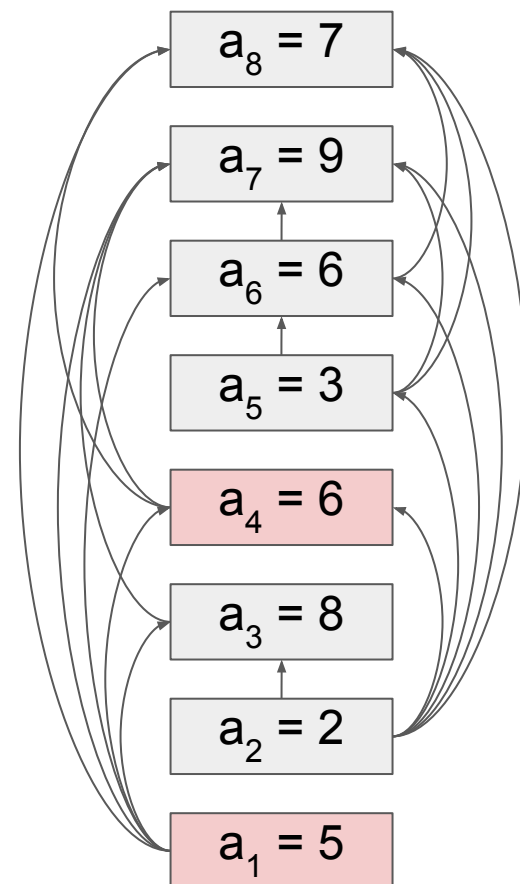
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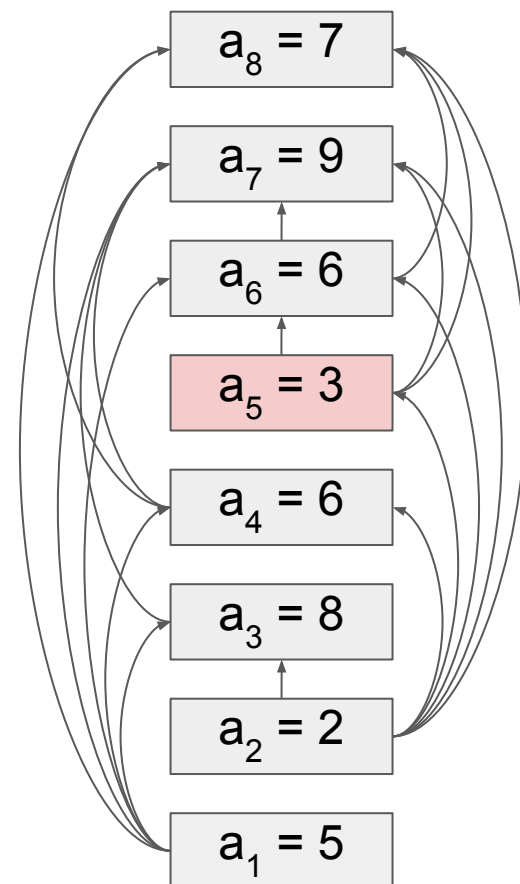
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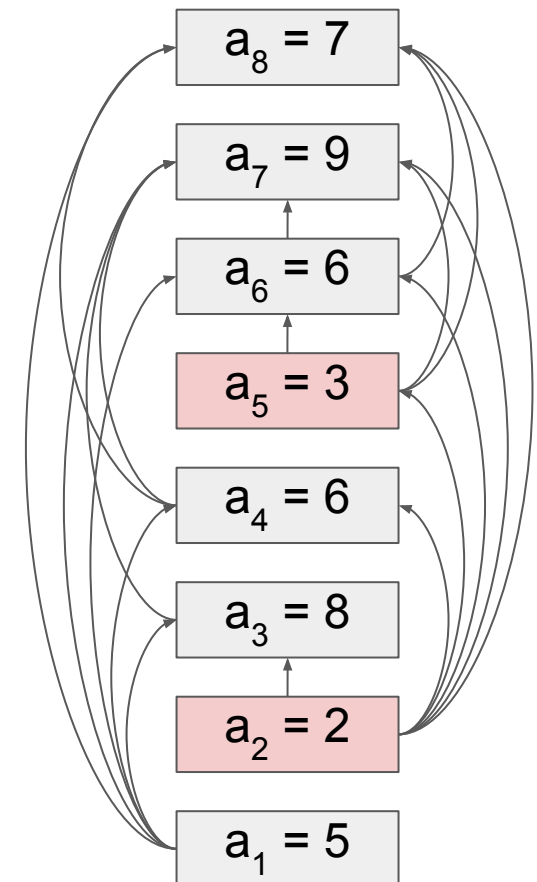
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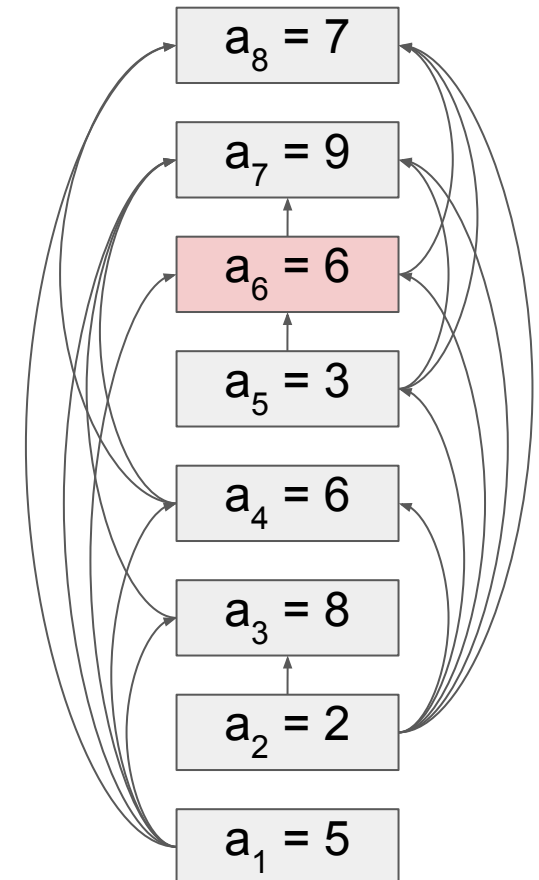




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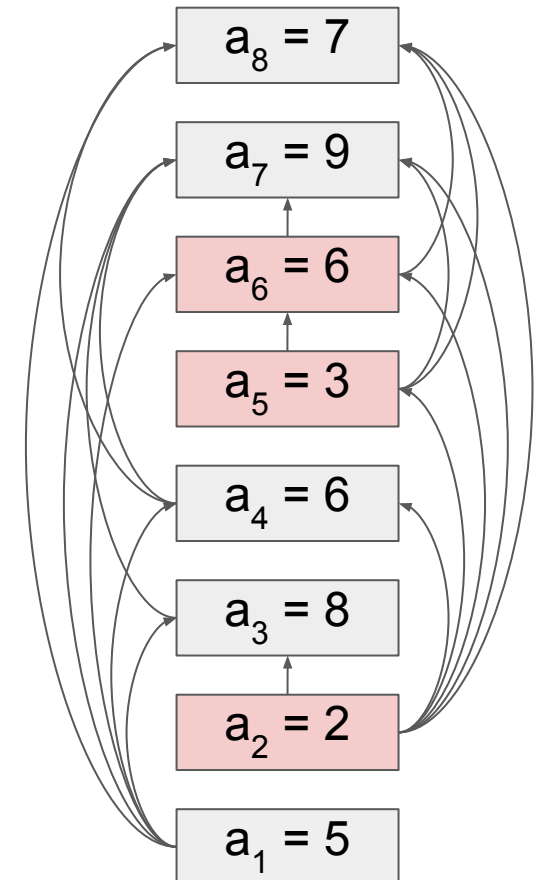
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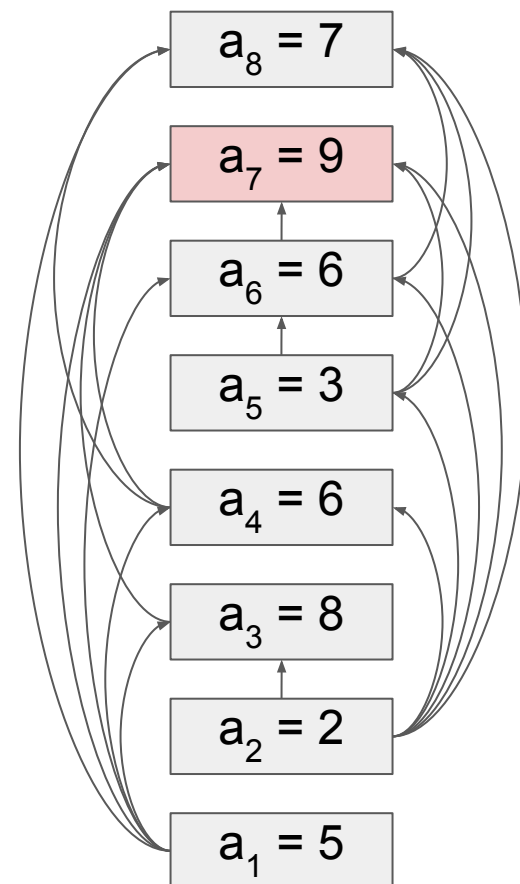


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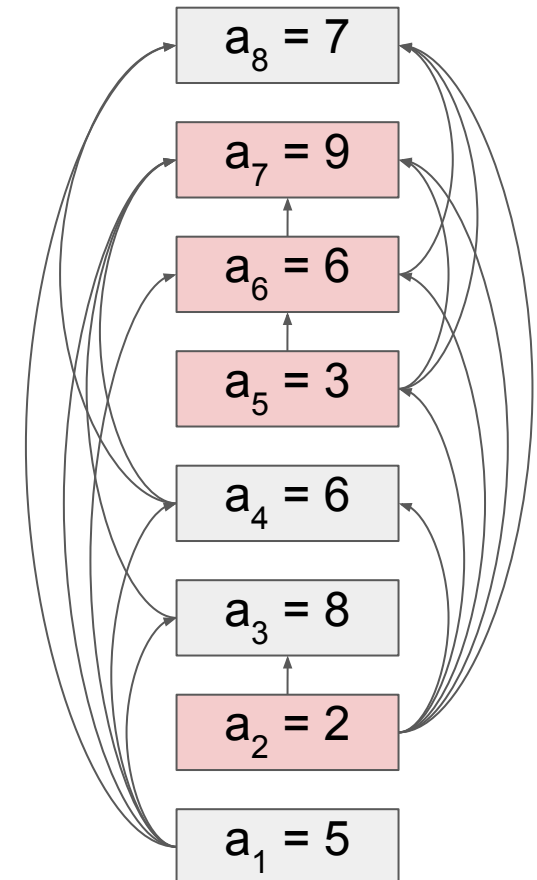
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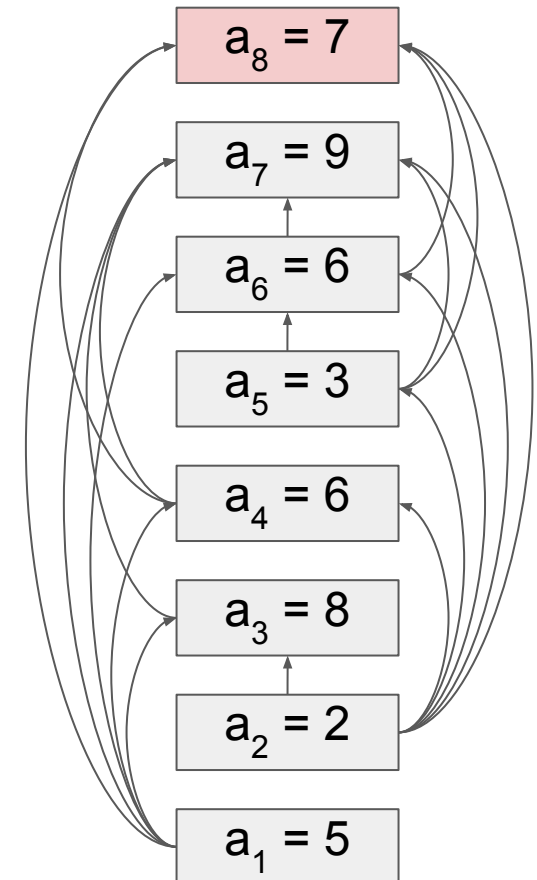


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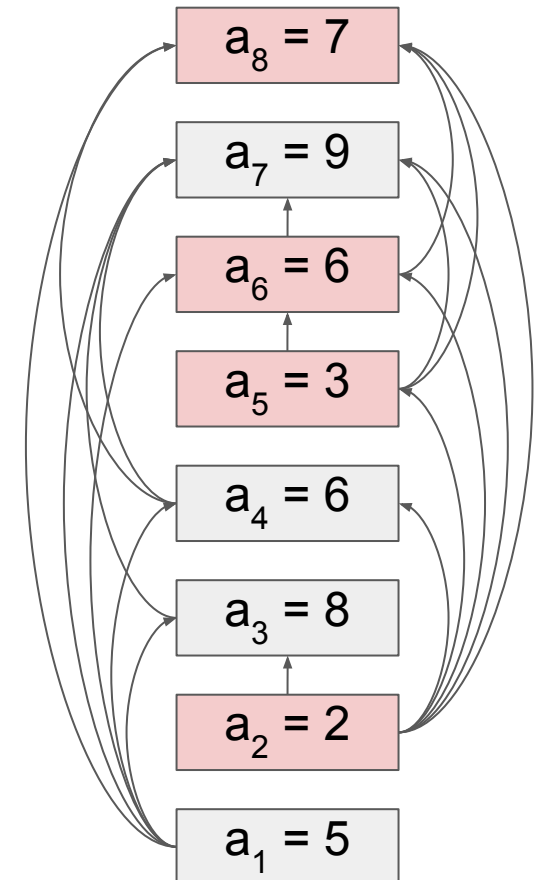


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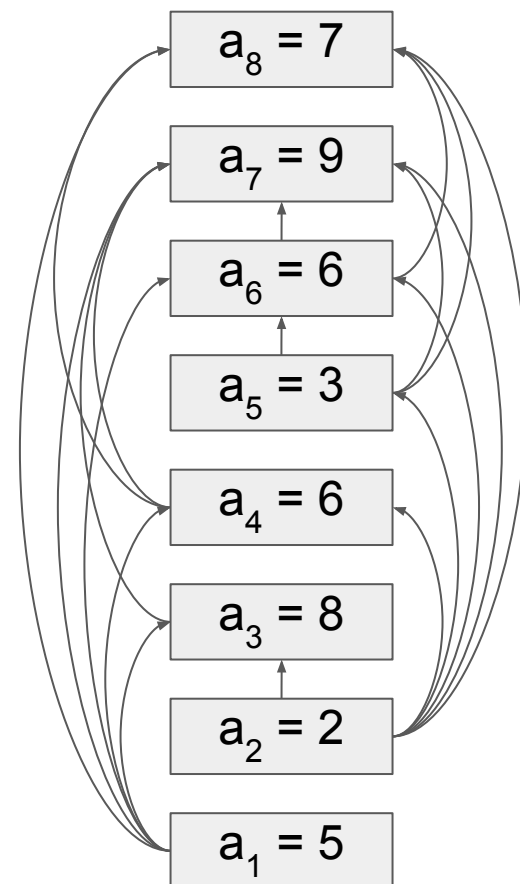


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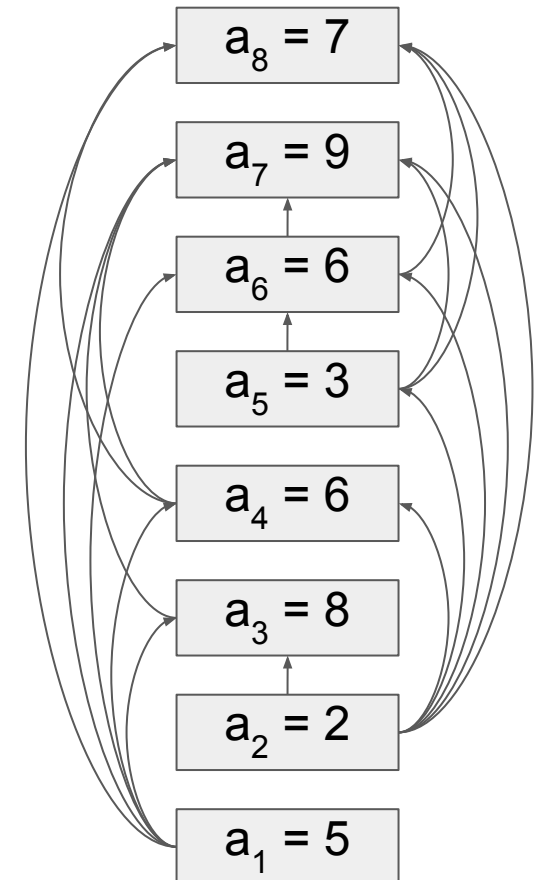
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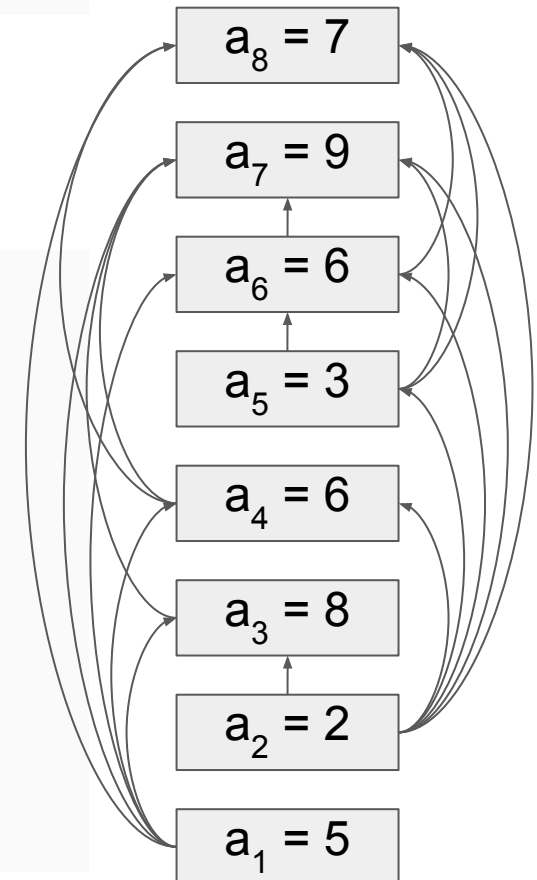
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a[pointer] = 2
lic = [2, 3, 6, 7]
prev[pointer] = '.'
stop
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e.g.  $L(j) = 1 + \max\{L(i) : a_i < a_j\}$

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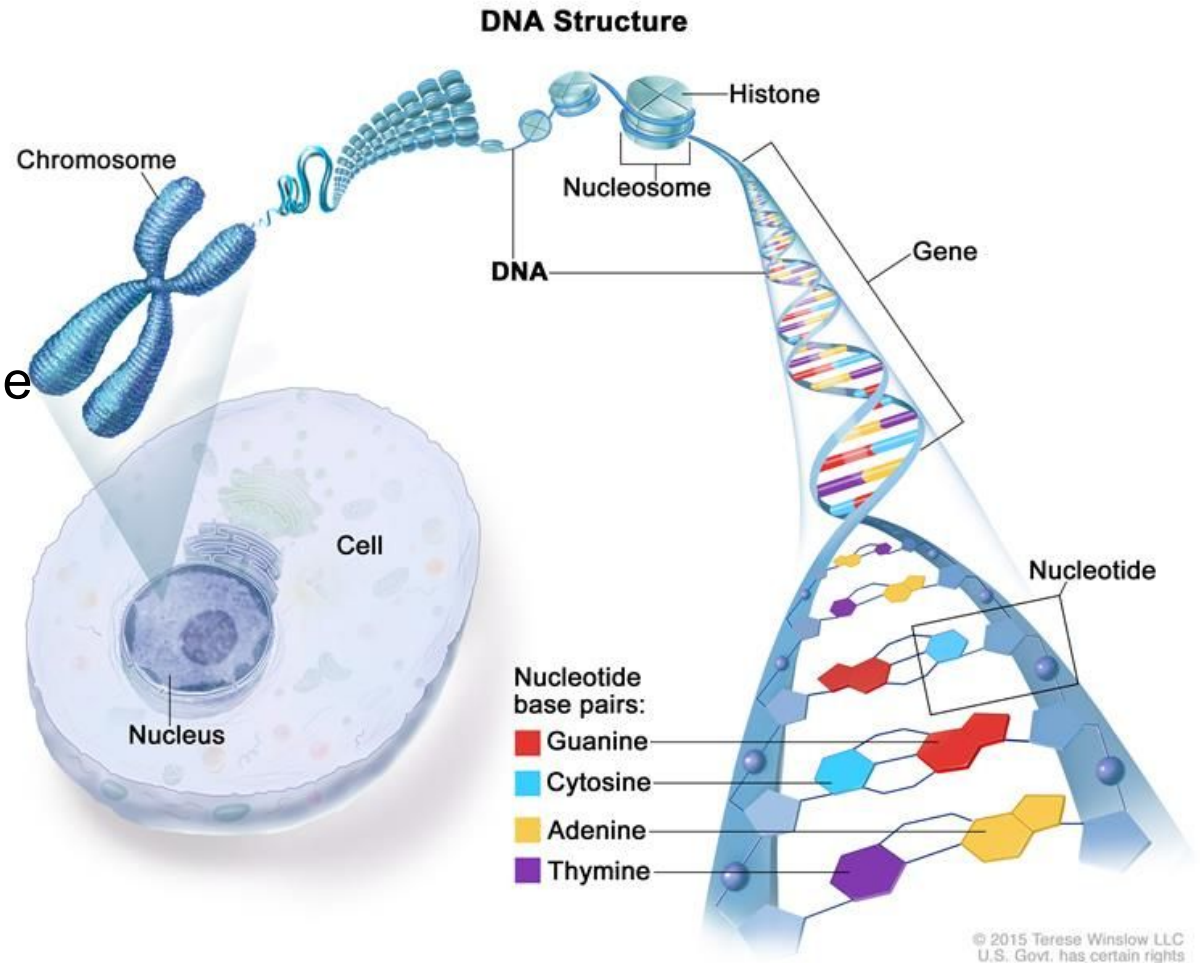
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What are applications of edit distance?

# DNA alphabet

Genetic information written in a DNA molecule is encoded via four chemical compounds:






- Adenine (A)
- Cytosine (C)
- Guanine (G)
- Thymine (T)

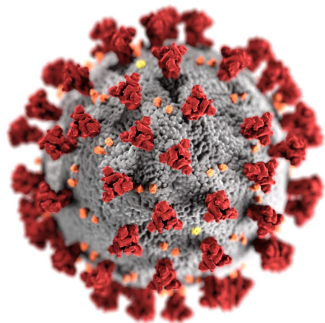


A DNA molecule can be viewed as a string (**DNA sequence**) over an alphabet consisting of four symbols: {A, C, G, T}

Genome = DNA molecules of a given species

# Examples of DNA sequence lengths

Species	<i>T2 phage</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	<i>Paris japonica</i>
Genome Size	170,000 bp	4.6 million bp	130 million bp	3.2 billion bp	150 billion bp
Common Name	 Virus	 Bacteria	 Fruit fly	 Human	 Canopy Plant



SARS-CoV-2:  
30,000

Mammalian  
genomes are  
~2-3 billion  
nucleotide long





# Amino acid alphabet

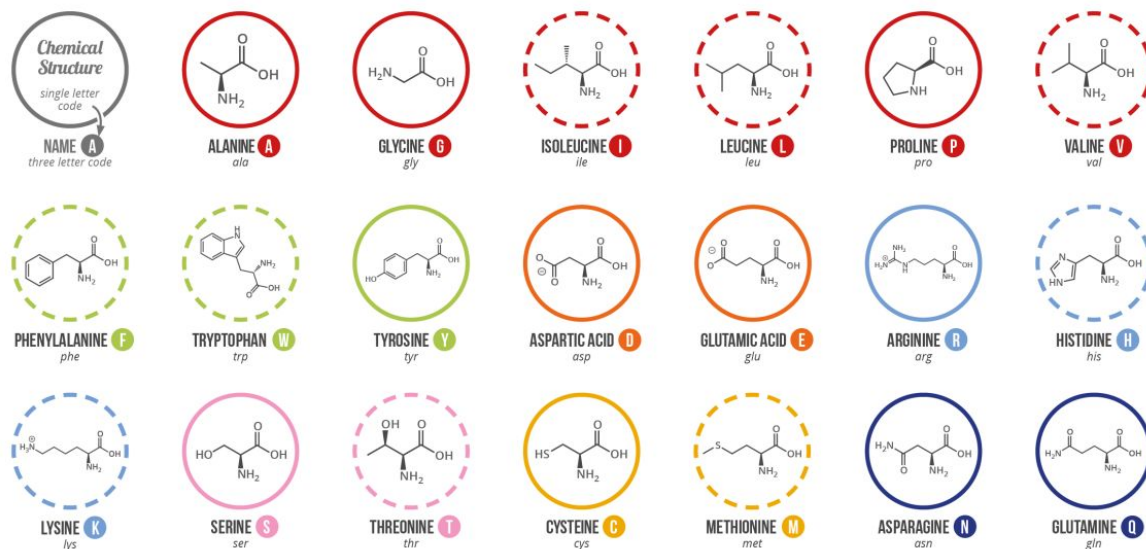
Proteins consist of 20 chemical compounds (amino acids)

Proteins can be written as strings over an alphabet consisting of 20 letters shown on the right

## A GUIDE TO THE TWENTY COMMON AMINO ACIDS

AMINO ACIDS ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF PROTEINS IN LIVING ORGANISMS. THERE ARE OVER 500 AMINO ACIDS FOUND IN NATURE - HOWEVER, THE HUMAN GENETIC CODE ONLY DIRECTLY ENCODES 20. 'ESSENTIAL' AMINO ACIDS MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIET, WHILST NON-ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS CAN BE SYNTHESISED IN THE BODY.

**Chart Key:** ● ALIPHATIC ● AROMATIC ● ACIDIC ● BASIC ● HYDROXYLIC ● SULFUR-CONTAINING ● AMIDIC ○ NON-ESSENTIAL ○ ESSENTIAL



**Note:** This chart only shows those amino acids for which the human genetic code directly codes for. Selenocysteine is often referred to as the 21st amino acid, but is encoded in a special manner. In some cases, distinguishing between asparagine/aspartic acid and glutamine/glutamic acid is difficult. In these cases, the codes asx (B) and glx (Z) are respectively used.

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