

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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- (a_i, a_j) if $i < j$ and $a_i < a_j$

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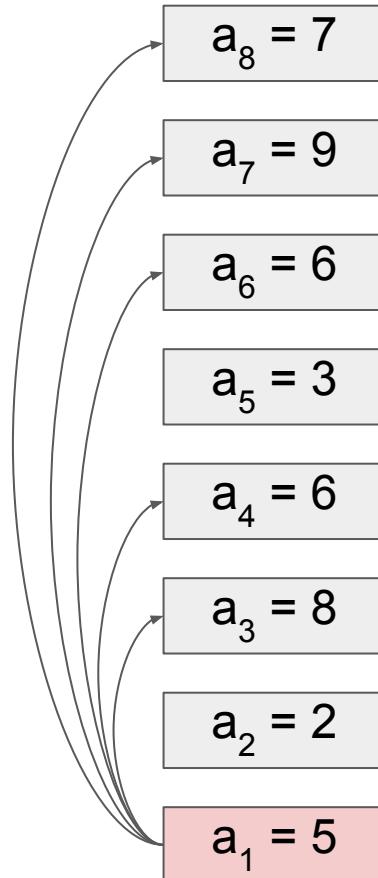
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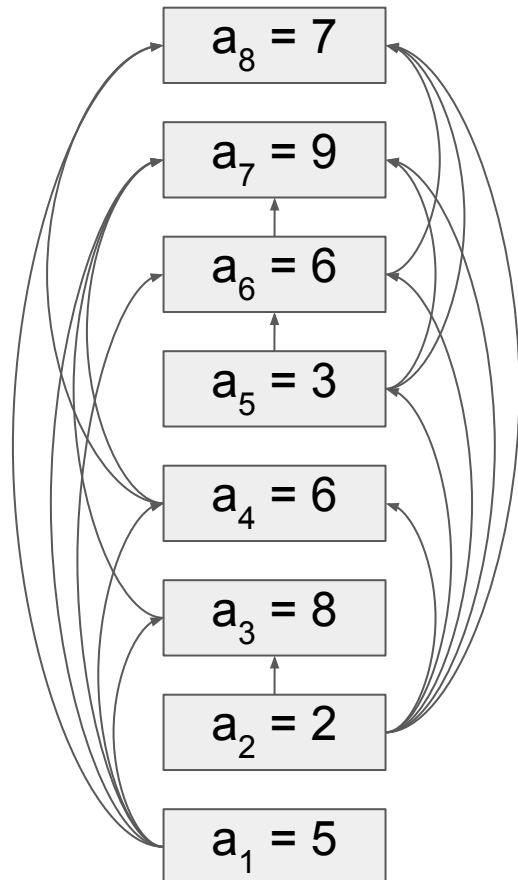
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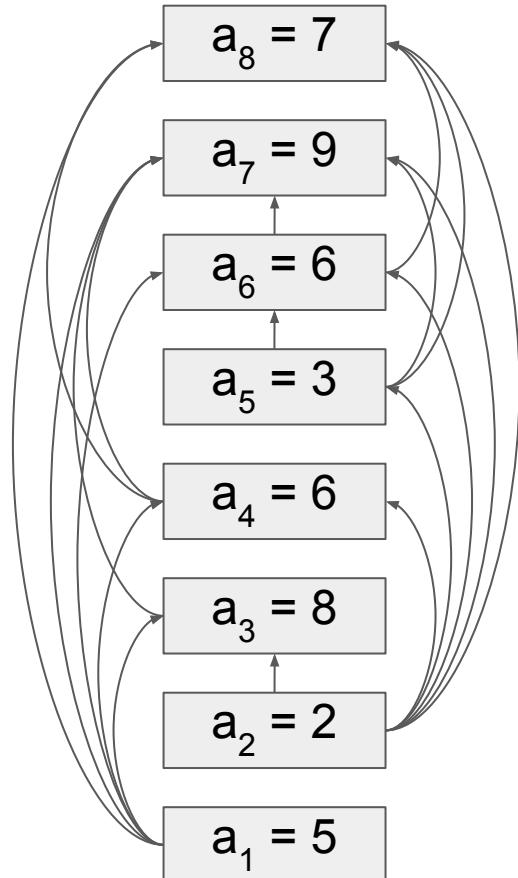
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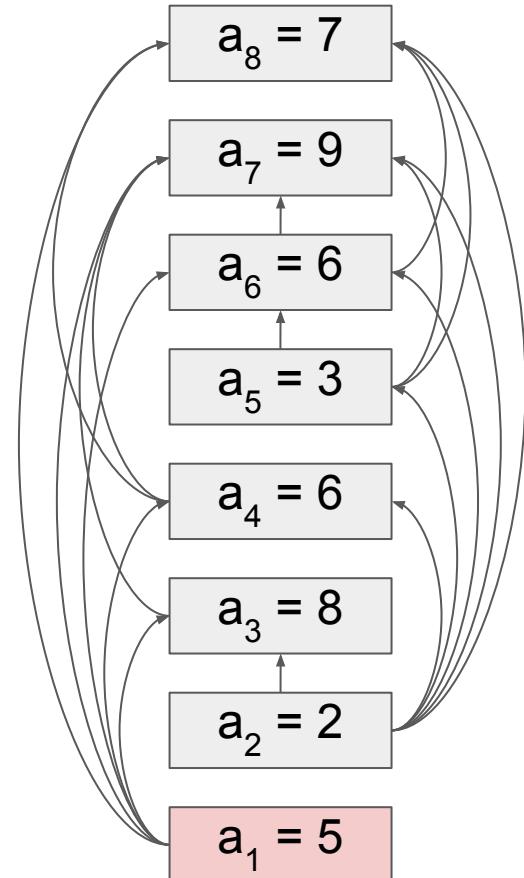
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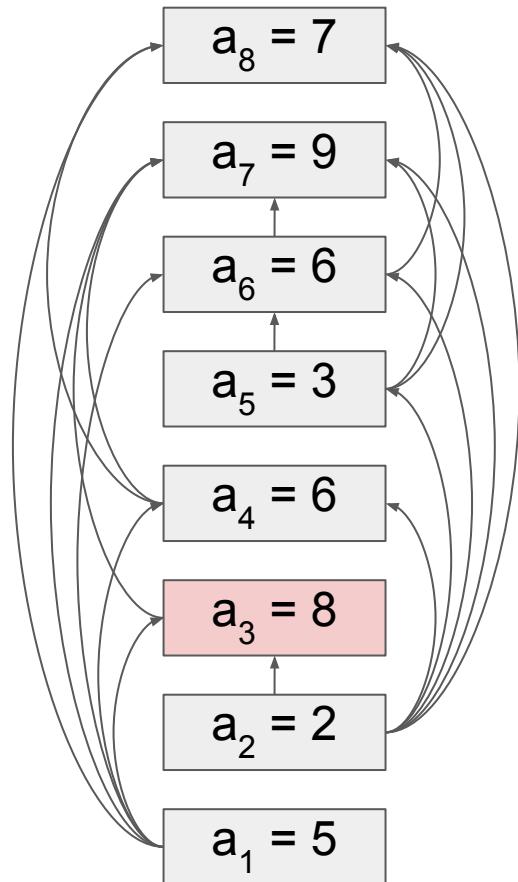
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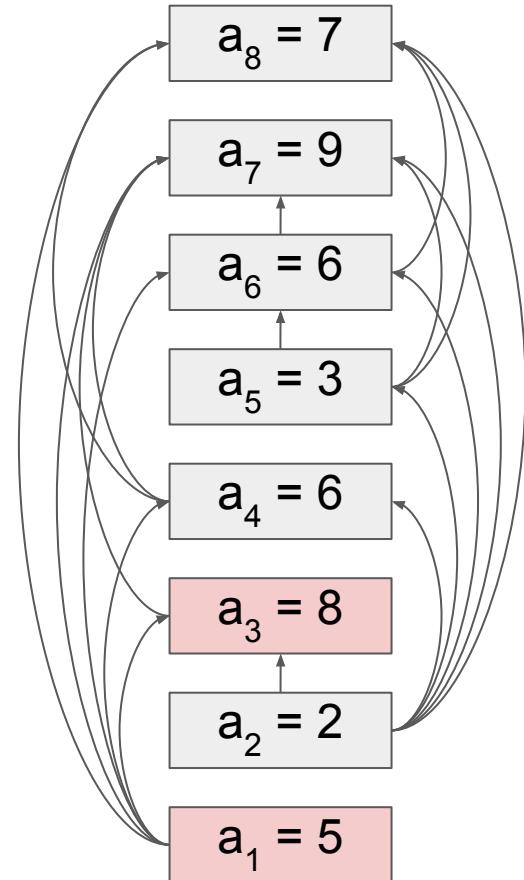
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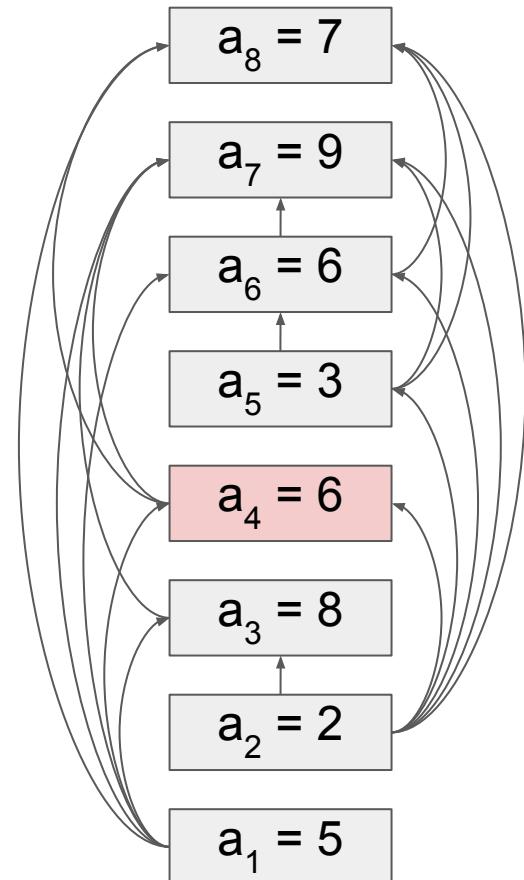
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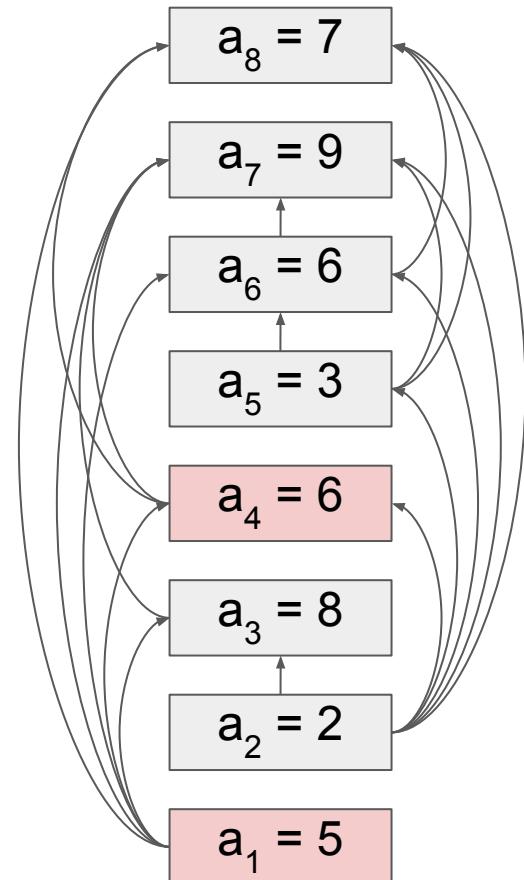
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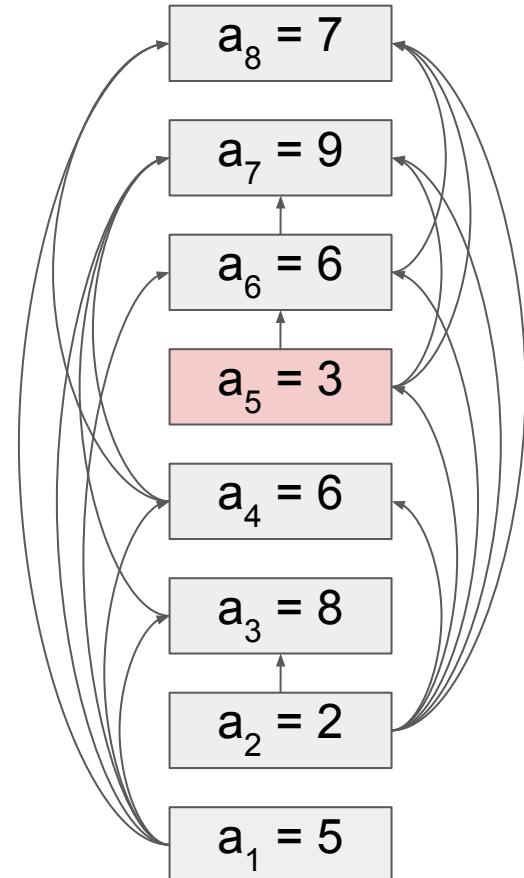
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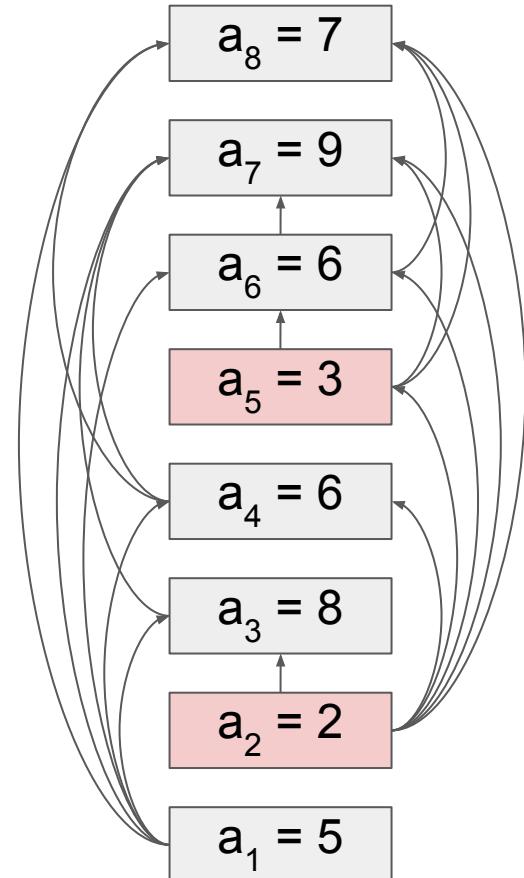
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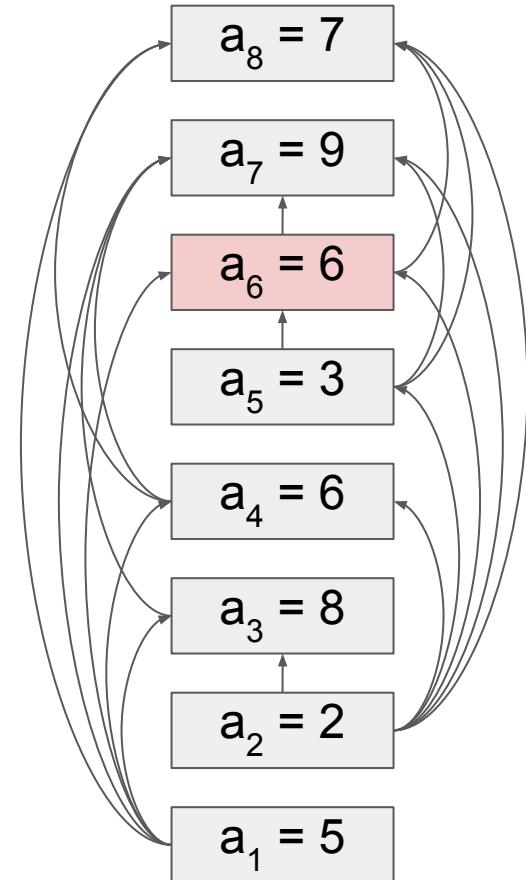
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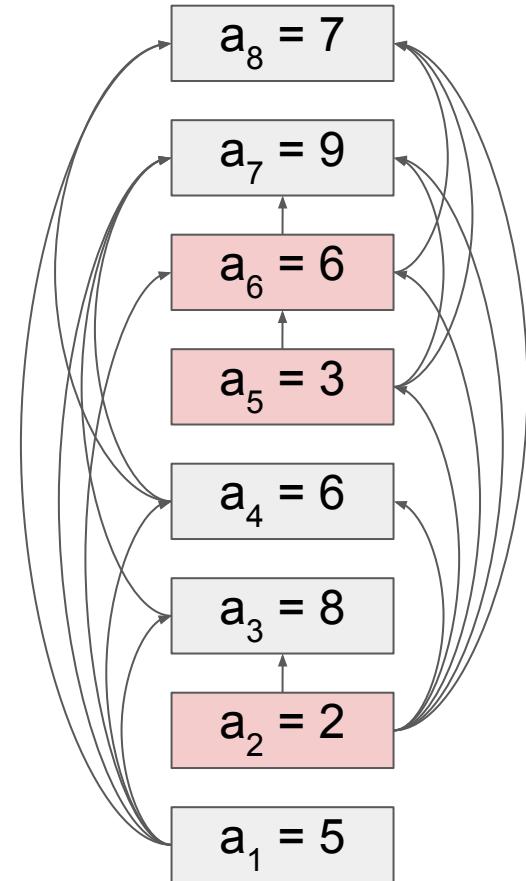
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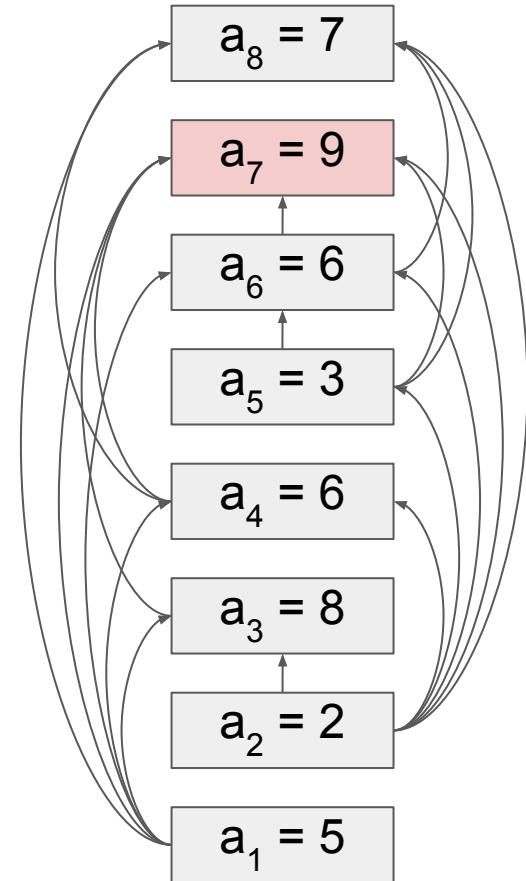
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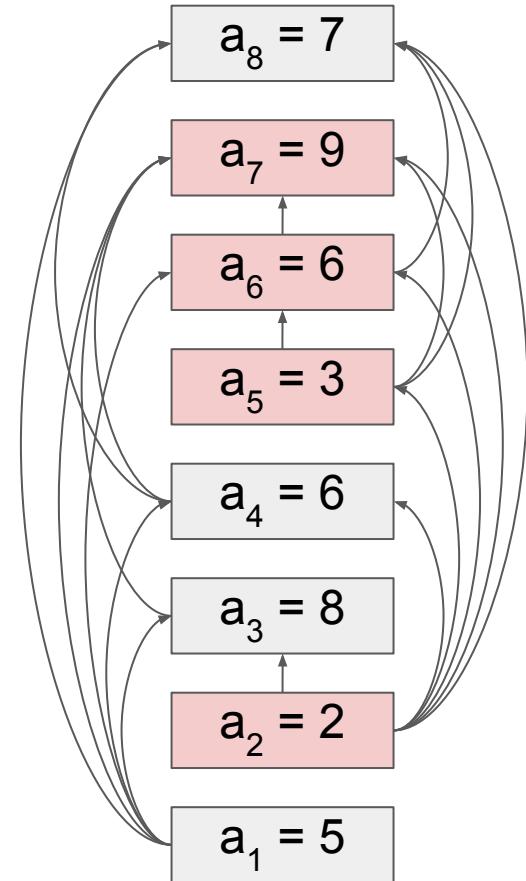
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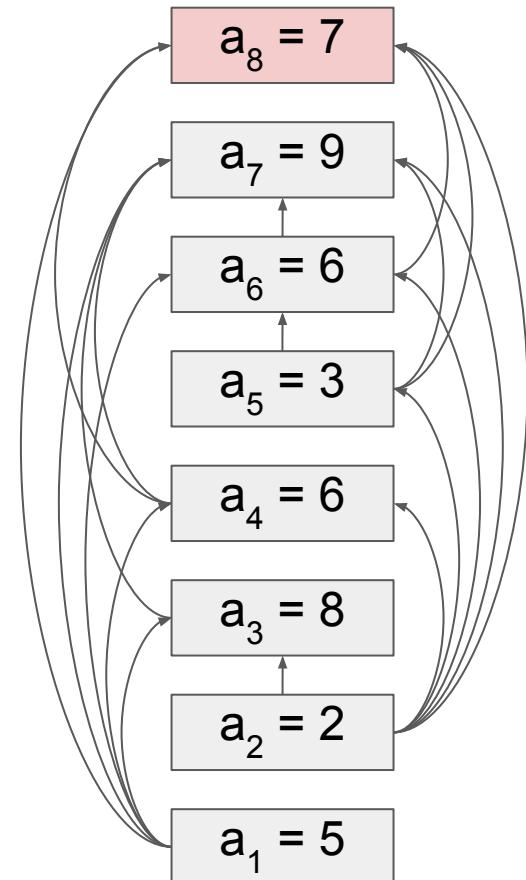


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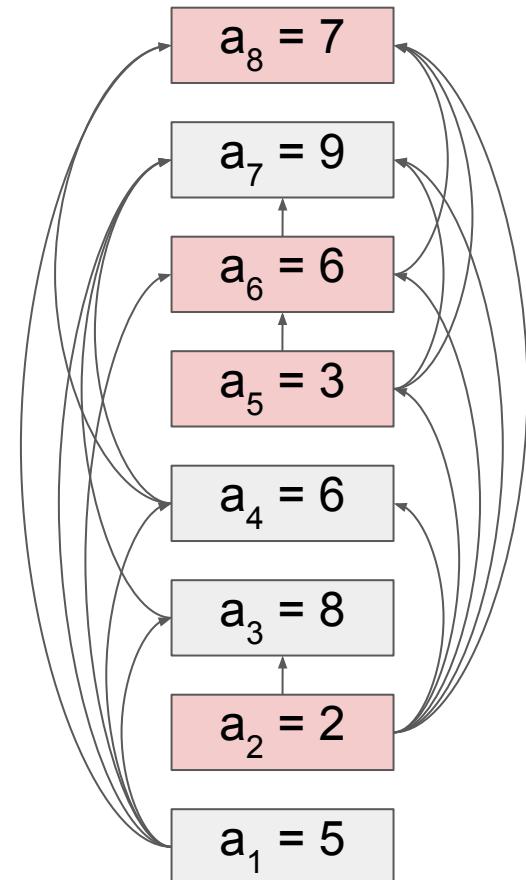


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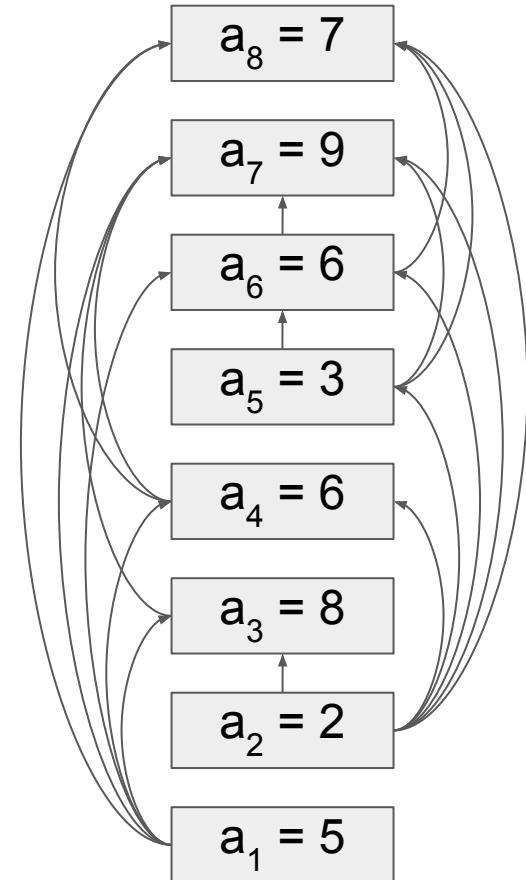


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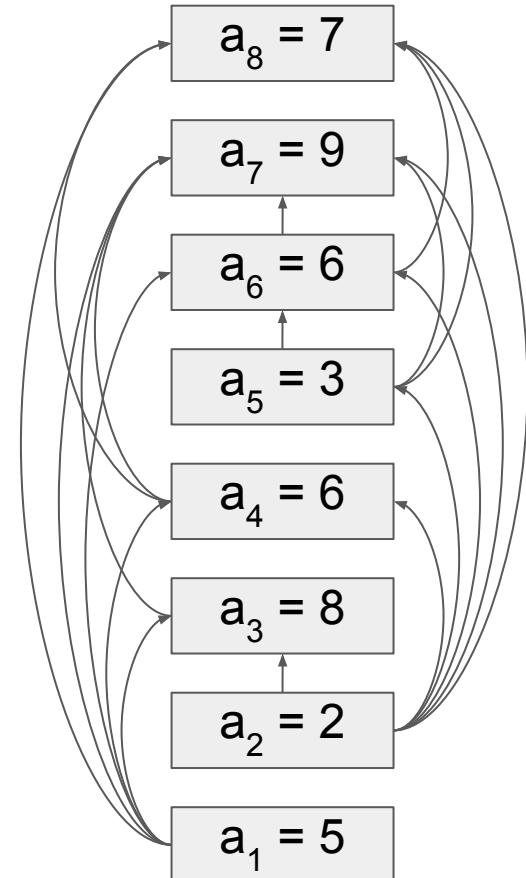
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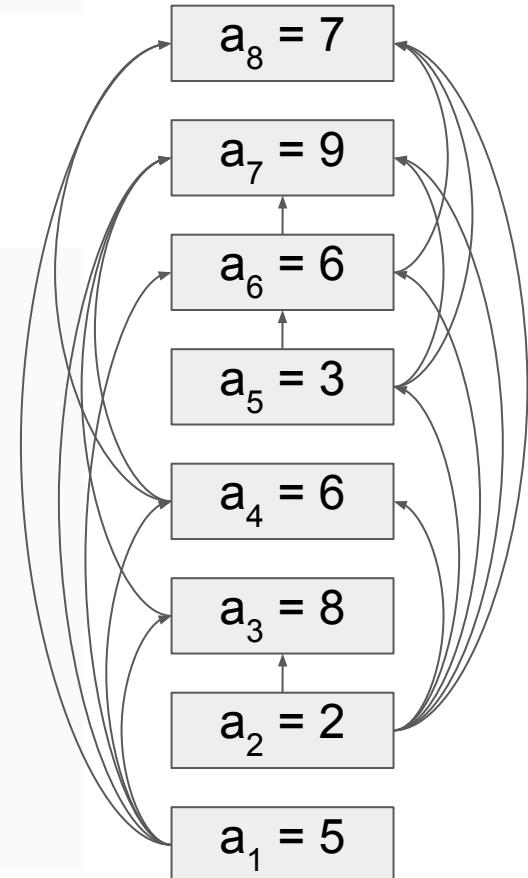
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prev[pointer] = 6
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lic = [6, 7]
prev[pointer] = 5
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lic = [3, 6, 7]
prev[pointer] = 2
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pointer = 2
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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Main steps of DP

- Break problem into smaller subproblems
- Solve smaller subproblems first (**bottom-up**)
- Use information from smaller subproblems to solve a larger subproblem

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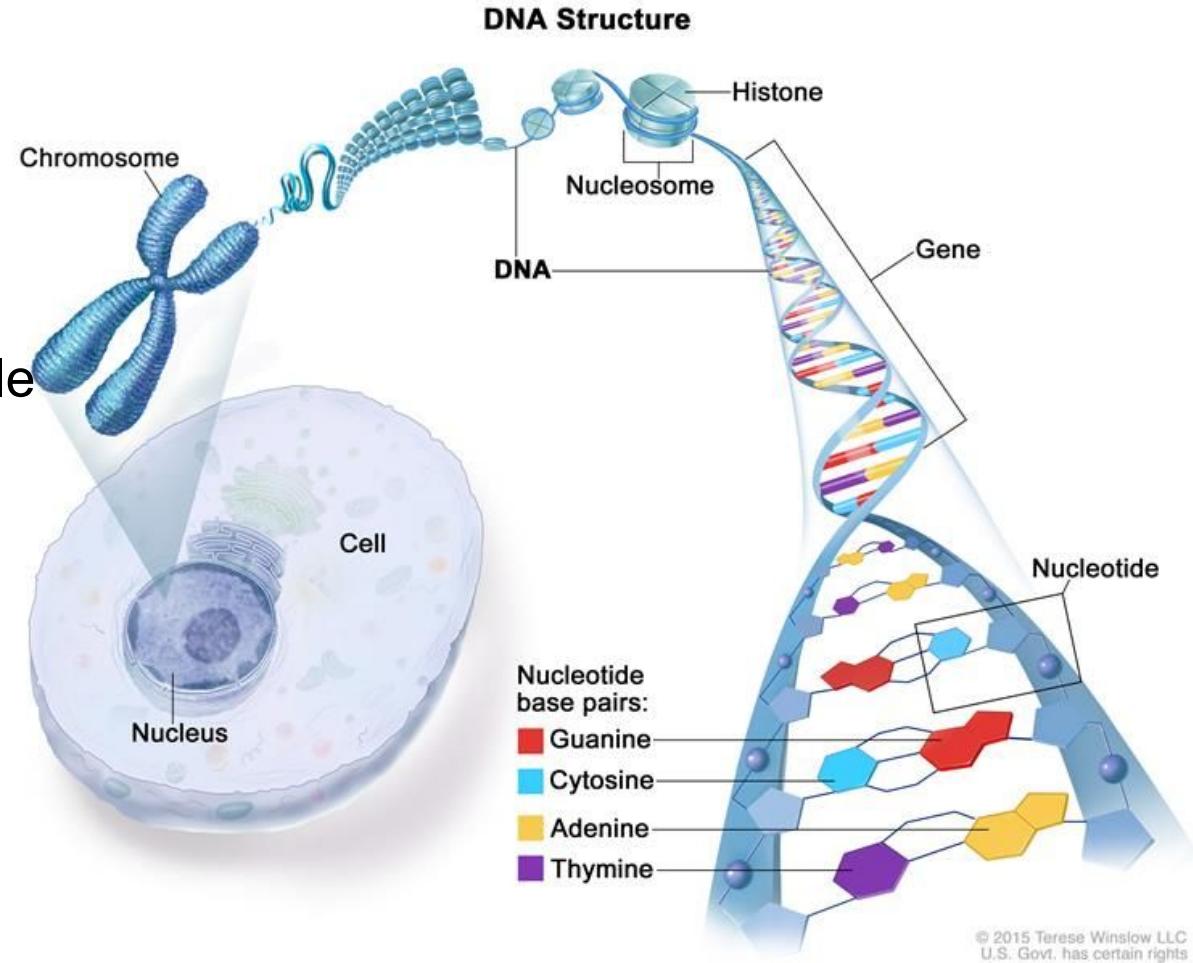
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What are applications of edit distance?

DNA alphabet

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

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

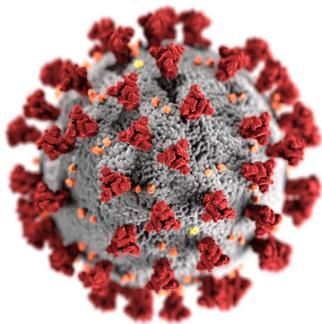


A DNA molecule can be viewed as a string (**DNA sequence**) over an alphabet consisting of four symbols: {A, C, G, T}

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

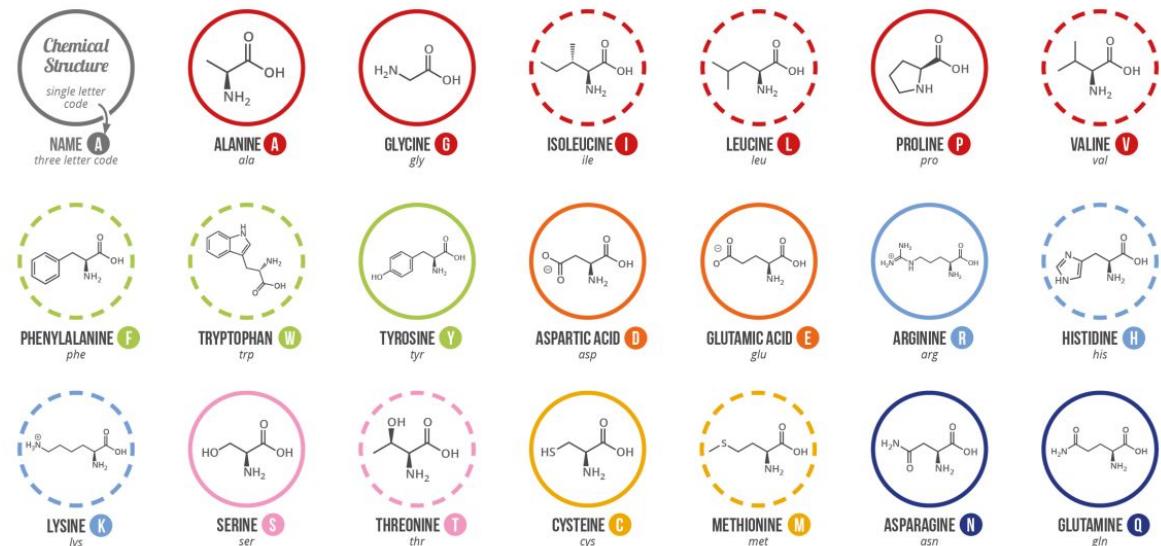
Proteins consist of 20 chemical compounds (amino acids)

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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