72. Edit Distance

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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:

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Input: word1 = "horse", word2 = "ros"
Output: 3
Explanation:
horse -> rorse (replace 'h' with 'r')
rorse -> rose (remove 'r')
rose -> ros (remove 'e')
```

Example 2:

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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 <= word1.length, word2.length <= 500`

- `word1` and `word2` consist of lowercase English letters.