

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:

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 <= word1.length, word2.length <= 500`
- `word1` and `word2` consist of lowercase English letters.

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