

Edit Distance

Question: Given two words word1 and word2, find the minimum number of steps required to convert word1 to word2.

(Each operation is counted as 1 step.)

You have the following 3 operations permitted on a word:

- a) Insert a character
- b) Delete a character
- c) Replace a character

Solutions:

class Solution:

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# @return an integer
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def minDistance(word1, word2):
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    m=len(word1)+1; n=len(word2)+1
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    dp = [[0 for i in range(n)] for j in range(m)]
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    for i in range(n):
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        dp[0][i]=i
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    for i in range(m):
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        dp[i][0]=i
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    for i in range(1,m):
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        for j in range(1,n):
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            dp[i][j]=min(dp[i-1][j]+1, dp[i][j-1]+1, dp[i-1][j-1]+(0 if word1[i-1]==word2[j-1] else 1))
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    return dp[m-1][n-1]
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Solution.minDistance("Freebirds", "Dinner")
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