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## **Edit Distance**

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1.	How many insertions are needed to make <b>axybc</b> from <b>abc?</b> 3  2  1	1/1 point
	✓ Correct Insert <b>x</b> between <b>a</b> and <b>b</b> , then <b>y</b> between <b>x</b> and <b>b</b> .	
2.	What is the edit distance between words <b>bread</b> and <b>really</b> ?  6  3  4	1/1 point
	✓ Correct Delete <b>b</b> , then change <b>d</b> to <b>l</b> , then insert <b>l</b> and <b>y</b> in the end.	
3.	What is the edit distance between <b>bread</b> and <b>really</b> if it is allowed to insert and delete symbols, but forbidden to replace symbols?	1/1 point
	✓ Correct  Remove <b>b</b> , remove <b>d</b> , insert <b>I</b> , <b>I</b> and <b>y</b> .	

4. (This is an advanced problem)

1/1 point

We want to compute not only the edit distance d between two words, but also the number of ways to edit the first word to get the second word using the minimum number d of edits. Two ways are considered different if there is such  $i,1\leq i\leq d$  that on the i-th step the edits in these ways are different.

To solve this problem, in addition to computing array T with edit distances between prefixes of the first and second word, we compute array ways, such that ways[i,j] = the number of ways to edit the prefix of length i of the first word to get the prefix of length j of the second word using the minimum possible number of edits.

Which is the correct way to compute ways[i,j] based on the previously computed values?

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    ways[i, j] = 0
    if T[i, j] == T[i - 1, j] + 1:
    ways[i, j] == ways[i - 1, j]
4    if T[i, j] == T[i, j - 1] + 1:
    ways[i, j] += ways[i, j - 1]
6    if word1[i] == word2[j] and T[i, j] == T[i - 1, j - 1]:
        ways[i, j] += ways[i - 1, j - 1]
8    if T[i, j] == T[i - 1, j - 1] + 1:
        ways[i, j] += ways[i - 1, j - 1]
        ways[i, j] += ways[i - 1, j - 1]
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> | ways[1, ]] += ways[1, ] - 1]
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1 ways[i, j] = 0
2 ways[i, j] += ways[i - 1, j]
3 ways[i, j] += ways[i, j - 1]
4 ways[i, j] += ways[i - 1, j - 1]
5 ways[i, j] += ways[i - 1, j - 1]
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## ✓ Correct

T[i,j] is computed based on T[i-1,j], T[i,j-1] and T[i-1,j-1]: we decide what will be the last edit and then try to use the minimum number of edits needed before that, which is already stored in the table T for all the variants of the last editing action. If the minimum number of edits T[i,j] can be obtained via different last editing actions, we should sum all the ways that exactly T[i,j] edits can be made to change the i-th prefix of the first word into the j-th prefix of the second word.

First  $i\bar{f}$  checks all the ways when the last action is to delete the last symbol. Second  $i\bar{f}$  checks all the ways when the last action is to insert the necessary symbol. Third  $i\bar{f}$  checks all the ways to match last symbols of the prefixes. Last  $i\bar{f}$  checks all the ways to replace the last symbol of the i-th prefix of the first word by the last symbol of the j-th prefix of the second word.