

79 Word Search

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Description

Given an $m \times n$ grid of characters `board` and a string `word`, return `true` if `word` exists in the grid.

The word can be constructed from letters of sequentially adjacent cells, where adjacent cells are horizontally or vertically neighboring. The same letter cell may not be used more than once.

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# iterate from each cell in bfs fashion
class Solution:
    def valid_row_col(self, board, row: int, col: int, visited: Dict) -> bool:
        if row >= len(board) or row < 0:
            return False

        if col >= len(board[0]) or col < 0:
            return False

        if (row, col) in visited and visited[(row, col)]:
            return False

        return True

    def find_word(self, board: List[List[str]], row: int, col: int, word: str, idx: int, visited: Dict):
        if idx >= len(word):
            return True

        for (r, c) in [(row+1,col), (row-1,col), (row,col-1), (row,col+1)]:
            if self.valid_row_col(board, r, c, visited) and board[r][c] == word[idx]:
                visited[(r,c)] = True
                if self.find_word(board, r, c, word, idx+1, visited):
                    return True
                visited[(r,c)] = False
        return False

    def exist(self, board: List[List[str]], word: str) -> bool:
        row = len(board)
        col = len(board[0])
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for i in range(0, row):
    for j in range(0, col):
        if board[i][j] == word[0]:
            if self.find_word(board, i, j, word, 1, {(i,j): True}):
                return True

return False
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