127. Word Ladder

Description

A **transformation sequence** from word `beginWord` to word `endWord` using a dictionary `wordList` is a sequence of words `beginWord -> s 1 -> s 2 -> ... -> s k` such that:

- Every adjacent pair of words differs by a single letter.
- Every `s i` for `1 <= i <= k` is in `wordList`. Note that `beginWord` does not need to be in `wordList`.
- `s k == endWord`

Given two words, `beginWord` and `endWord`, and a dictionary `wordList`, return *the* ***number of words*** *in the* ***shortest transformation sequence*** *from* `beginWord` *to* `endWord`, *or* `0` *if no such sequence exists.*

Example 1:

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Input: beginWord = "hit", endWord = "cog", wordList = ["hot","dot","dog","lot","log","cog"]
Output: 5
Explanation: One shortest transformation sequence is "hit" -> "hot" -> "dot" -> "dog" -> cog", which is 5 words long.
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Example 2:

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Input: beginWord = "hit", endWord = "cog", wordList = ["hot","dot","dog","lot","log"]
Output: 0
Explanation: The endWord "cog" is not in wordList, therefore there is no valid transformation sequence.
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Constraints:

- `1 <= beginWord.length <= 10`
- `endWord.length == beginWord.length`
- `1 <= wordList.length <= 5000`
- `wordList[i].length == beginWord.length`
- `beginWord`, `endWord`, and `wordList[i]` consist of lowercase English letters.
- `beginWord != endWord`
- All the words in `wordList` are **unique**.