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# 953. Verifying an Alien Dictionary

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In an alien language, surprisingly, they also use English lowercase letters, but possibly in a different order. The order of the alphabet is some permutation of lowercase letters.

Submissions

Given a sequence of words written in the alien language, and the order of the alphabet, return true if and only if the given words are sorted lexicographically in this alien language.

### Example 1:

Description

Input: words = ["hello","leetcode"], order = "hlabcdefgijkmnopqrstuvwxyz"

Output: true

Explanation: As 'h' comes before 'l' in this language, then the sequence is sorted.

#### Example 2:

Input: words = ["word","world","row"], order = "worldabcefghijkmnpqstuvxyz"

Output: false

Explanation: As 'd' comes after 'l' in this language, then words[0] > words[1], hence the sequence is

unsorted.

#### Example 3:

Input: words = ["apple", "app"], order = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"

Output: false

Explanation: The first three characters "app" match, and the second string is shorter (in size.) According to lexicographical rules "apple" > "app", because 'l' > 'Ø', where 'Ø' is defined as the blank character which is less than any other character (More info).

## **Constraints:**

- 1 <= words.length <= 100
- 1 <= words[i].length <= 20
- order.length == 26
- All characters in words[i] and order are English lowercase letters.

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      class Solution {
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           int[] mapping = new int[26];
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           public boolean isAlienSorted(String[] words, String order) {
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               for (int i = 0; i < order.length(); i++)</pre>
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                   mapping[order.charAt(i) - 'a'] = i;
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               for (int i = 1; i < words.length; i++)</pre>
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                   if (bigger(words[i - 1], words[i]))
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                       return false;
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               return true;
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           private boolean bigger(String s1, String s2) {
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               int n = s1.length(), m = s2.length();
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               for (int i = 0; i < n && i < m; ++i)
                   if (s1.charAt(i) != s2.charAt(i))
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                       return mapping[s1.charAt(i) - 'a'] > mapping[s2.charAt(i) -
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       'a'];
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               return n > m;
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