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what is isomorphic in competitive programming
how to check if array and string are isomorphic
string and strings are isomorphic
array and array are isomorphic
explain in detail with intuition and give codes
with proper proof in details
then make a final cpp file and combine all code [give codes
in cpp this time only]

Below is a **complete CP-style explanation** of **isomorphic structures**, with **deep intuition**, **formal conditions**, **proof of correctness**, and **clean C++ implementations**.

You can treat this as a **reference note + template** for contests.

Isomorphic in Competitive Programming

1 What does *Isomorphic* mean?

Two sequences are **isomorphic** if there exists a **one-to-one correspondence** (bijection) between their elements **preserving order and equality pattern**.

👉 Pattern matters, actual values don't

2 Formal Definition (Very Important)

Given two sequences `A` and `B` of the same length `n`:

They are **isomorphic iff:**

Condition 1 — Forward Mapping

mathematica

If `A[i] == A[j] → B[i] == B[j]`

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Condition 2 — Reverse Mapping

mathematica

```
If B[i] == B[j] → A[i] == A[j]
```

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- 📌 Both directions are **mandatory**
 - 📌 This guarantees **one-to-one mapping (bijection)**
-

3 Why both conditions are needed?

✗ Without reverse condition

ini

```
A = [1, 2]
B = [a, a]
```

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- Forward holds ✓
- Reverse fails ✗ (two A-values map to same B)

So NOT isomorphic

4 Intuition (How to think in contests)

Think in terms of **patterns**:

bash

```
cat    →  0 1 2
egg   →  0 1 1
foo    →  0 1 1
paper →  0 1 0 2 3
title →  0 1 0 2 3
```

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Two sequences are isomorphic iff their pattern representation is identical.

✓ Types of Isomorphism Problems

5 String ↔ String Isomorphic

Example

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```
s = "egg"
t = "add"
```

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Mapping:

css

e → a
g → d

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- ✓ One-to-one
 - ✓ Order preserved
 - ✓ Isomorphic
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✗ Counter Example

ini

```
s = "foo"
t = "bar"
```

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pgsql

f → b
o → a
o → r conflict

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✓ C++ Logic (Hash Maps)

cpp

```
bool isIsomorphicString(string s, string t) {
    if (s.size() != t.size()) return false;

    unordered_map<char, char> mp1, mp2;

    for (int i = 0; i < s.size(); i++) {
        if (mp1.count(s[i]) && mp1[s[i]] != t[i]) return false;
        mp1[s[i]] = t[i];
    }
}
```

```

    if (mp2.count(t[i]) && mp2[t[i]] != s[i]) return false;

    mp1[s[i]] = t[i];
    mp2[t[i]] = s[i];
}

return true;
}

```

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Proof of Correctness

- `mp1` ensures **forward condition**
- `mp2` ensures **reverse condition**
- Conflict in either \Rightarrow bijection broken
- Thus mapping exists **iff function returns true**

✓ Correct

6 Array \leftrightarrow Array Isomorphic

Example

ini

```

A = [1, 2, 1, 3]
B = [5, 6, 5, 7]

```

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Mapping:

```

1 → 5
2 → 6
3 → 7

```

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✓ Isomorphic

✗ Counter Example

ini

```
A = [1, 2]
B = [3, 3]
```

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Two distinct values → same target ×

✓ C++ Code

cpp

```
bool isIsomorphicArray(vector<int>& a, vector<int>& b) {
    if (a.size() != b.size()) return false;

    unordered_map<int, int> mp1, mp2;

    for (int i = 0; i < a.size(); i++) {
        if (mp1.count(a[i]) && mp1[a[i]] != b[i]) return false;
        if (mp2.count(b[i]) && mp2[b[i]] != a[i]) return false;

        mp1[a[i]] = b[i];
        mp2[b[i]] = a[i];
    }
    return true;
}
```

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🧠 Proof

Same as string case

Only type differs (`int` instead of `char`)

- ✓ Guarantees bijection
 - ✓ Order preserved
-

7 String ↔ Array Isomorphic

Example

ini

```
s = "abbc"
a = [1, 2, 2, 3]
```

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Mapping:

css

```
a → 1
b → 2
c → 3
```

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✓ Isomorphic

✗ Counter Example

ini

```
s = "ab"
a = [1, 1]
```

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Two chars → same int ✗

✓ C++ Code

cpp

```
bool isIsomorphicStringArray(string s, vector<int>& a) {
    if (s.size() != a.size()) return false;

    unordered_map<char, int> mp1;
    unordered_map<int, char> mp2;

    for (int i = 0; i < s.size(); i++) {
        if (mp1.count(s[i]) && mp1[s[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        if (mp2.count(a[i]) && mp2[a[i]] != s[i]) return false;

        mp1[s[i]] = a[i];
        mp2[a[i]] = s[i];
    }
}
```

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```
    return true;
}
```

8 Pattern-Encoding Method (Advanced & Elegant)

Convert any sequence into first-occurrence index pattern.

Example

nginx

```
paper → 0 1 0 2 3
title → 0 1 0 2 3
```

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Same pattern ⇒ Isomorphic

Pattern Function

cpp

```
template <typename T>
vector<int> encodePattern(const vector<T>& v) {
    unordered_map<T, int> mp;
    vector<int> pattern;
    int id = 0;

    for (auto &x : v) {
        if (!mp.count(x)) mp[x] = id++;
        pattern.push_back(mp[x]);
    }
    return pattern;
}
```

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Usage

cpp

```
bool isIsomorphicPattern(vector<int>& a, vector<int>& b) {
    return encodePattern(a) == encodePattern(b);
```

}

- ✓ Very useful in CP
 - ✓ Clean logic
 - ✓ Strong conceptual clarity
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Time & Space Complexity

Method	Time	Space
Map-based	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Pattern-based	$O(n)$	$O(n)$



FINAL COMBINED C++ FILE (CP Ready)

cpp

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

/* String ↔ String */
bool isIsomorphicString(string s, string t) {
    if (s.size() != t.size()) return false;
    unordered_map<char, char> mp1, mp2;
    for (int i = 0; i < s.size(); i++) {
        if (mp1.count(s[i]) && mp1[s[i]] != t[i]) return false;
        if (mp2.count(t[i]) && mp2[t[i]] != s[i]) return false;
        mp1[s[i]] = t[i];
        mp2[t[i]] = s[i];
    }
    return true;
}

/* Array ↔ Array */
bool isIsomorphicArray(vector<int>& a, vector<int>& b) {
    if (a.size() != b.size()) return false;
    unordered_map<int, int> mp1, mp2;
    for (int i = 0; i < a.size(); i++) {
        if (mp1.count(a[i]) && mp1[a[i]] != b[i]) return false;
        if (mp2.count(b[i]) && mp2[b[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        mp1[a[i]] = b[i];
        mp2[b[i]] = a[i];
    }
    return true;
}
```

```

        if (mp2.count(b[i]) && mp2[b[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        mp1[a[i]] = b[i];
        mp2[b[i]] = a[i];
    }
    return true;
}

/* String ↔ Array */
bool isIsomorphicStringArray(string s, vector<int>& a) {
    if (s.size() != a.size()) return false;
    unordered_map<char, int> mp1;
    unordered_map<int, char> mp2;
    for (int i = 0; i < s.size(); i++) {
        if (mp1.count(s[i]) && mp1[s[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        if (mp2.count(a[i]) && mp2[a[i]] != s[i]) return false;
        mp1[s[i]] = a[i];
        mp2[a[i]] = s[i];
    }
    return true;
}

/* Pattern Encoding */
template <typename T>
vector<int> encodePattern(const vector<T>& v) {
    unordered_map<T, int> mp;
    vector<int> pattern;
    int id = 0;
    for (auto &x : v) {
        if (!mp.count(x)) mp[x] = id++;
        pattern.push_back(mp[x]);
    }
    return pattern;
}

bool isIsomorphicPattern(vector<int>& a, vector<int>& b) {
    return encodePattern(a) == encodePattern(b);
}

int main() {
    // Example usage
    string s = "paper", t = "title";
    cout << isIsomorphicString(s, t) << "\n";
}

```

```

vector<int> a = {1, 2, 1}, b = {3, 4, 3};
cout << isIsomorphicArray(a, b) << "\n";

return 0;
}

```

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🔑 Final Takeaway (CP Mindset)

- Isomorphism = same equality pattern
- Always enforce two-way mapping
- Think in bijections, not values
- Pattern-encoding is a power tool

If you want:

- Lambda version
- Interview-style explanation
- LeetCode / Codeforces variants

just tell me

...

cover all advance cases and please use map always from now no unordered map

Perfect — this is a very CP-mature request

I'll now:

1. Cover ALL advanced / tricky cases
2. Explain WHY each case matters
3. Use `map` ONLY (no `unordered_map`, as you asked)
4. Give formal correctness proofs
5. End with ONE final combined C++ file (CP-ready)

From now on → `map` only

ISOMORPHIC — ADVANCED & COMPLETE GUIDE (CP Level)

1 What exactly must hold? (Formal Model)

Two sequences `A` and `B` are **isomorphic** iff there exists a **bijection**

`f : elements(A) → elements(B)` such that:

python

```
B[i] = f(A[i])  for all i
```

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Bijection =

- ✓ Injective (no two A map to same B)
- ✓ Surjective (every used B has exactly one A)

This translates to **two constraints**:

```
A[i] == A[j]  ⇌  B[i] == B[j]
```

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 BOTH directions are mandatory

2 ALL ADVANCED EDGE CASES (Very Important)

✓ Case 1: Length mismatch

ini

```
A = [1, 2]
```

```
B = [a]
```

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✗ Impossible → return false immediately

✓ Case 2: Single element

ini

```
A = [5]  
B = [100]
```

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- ✓ Always isomorphic (trivial bijection)
-

✓ Case 3: All elements same

```
ini
```

```
A = [1, 1, 1]  
B = [2, 2, 2]
```

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- ✓ Valid

But:

```
ini
```

```
A = [1, 1, 1]  
B = [2, 3, 2]
```

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✗ Violates forward condition

✓ Case 4: Distinct elements only

```
ini
```

```
A = [1, 2, 3]  
B = [4, 5, 6]
```

Copy code

- ✓ Always isomorphic
-

✗ Case 5: Many-to-one mapping (MOST COMMON BUG)

```
ini
```

```
A = [1, 2]  
B = [3, 3]
```

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Forward mapping passes ✗

Reverse mapping fails ✗

✗ Case 6: Conflicting remap

ini

```
A = [1, 1, 2]  
B = [3, 4, 3]
```

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1 → 3 then 1 → 4 ✗

✗ Case 7: Same pattern but wrong order

ini

```
A = [1, 2, 1]  
B = [3, 3, 4]
```

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Patterns differ → ✗

✓ Case 8: Negative / large numbers

ini

```
A = [-1, 1000000000, -1]  
B = [5, 6, 5]
```

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✓ Works fine (map handles it)

✓ Case 9: Mixed domains (string ↔ array)

ini

```
s = "abba"  
a = [10, 20, 20, 10]
```

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✓ Valid

3 WHY `map` IS SAFER IN CP

Feature	<code>map</code>
Deterministic	✓
No hacking risk	✓
Ordered traversal	✓
Stable in stress	✓

Time: $O(n \log n)$ → perfectly acceptable

🧠 CORE LOGIC (UNIVERSAL)

For every index `i`:

1. If `A[i]` seen before → must map to same `B[i]`
2. If `B[i]` seen before → must map to same `A[i]`
3. Else → create new mapping

This enforces **bijection**

4 STRING ↔ STRING (map only)

cpp

```
bool isIsomorphicString(string s, string t) {
    if (s.size() != t.size()) return false;

    map<char, char> fwd, rev;

    for (int i = 0; i < (int)s.size(); i++) {
        if (fwd.count(s[i]) && fwd[s[i]] != t[i]) return false;
        if (rev.count(t[i]) && rev[t[i]] != s[i]) return false;

        fwd[s[i]] = t[i];
        rev[t[i]] = s[i];
    }
}
```

Copy code

```
    return true;
}
```

✓ Correctness Proof

- `fwd` enforces **A → B consistency**
- `rev` enforces **injectivity**
- Conflict ⇒ bijection impossible
- No conflict ⇒ bijection exists

✓ Correct

5 ARRAY ↔ ARRAY (map only)

cpp

```
bool isIsomorphicArray(const vector<long long>& a,
                      const vector<long long>& b) {
    if (a.size() != b.size()) return false;

    map<long long, long long> fwd, rev;

    for (int i = 0; i < (int)a.size(); i++) {
        if (fwd.count(a[i]) && fwd[a[i]] != b[i]) return false;
        if (rev.count(b[i]) && rev[b[i]] != a[i]) return false;

        fwd[a[i]] = b[i];
        rev[b[i]] = a[i];
    }
    return true;
}
```

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Handles:

- negatives
- large values
- duplicates
- all CP constraints

6 STRING ↔ ARRAY (map only)

cpp

```

bool isIsomorphicStringArray(const string& s,
                            const vector<long long>& a) {
    if (s.size() != a.size()) return false;

    map<char, long long> fwd;
    map<long long, char> rev;

    for (int i = 0; i < (int)s.size(); i++) {
        if (fwd.count(s[i]) && fwd[s[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        if (rev.count(a[i]) && rev[a[i]] != s[i]) return false;

        fwd[s[i]] = a[i];
        rev[a[i]] = s[i];
    }
    return true;
}

```

Copy code

7 ADVANCED PATTERN-BASED METHOD (map only)

Why this is powerful?

- Converts any domain → integer pattern
- Simplifies comparison
- Great for **multiple sequences**

Pattern Encoder

cpp

```

template <typename T>
vector<int> encodePattern(const vector<T>& v) {
    map<T, int> id;
    vector<int> pattern;
    int cur = 0;

    for (auto &x : v) {

```

```

        if (!id.count(x)) id[x] = cur++;
        pattern.push_back(id[x]);
    }
    return pattern;
}

```

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Usage

cpp

```

bool isIsomorphicByPattern(const vector<long long>& a,
                           const vector<long long>& b) {
    return encodePattern(a) == encodePattern(b);
}

```

 Copy code

Proof

- First appearance gets new ID
- Same values → same ID
- Equality pattern preserved exactly
- Equal patterns \Leftrightarrow isomorphic

✓ Correct



COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS

Method	Time	Space
Two-map bijection	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$
Pattern encoding	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$



FINAL COMBINED C++ FILE (MAP ONLY)

cpp

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

/* STRING ↔ STRING */
bool isIsomorphicString(const string& s, const string& t) {
    if (s.size() != t.size()) return false;

    map<char, char> fwd, rev;
    for (int i = 0; i < (int)s.size(); i++) {
        if (fwd.count(s[i]) && fwd[s[i]] != t[i]) return false;
        if (rev.count(t[i]) && rev[t[i]] != s[i]) return false;
        fwd[s[i]] = t[i];
        rev[t[i]] = s[i];
    }
    return true;
}

/* ARRAY ↔ ARRAY */
bool isIsomorphicArray(const vector<long long>& a,
                      const vector<long long>& b) {
    if (a.size() != b.size()) return false;

    map<long long, long long> fwd, rev;
    for (int i = 0; i < (int)a.size(); i++) {
        if (fwd.count(a[i]) && fwd[a[i]] != b[i]) return false;
        if (rev.count(b[i]) && rev[b[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        fwd[a[i]] = b[i];
        rev[b[i]] = a[i];
    }
    return true;
}

/* STRING ↔ ARRAY */
bool isIsomorphicStringArray(const string& s,
                            const vector<long long>& a) {
    if (s.size() != a.size()) return false;

    map<char, long long> fwd;
    map<long long, char> rev;
    for (int i = 0; i < (int)s.size(); i++) {
        if (fwd.count(s[i]) && fwd[s[i]] != a[i]) return false;
        if (rev.count(a[i]) && rev[a[i]] != s[i]) return false;
        fwd[s[i]] = a[i];
    }
}
```

```

        rev[a[i]] = s[i];
    }
    return true;
}

/* PATTERN METHOD */
template <typename T>
vector<int> encodePattern(const vector<T>& v) {
    map<T, int> id;
    vector<int> pattern;
    int cur = 0;
    for (auto &x : v) {
        if (!id.count(x)) id[x] = cur++;
        pattern.push_back(id[x]);
    }
    return pattern;
}

bool isIsomorphicByPattern(const vector<long long>& a,
                           const vector<long long>& b) {
    return encodePattern(a) == encodePattern(b);
}

int main() {
    string s = "paper", t = "title";
    cout << isIsomorphicString(s, t) << "\n";

    vector<long long> a = {1,2,1}, b = {3,4,3};
    cout << isIsomorphicArray(a, b) << "\n";

    return 0;
}

```

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🔥 FINAL CP TAKEAWAY

- Isomorphism = **bijection**
- Always check **both directions**
- **map** is safest in contests
- Pattern method = elite technique

If you want:

- Lambda version
- Test-case generator
- LeetCode / CF problem list
- Formal math proof style

Just say the word 

