

79. Word Search

- $m \times n$ grid

Example :

m

A	B	C	E
S	F	C	S
A	D	E	E

word: ABCCL

Analyse :

based on above example :

start from A , possible directions :

A →

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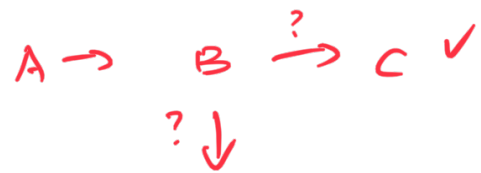
check whether there is B ,

if yes , then go that direction ,

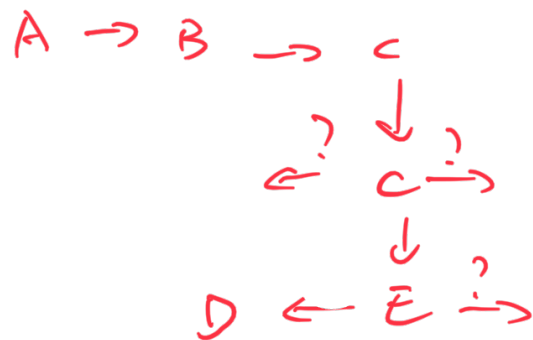
okay

A → B

possible directions for B:



Continue.



Finished.

As a result, we need to go through the 2D array to find the word [0], then use DFS to go 4 directions to make the word

If Any direction of 4 directions does not work. We move on.

We need to mark the cell as

visited when we decide to move from the cell to another, for avoiding visiting repeated place.

pseudo - code

def search:

for i in m:

for j in n:

if (exist (...)):

return true

return false .

def exist (i, j, word, start, board)

if start > len(word):

return true

if i < 0 || i >= board[0].len ||

j < 0 || j >= board[0].len:

return false

if board[i][j] == word[start]:

start++ , c = board[i][j]

board[i][j] = "#"

res = exist(i-1, j, word, start, board)
|| exist(i+1, j, word, start, board)
|| exist(i, j-1, word, start, board)
|| exist(i, j+1, word, start, board)

board[i][j] = c

return res

return false.