

2186. Minimum Number of Steps to Make Two Strings Anagram II

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You are given two strings `s` and `t`. In one step, you can append **any character** to either `s` or `t`.

Return *the minimum number of steps to make `s` and `t` **anagrams** of each other.*

An **anagram** of a string is a string that contains the same characters with a different (or the same) ordering.

Example 1:

Input: s = "leetcode", t = "coats"

Output: 7

Explanation:

- In 2 steps, we can append the letters in "as" onto s = "leetcode", forming s = "leetcodeas".

- In 5 steps, we can append the letters in "leede" onto t = "coats", forming t = "coatsleede".

"leetcodes" and "coatsleede" are now anagrams of each other.

We used a total of 2 + 5 = 7 steps.

It can be shown that there is no way to make them anagrams of each other with less than 7 steps.

Example 2:

Input: s = "night", t = "thing"

Output: 0

Explanation: The given strings are already anagrams of each other. Thus, we do not need any further steps.

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length, t.length <= 2 * 105`
- `s` and `t` consist of lowercase English letters.

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