

1160. Find Words That Can Be Formed by Characters

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You are given an array of strings `words` and a string `chars`.

A string is *good* if it can be formed by characters from `chars` (each character can only be used once).

Return the sum of lengths of all good strings in `words`.

Example 1:

Input: words = ["cat","bt","hat","tree"], chars = "atach"

Output: 6

Explanation:

The strings that can be formed are "cat" and "hat" so the answer is $3 + 3 = 6$.

Example 2:

Input: words = ["hello","world","leetcode"], chars = "welldonehoneyr"

Output: 10

Explanation:

The strings that can be formed are "hello" and "world" so the answer is $5 + 5 = 10$.

Note:

1. $1 \leq \text{words.length} \leq 1000$
2. $1 \leq \text{words}[i].\text{length}, \text{chars.length} \leq 100$
3. All strings contain lowercase English letters only.

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Solve the problem for each string in words independently.

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Now try to think in frequency of letters.

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Count how many times each character occurs in string chars.

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To form a string using characters from chars, the frequency of each character in chars must be greater than or equal the frequency of that character in the string to be formed.