1790. Check if One String Swap Can Make Strings Equal

You are given two strings **S1** and **S2** of equal length. A **string swap** is an operation where you choose two indices in a string (not necessarily different) and swap the characters at these indices.

Return true if it is possible to make both strings equal by performing at most one string swap on exactly one of the strings. Otherwise, return false.

Example 1:

Input: s1 = "bank", s2 = "kanb"

Output: true

Explanation: For example, swap the first character with the last character of s2 to

make "bank".

Example 2:

Input: s1 = "attack", s2 = "defend"

Output: false

Explanation: It is impossible to make them equal with one string swap.

Example 3:

Input: s1 = "kelb", s2 = "kelb"

Output: true

Explanation: The two strings are already equal, so no string swap operation is

required.

Constraints:

- 1 <= s1.length, s2.length <= 100
- s1.length == s2.length
- **S1** and **S2** consist of only lowercase English letters.

Overview

We are given two strings **S1** and **S2** and want to determine if it is possible to make the strings equal by performing at most one string swap on one of the strings. A string swap involves choosing any two indices in the string and swapping the characters at these positions.

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Sorting+swap counting
  Time complexity: O(2nlogn+n)
  Space compelxity: O(2n)
class Solution{
  public:
     bool areAlmostEqual(std::string& s1, std::string& s2) {
       int n=s1.size();
       // Save originals strings
       std::string s11=s1,s22=s2;
       // Sort both saved strings
       std::sort(s11.begin(),s11.end());
       std::sort(s22.begin(),s22.end());
       // If there are not equal return false
       if(s11!=s22) return false;
       // Otherwise, count number of swaps on original strings
      // If we found two different letters on same postion, means we need a swap
      // means for 1 swap, we count 2 (for 1 swap, we have 2 pairs of different letters at same index)
       int count_pairs=0;
       for(int i=0;i< n;++i){
          count_pairs+=(s1[i]!=s2[i]);
          // If #pairs of different letters at same position is more than 2, return false
          if(count_pairs>2) return false;
       }
       return true;
};
```

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swap counting
  Time complexity: O(n)
  Space compelxity: O(1)
class Solution {
  public:
     bool areAlmostEqual(std::string& s1, std::string& s2) {
        int n=s1.size();
       // Count number of swaps on original strings
       // If we found two different letters on same postion, means we need a swap
       // means for 1 swap, we count 2 (for 1 swap, we have 2 pairs of different letters at same index)
        int count_pairs=0;
        // If there is one swap, save the positions
        int first_index=0,second_index=0;
        for(int i=0;i< n;++i){
           if(s1[i]!=s2[i]){
             count_pairs++;
             // If #pairs of different letters at same position is more than 2, return false
             if(count_pairs>2) return false;
             // Otherwise, If we found the first pair, save the first index
             if(count_pairs==1) first_index=i;
             // Otherwise, if we found the second pair(count_pairs==2), we found the second pair, save the second index
             else second_index=i;
           }
        }
       // To make a swap, the letter of string s1 at the first index, should be equal to the letter of string s2 at the second index
      // and the letter of string s1 at the second index, should be equal to the letter of string s2 at the first index
        return s1[first_index]==s2[second_index] && s1[second_index]==s2[first_index];
     }
};
```