

2707. Extra Characters in a String

You are given a **0-indexed** string `s` and a dictionary of words `dictionary`. You have to break `s` into one or more **non-overlapping** substrings such that each substring is present in `dictionary`. There may be some **extra characters** in `s` which are not present in any of the substrings.

Return the **minimum** number of extra characters left over if you break up `s` optimally.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "leetcode", dictionary = ["leet","code","leetcode"]`

Output: 1

Explanation: We can break `s` in two substrings: "leet" from index 0 to 3 and "code" from index 5 to 8. There is only 1 unused character (at index 4), so we return 1.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "sayhelloworld", dictionary = ["hello","world"]`

Output: 3

Explanation: We can break `s` in two substrings: "hello" from index 3 to 7 and "world" from index 8 to 12. The characters at indices 0, 1, 2 are not used in any substring and thus are considered as extra characters. Hence, we return 3.

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 50`
- `1 <= dictionary.length <= 50`
- `1 <= dictionary[i].length <= 50`
- `dictionary[i]` and `s` consists of only lowercase English letters
- `dictionary` contains distinct words

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/*
Recursion + DP: memoization
Time complexity:  $O(n^2 * m)$ 
Space complexity:  $O(n)$ 
n: size of the given string s
m: size of the given dictionary
*/
class Solution {
public:
    int minExtraChar(std::string s, std::vector<std::string>& dictionary) {
        int n=s.size();
        std::unordered_map<std::string,int>memo;

        auto solve=[&](std::string s,auto& self)->int{
            if(memo.find(s)!=memo.end()) return memo[s];
            if(s=="") return 0;

            int ans=INT_MAX;
            for(auto& w: dictionary){
                // if w is a prefix of s
                if(s.substr(0,w.size())==w){
                    std::string suff = s.substr(w.size());
                    ans=std::min(ans,self(suff,self));
                }
            }

            // Skip current character
            ans=std::min(ans,1+self(s.substr(1,s.size()-1),self));

            return memo[s]=ans;
        };

        return solve(s,solve);
    }
};
```