

890. Find and Replace Pattern



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You have a list of words and a pattern, and you want to know which words in words matches the pattern.

A word matches the pattern if there exists a permutation of letters $\,p\,$ so that after replacing every letter $\,x\,$ in the pattern with $\,p\,(x)\,$, we get the desired word.

(Recall that a permutation of letters is a bijection from letters to letters: every letter maps to another letter, and no two letters map to the same letter.)

Return a list of the words in words that match the given pattern.

You may return the answer in any order.

Example 1:

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Input: words = ["abc","deq","mee","aqq","dkd","ccc"], pattern = "abb"
Output: ["mee","aqq"]
Explanation: "mee" matches the pattern because there is a permutation {a -> m, b -> e, ...}.
"ccc" does not match the pattern because {a -> c, b -> c, ...} is not a permutation,
since a and b map to the same letter.
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Note:

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- 1 <= words.length <= 50
- 1 <= pattern.length = words[i].length <= 20

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return false;

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             }
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            Map<Character, Character> w2p = new HashMap<>();
             for (int i=0; i<word.length(); i++) {</pre>
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                 Character w = word.charAt(i);
                 Character p = pattern.charAt(i);
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                 Character mapped = w2p.get(w);
                 if (mapped == null) {
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                     w2p.put(w, p);
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                 } else if (!mapped.equals(p)) {
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                     return false;
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                 }
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            }
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             if (w2p.size() != new HashSet<>(w2p.values()).size()) {
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                 return false;
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             }
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             return true;
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        }
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    }
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