

Leet Code 242 [Valid anagram]

Given two strings **s** and **t**, return true if **t** is an anagram of **s**, and **False** otherwise.

s = cat t = tac \Rightarrow true

s = sam t = sat \Rightarrow false

Brute Force

s = cat t = cat

We will check from the first string to each word char from other.

Time: $O(n^2)$

Optimal

s = cat t = ratc

s.length == t.length

 c a r t
|0|0|0|0|0|0|0|0|0|0|

If we find from s we increase counter but if we find from t we decrease.

If we have different characters our array will have 1 or -1.

Time: $O(n)$

Space: $O(1)$

Java Solution

```
public boolean isAnagram (String s, String t) {  
    if (s.length() != t.length()) {  
        return false;  
    }  
  
    int [] count = new int [26];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {  
        count [s.charAt(i) - 'a'] ++;  
        count [t.charAt(i) - 'a'] --;  
    }  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 26; i++) {  
        if (count [i] != 0) {  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return true;  
}
```

Kotlin solution

```
fun isAnagram (s: String, t: String): Boolean {  
    if (s.length != t.length) return false  
  
    val count = IntArray (26)  
  
    for (i in s.indices) {  
        count [s[i] - 'a'] ++  
        count [t[i] - 'a'] --  
    }  
  
    for (i in count.indices) {  
        if (count [i] != 0) return false  
    }  
  
    return true  
}
```