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Given two strings `ransomNote` and `magazine`, return `true` if `ransomNote` can be constructed by using the letters from `magazine` and `false` otherwise.

Each letter in `magazine` can only be used once in `ransomNote`.

#### **Example 1:**

**Input:** `ransomNote = "a"`, `magazine = "b"`

**Output:** `false`

#### **Example 2:**

**Input:** `ransomNote = "aa"`, `magazine = "ab"`

**Output:** `false`

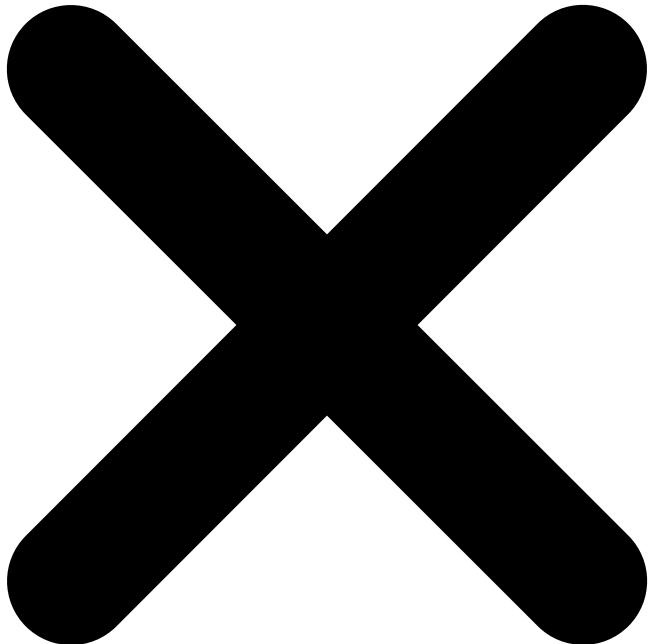
#### **Example 3:**

**Input:** `ransomNote = "aa"`, `magazine = "aab"`

**Output:** `true`

## Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{ransomNote.length}, \text{magazine.length} \leq 10^5$
- `ransomNote` and `magazine` consist of lowercase English letters.



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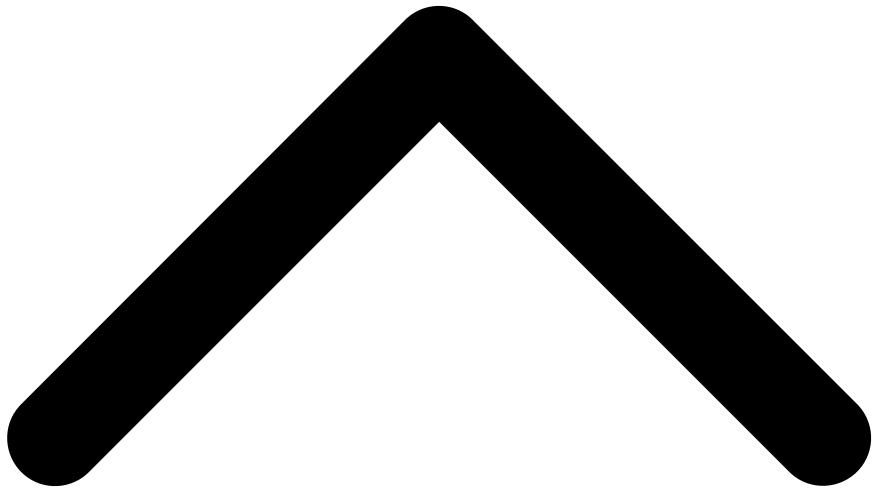


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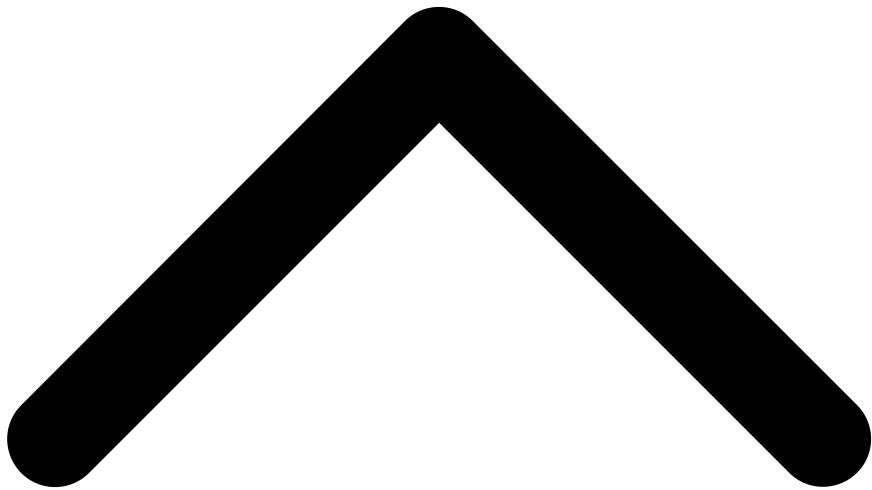


Aug 10, 2023

Ok ok I got it. So for those who were lost just like me, just forget about the existence of ransomNote and magazine and consider them as string1 and string2.

string1 = "aa", string2 = "aab"

We want to verify if string1 is a subset of string2 i.e if all the letters of string1 are present in string2. If yes then return true else return false



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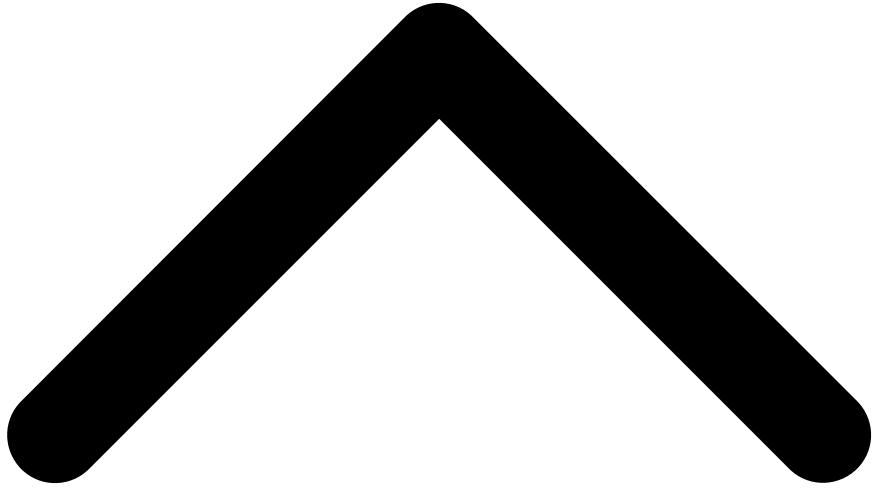


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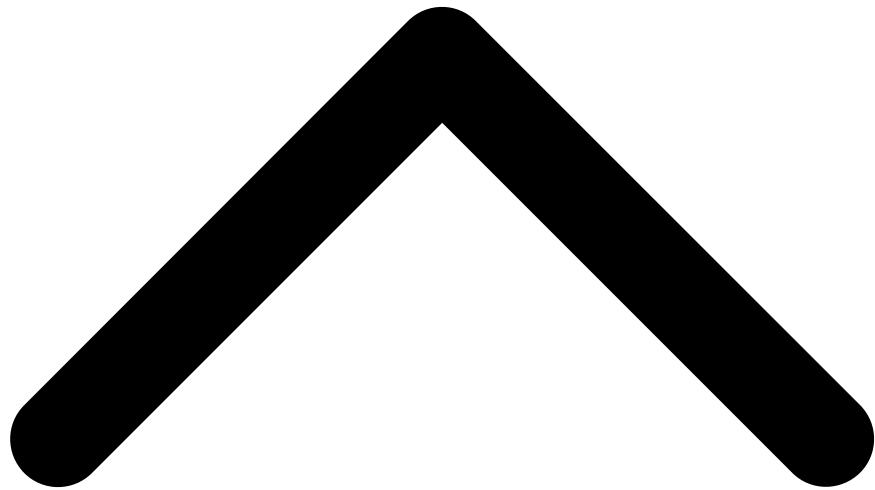


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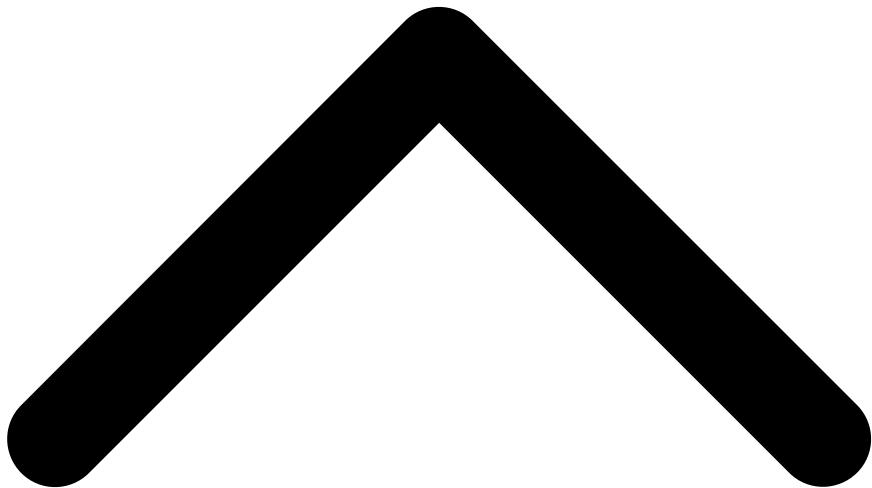


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Apr 09, 2024

i thought this is a simple question like this  
return magazine.contains(ransomNote); but nope



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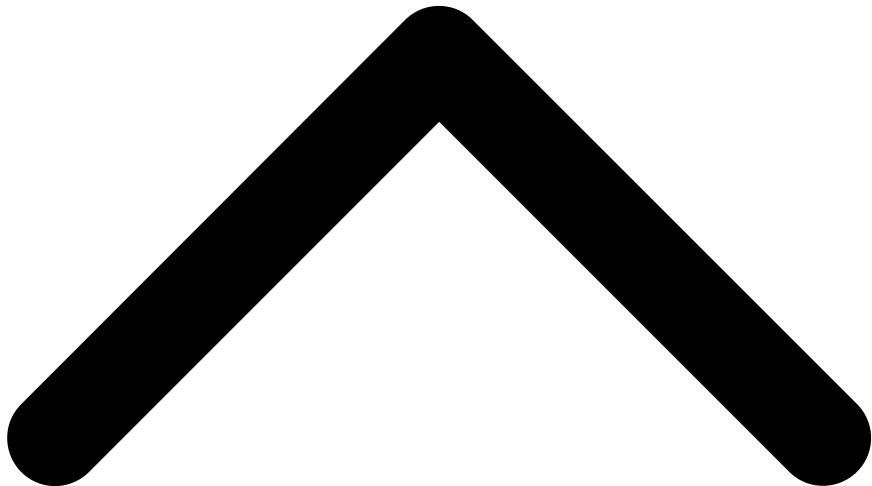


[shubham\\_diwe](#)

Nov 23, 2022

There are issues with the environment. Initially, I thought i had missed a condition or something. But after testing this in my local environment for the exact same test case where it evaluates to "true" in leetcode, but evaluates correctly in local as well as AWS EC2, i can confirm that there is an issue with their environment and test cases.

Funny part is , just to check, i returned all values as flag = 'false' for testing in leetcode, and still my output for test case 1 and case 2 is coming as "true"



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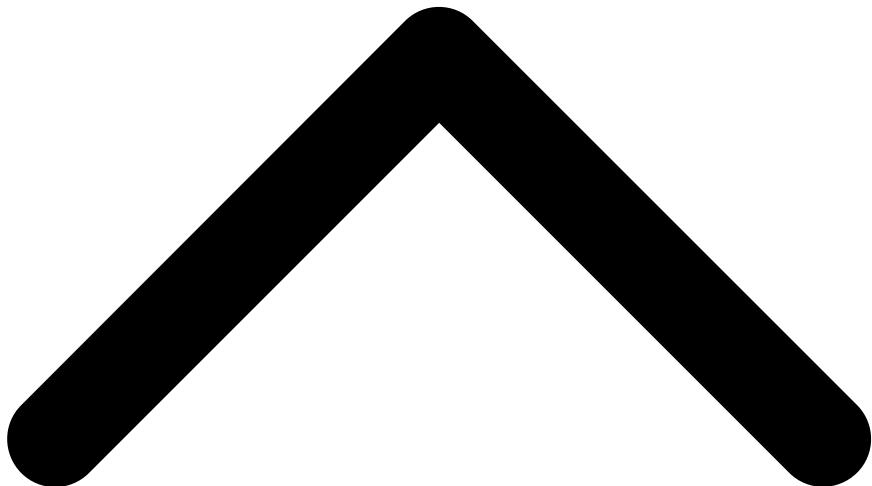


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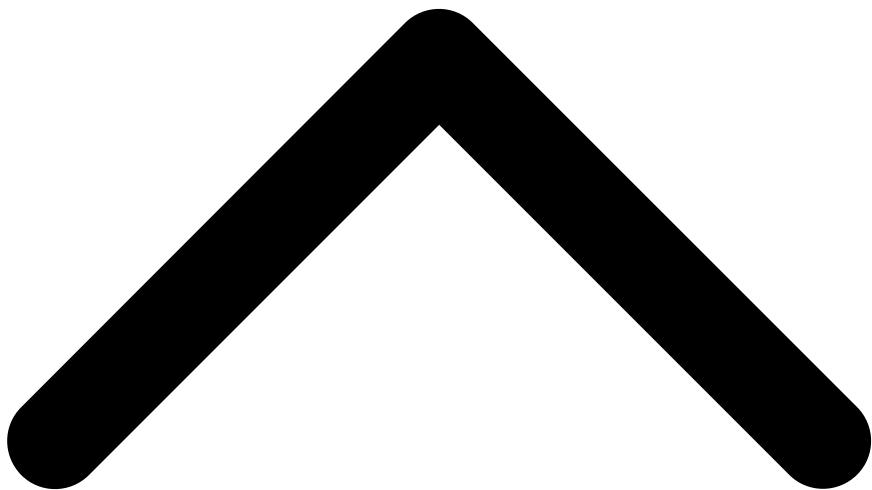
ransomNote = "aa"

magazine = "aab"

Expected: True

Each letter in magazine can only be used once in ransomNote.

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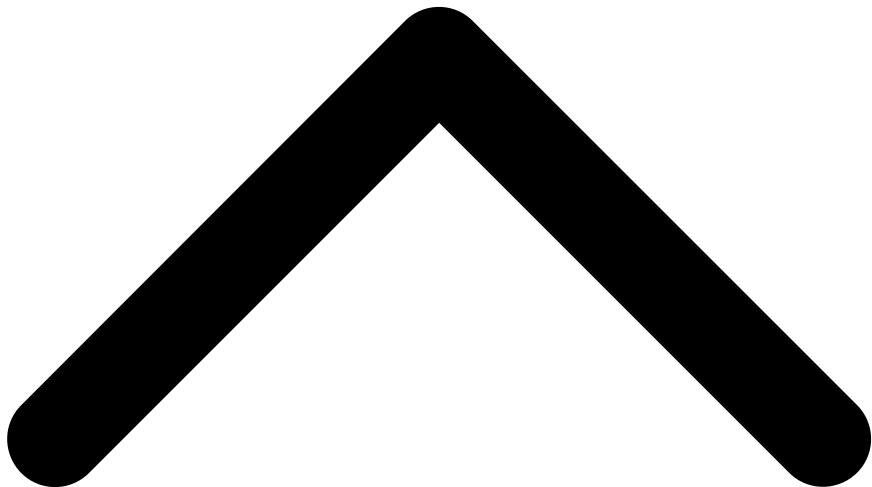
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I have asked chatGPT to solve this problem :)



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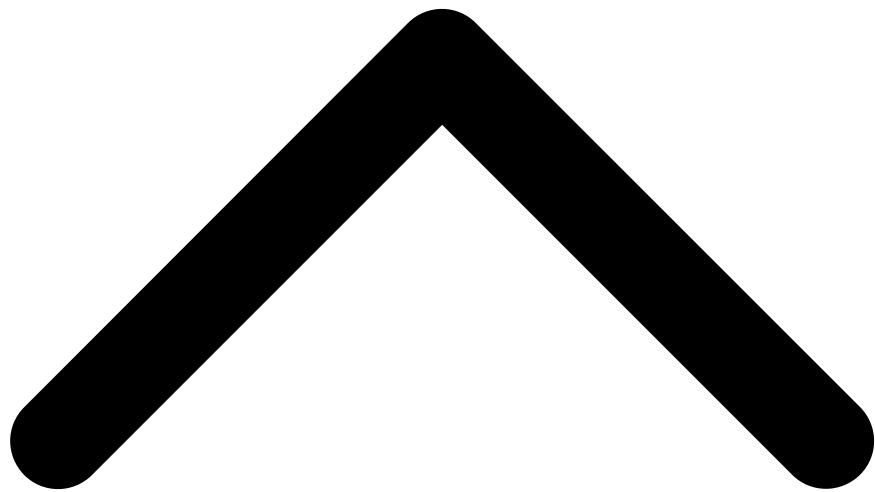
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return (Counter(ransomNote) - Counter(magazine)) == {}
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class Solution {  
    public boolean canConstruct(String ransomNote, String magazine) {  
        return ransomNote.length() <= magazine.length();  
    }  
}
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