

1153. String Transforms Into Another String Premium

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Given two strings `str1` and `str2` of the same length, determine whether you can transform `str1` into `str2` by doing **zero or more conversions**.

In one conversion you can convert **all** occurrences of one character in `str1` to **any** other lowercase English character.

Return `true` if and only if you can transform `str1` into `str2`.

Example 1:

Input: `str1 = "aabcc", str2 = "ccdee"`
Output: `true`
Explanation: Convert 'c' to 'e' then 'b' to 'd' then 'a' to 'c'. Note that the order of conversions matter.

Example 2:

Input: `str1 = "leetcode", str2 = "codeleet"`
Output: `false`
Explanation: There is no way to transform `str1` to `str2`.

Constraints:

- `1 <= str1.length == str2.length <= 104`
- `str1` and `str2` contain only lowercase English letters.

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Hint 1

Model the problem as a graph problem. Add an edge from one character to another if you need to convert between them.

Hint 2

What if one character needs to be converted into more than one character?

Hint 3

There would be no solution. Thus, every node can have at most one outgoing edge.

Hint 4

How to process a linked list?

Hint 5

How to process a cycle?

Hint 6

What if there is a character with no outgoing edge? You can use it to break all cycles!

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