



5541. Count Substrings That Differ by One Character

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Given two strings s and t, find the number of ways you can choose a non-empty substring of s and replace a single character by a different character such that the resulting substring is a substring of t. In other words, find the number of substrings in s that differ from some substring in t by exactly one character.

For example, the underlined substrings in "computer" and "computation" only differ by the 'e'/'a', so this is a valid way.

Return the number of substrings that satisfy the condition above.

A **substring** is a contiguous sequence of characters within a string.

User Accepted:	87
User Tried:	124
Total Accepted:	87
Total Submissions:	131
Difficulty:	Medium

Example 1:

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Input: s = "aba", t = "baba"
Output: 6
Explanation: The following are the pairs of substrings from s and t that differ by exactly 1 character:
("<u>a</u>ba", "<u>b</u>aba")
("<u>a</u>ba", "ba<u>b</u>a")
("ab<u>a</u>", "<u>b</u>aba")
("ab<u>a</u>", "ba<u>b</u>a")
("a<u>b</u>a", "b<u>a</u>ba")
("a<u>b</u>a", "bab<u>a</u>")
The underlined portions are the substrings that are chosen from s and t.
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Example 2:

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Input: s = "ab", t = "bb"
Output: 3
Explanation: The following are the pairs of substrings from s and t that differ by 1 character:
("<u>a</u>b", "<u>b</u>b")
("<u>a</u>b", "b<u>b</u>")
("<u>ab</u>", "<u>bb</u>")
The underlined portions are the substrings that are chosen from s and t.
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Example 3:

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Input: s = "a", t = "a"
Output: 0
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Example 4:

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Input: s = "abe", t = "bbc"
Output: 10
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Constraints:

- 1 <= s.length, t.length <= 100
- s and t consist of lowercase English letters only.

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JavaScript
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 1 • /**
      * @param {string} s
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      * @param {string} t
      * @return {number}
      */
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 6 v const countSubstrings = (s, t) ⇒ {
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        let ns = s.length;
        let nt = t.length;
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        let setS = [];
        let setT = [];
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        for (let i = 0; i < ns; i++) {
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             for (let j = i; j < ns; j++) {
13
                 let subss = s.slice(i, j + 1);
                 if (subss.length != 0) setS.push(subss);
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            }
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        for (let i = 0; i < nt; i++) {
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             for (let j = i; j < nt; j++) {
                let subst = t.slice(i, j + 1);
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                 if (subst.length != 0) setT.push(subst);
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        }
23
        console.log(setS, setT);
        let cnt = 0;
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25 •
        setS.forEach(s => {
26 ▼
             setT.forEach(t => {
27 ▼
                 if (ok(s, t, 1) \&\& s != t \&\& s.length == t.length) {
28
                     console.log(s, t, ok(s, t, 1));
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                     cnt++;
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31
            });
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        });
33
        return cnt;
    };
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    const ok = (short, long) => {
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        let diff = long.length - short.length;
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        let cnt = 0;
39 ▼
        for (let i = 0; i < short.length; i++) {
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             if (cnt > 1) return false;
41 ▼
             if (short[i] != long[i]) {
42
                 cnt++;
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        if ((diff + cnt) > 1) return false;
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46
        return true;
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    }
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