

242. Valid Anagram

<https://leetcode.com/problems/valid-anagram/description/>

Given two strings `s` and `t`, return `true` if `t` is an anagram of

`s`

, and

`false`

otherwise.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "anagram", t = "nagaram"`

Output: `true`

Example 2:

Input: `s = "rat", t = "car"`

Output: `false`

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length, t.length <= 5 * 104`
- `s` and `t` consist of lowercase English letters.

Follow up: What if the inputs contain Unicode characters? How would you adapt your solution to such a case?

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class Solution:
    def isAnagram(self, s: str, t: str) -> bool:
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# If lengths are different, they cannot be anagrams
if len(s) != len(t):
    return False

# Use a dictionary to count character frequencies in both strings
char_count = {}

for char in s:
    char_count[char] = char_count.get(char, 0) + 1

for char in t:
    if char not in char_count:
        return False
    char_count[char] -= 1
    if char_count[char] < 0:
        return False

return all(count == 0 for count in char_count.values())

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The following code checks if the length of each string matches first before comparing the character frequency.

We use `char_count` to count characters for keys and values for their frequencies

using

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char_count[char] = char_count.get(char, 0) + 1
```

We fetch a key to retrieve its count, otherwise if it doesn't exist we increase the count of the character

Important to note that **`.get()`** is used to return the value of the item of the specified key

After iterating through string s
It will check for characters in string t

For every character it see's it will decrement the count as it goes through the string

So it should return a 0 if its an anagram

This code is $O(n)$ both time complexity and space complexity as it linearly scales with the size of the string.