

Problem 839: Similar String Groups

Problem Information

Difficulty: Hard

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Two strings,

X

and

Y

, are considered similar if either they are identical or we can make them equivalent by swapping at most two letters (in distinct positions) within the string

X

.

For example,

"tars"

and

"rats"

are similar (swapping at positions

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and

2

), and

"rats"

and

"arts"

are similar, but

"star"

is not similar to

"tars"

,

"rats"

, or

"arts"

Together, these form two connected groups by similarity:

{"tars", "rats", "arts"}

and

{"star"}

. Notice that

"tars"

and

"arts"

are in the same group even though they are not similar. Formally, each group is such that a word is in the group if and only if it is similar to at least one other word in the group.

We are given a list

strs

of strings where every string in

strs

is an anagram of every other string in

strs

. How many groups are there?

Example 1:

Input:

```
strs = ["tars", "rats", "arts", "star"]
```

Output:

2

Example 2:

Input:

```
strs = ["omv", "ovm"]
```

Output:

1

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{strs.length} \leq 300$

$1 \leq \text{strs[i].length} \leq 300$

`strs[i]`

consists of lowercase letters only.

All words in

`strs`

have the same length and are anagrams of each other.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int numSimilarGroups(vector<string>& strs) {
        }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
public int numSimilarGroups(String[] strs) {
    }
```

```
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def numSimilarGroups(self, strs: List[str]) -> int:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def numSimilarGroups(self, strs):  
        """  
        :type strs: List[str]  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string[]} strs  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var numSimilarGroups = function(strs) {  
  
};
```

TypeScript:

```
function numSimilarGroups(strs: string[]): number {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int NumSimilarGroups(string[] strs) {  
  
    }  
}
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C:

```
int numSimilarGroups(char** strs, int strssize) {  
}  
}
```

Go:

```
func numSimilarGroups(strs []string) int {  
}  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun numSimilarGroups(strs: Array<String>): Int {  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func numSimilarGroups(_ strs: [String]) -> Int {  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn num_similar_groups(strs: Vec<String>) -> i32 {  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {String[]} strs  
# @return {Integer}  
def num_similar_groups(strs)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String[] $strs  
     * @return Integer  
     */  
    function numSimilarGroups($strs) {  
  
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Dart:

```
class Solution {  
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Scala:

```
object Solution {  
def numSimilarGroups(strs: Array[String]): Int = {  
  
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Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
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num_similar_groups(Strs) ->  
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Racket:

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(define/contract (num-similar-groups strs)
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Solutions

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 * Tags: array, string, graph, hash, search
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 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
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