

# Problem 2157: Groups of Strings

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

You are given a

0-indexed

array of strings

words

. Each string consists of

lowercase English letters

only. No letter occurs more than once in any string of

words

.

Two strings

s1

and

s2

are said to be

connected

if the set of letters of

$s_2$

can be obtained from the set of letters of

$s_1$

by any

one

of the following operations:

Adding exactly one letter to the set of the letters of

$s_1$

.

Deleting exactly one letter from the set of the letters of

$s_1$

.

Replacing exactly one letter from the set of the letters of

$s_1$

with any letter,

including

itself.

The array

words

can be divided into one or more non-intersecting

groups

. A string belongs to a group if any

one

of the following is true:

It is connected to

at least one

other string of the group.

It is the

only

string present in the group.

Note that the strings in

words

should be grouped in such a manner that a string belonging to a group cannot be connected to a string present in any other group. It can be proved that such an arrangement is always unique.

Return

an array

ans

of size

2

where:

`ans[0]`

is the

maximum number

of groups

words

can be divided into, and

`ans[1]`

is the

size of the largest

group

.

Example 1:

Input:

`words = ["a","b","ab","cde"]`

Output:

`[2,3]`

Explanation:

- words[0] can be used to obtain words[1] (by replacing 'a' with 'b'), and words[2] (by adding 'b'). So words[0] is connected to words[1] and words[2]. - words[1] can be used to obtain words[0] (by replacing 'b' with 'a'), and words[2] (by adding 'a'). So words[1] is connected to words[0] and words[2]. - words[2] can be used to obtain words[0] (by deleting 'b'), and words[1] (by deleting 'a'). So words[2] is connected to words[0] and words[1]. - words[3] is not connected to any string in words. Thus, words can be divided into 2 groups ["a","b","ab"] and ["cde"]. The size of the largest group is 3.

Example 2:

Input:

```
words = ["a","ab","abc"]
```

Output:

```
[1,3]
```

Explanation:

- words[0] is connected to words[1]. - words[1] is connected to words[0] and words[2]. - words[2] is connected to words[1]. Since all strings are connected to each other, they should be grouped together. Thus, the size of the largest group is 3.

Constraints:

```
1 <= words.length <= 2 * 10
```

```
4
```

```
1 <= words[i].length <= 26
```

```
words[i]
```

consists of lowercase English letters only.

No letter occurs more than once in

words[i]

.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> groupStrings(vector<string>& words) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int[] groupStrings(String[] words) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

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

### Python:

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

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {string[]} words
```

```

* @return {number[]}
*/
var groupStrings = function(words) {

};

```

### TypeScript:

```

function groupStrings(words: string[]): number[] {

};

```

### C#:

```

public class Solution {
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    }
}

```

### C:

```

/**
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
 */
int* groupStrings(char** words, int wordsSize, int* returnSize) {

}

```

### Go:

```

func groupStrings(words []string) []int {

}

```

### Kotlin:

```

class Solution {
    fun groupStrings(words: Array<String>): IntArray {

    }
}

```

### Swift:

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

### Rust:

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

### Ruby:

```
# @param {String[]} words  
# @return {Integer[]}  
def group_strings(words)  
  
end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String[] $words  
     * @return Integer[]  
     */  
    function groupStrings($words) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    List<int> groupStrings(List<String> words) {  
  
    }  
}
```



```
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {  
  def groupStrings(words: Array[String]): Array[Int] = {  
  
  }  
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
  @spec group_strings(words :: [String.t]) :: [integer]  
  def group_strings(words) do  
  
  end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec group_strings(Words :: [unicode:unicode_binary()]) -> [integer()].  
group_strings(Words) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (group-strings words)  
  (-> (listof string?) (listof exact-integer?))  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

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

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