

Problem 1657: Determine if Two Strings Are Close

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 54.21%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Hash Table, String, Sorting, Counting

Problem Description

Two strings are considered **close** if you can attain one from the other using the following operations:

* Operation 1: Swap any two **existing** characters. * For example, ``a _b_ cd _e_ -> a _e_ cd _b_`` * Operation 2: Transform **every** occurrence of one **existing** character into another **existing** character, and do the same with the other character. * For example, ``_aa_ c _abb_ -> _bb_ c _baa_`` (all ``a`s` turn into ``b`s`, and all ``b`s` turn into ``a`s`)

You can use the operations on either string as many times as necessary.

Given two strings, ``word1`` and ``word2``, return ``true`` `_if_`` ``word1`` `_and_`` ``word2`` `_are``**close**, and ``false`` `_otherwise._``

Example 1:

Input: `word1 = "abc", word2 = "bca"` **Output:** `true` **Explanation:** You can attain `word2` from `word1` in 2 operations. Apply Operation 1: `"a _bc_ " -> "a _cb_ "` Apply Operation 1: `"_a_ c _b_ " -> "_b_ c _a_ "`

Example 2:

Input: `word1 = "a", word2 = "aa"` **Output:** `false` **Explanation:** It is impossible to attain `word2` from `word1`, or vice versa, in any number of operations.

Example 3:

****Input:**** word1 = "cabbba", word2 = "abbccc" ****Output:**** true ****Explanation:**** You can attain word2 from word1 in 3 operations. Apply Operation 1: "ca _b_ bb _a_ " -> "ca _a_ bb _b_ " Apply Operation 2: "_c_ aa _bbb_ " -> "_b_ aa _ccc_ " Apply Operation 2: "_baa_ ccc" -> "_abb_ ccc"

****Constraints:****

* `1 <= word1.length, word2.length <= 105` * `word1` and `word2` contain only lowercase English letters.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool closeStrings(string word1, string word2) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public boolean closeStrings(String word1, String word2) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def closeStrings(self, word1: str, word2: str) -> bool:
```