

# Problem 245: Shortest Word Distance III

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

Given an array of strings

wordsDict

and two strings that already exist in the array

word1

and

word2

, return

the shortest distance between the occurrence of these two words in the list

Note

that

word1

and

word2

may be the same. It is guaranteed that they represent

two individual words

in the list.

Example 1:

Input:

```
wordsDict = ["practice", "makes", "perfect", "coding", "makes"], word1 = "makes", word2 =  
"coding"
```

Output:

1

Example 2:

Input:

```
wordsDict = ["practice", "makes", "perfect", "coding", "makes"], word1 = "makes", word2 =  
"makes"
```

Output:

3

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{wordsDict.length} \leq 10$

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$1 \leq \text{wordsDict[i].length} \leq 10$

`wordsDict[i]`

consists of lowercase English letters.

word1

and

word2

are in

wordsDict

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int shortestWordDistance(vector<string>& wordsDict, string word1, string
word2) {
    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int shortestWordDistance(String[] wordsDict, String word1, String
word2) {
    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def shortestWordDistance(self, wordsDict: List[str], word1: str, word2: str)
-> int:
```

**Python:**

```
class Solution(object):
    def shortestWordDistance(self, wordsDict, word1, word2):
        """
        :type wordsDict: List[str]
        :type word1: str
        :type word2: str
        :rtype: int
        """
```

**JavaScript:**

```
/**
 * @param {string[]} wordsDict
 * @param {string} word1
 * @param {string} word2
 * @return {number}
 */
var shortestWordDistance = function(wordsDict, word1, word2) {
};
```

**TypeScript:**

```
function shortestWordDistance(wordsDict: string[], word1: string, word2: string): number {  
};
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {
    public int ShortestWordDistance(string[] wordsDict, string word1, string word2) {
    }
}
```

**C:**

```
int shortestWordDistance(char** wordsDict, int wordsDictSize, char* word1,
char* word2) {
```

```
}
```

### Go:

```
func shortestWordDistance(wordsDict []string, word1 string, word2 string) int {
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {
    fun shortestWordDistance(wordsDict: Array<String>, word1: String, word2: String): Int {
        }
    }
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {
    func shortestWordDistance(_ wordsDict: [String], _ word1: String, _ word2: String) -> Int {
        }
    }
}
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {
    pub fn shortest_word_distance(words_dict: Vec<String>, word1: String, word2: String) -> i32 {
        }
    }
}
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {String[]} words_dict
# @param {String} word1
# @param {String} word2
```

```
# @return {Integer}
def shortest_word_distance(words_dict, word1, word2)

end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String[] $wordsDict
     * @param String $word1
     * @param String $word2
     * @return Integer
     */
    function shortestWordDistance($wordsDict, $word1, $word2) {

    }
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {
  int shortestWordDistance(List<String> wordsDict, String word1, String word2)
  {
  }
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {
  def shortestWordDistance(wordsDict: Array[String], word1: String, word2: String): Int = {
  }
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec shortest_word_distance(words_dict :: [String.t], word1 :: String.t,
```

```

word2 :: String.t) :: integer
def shortest_word_distance(words_dict, word1, word2) do
  end
end

```

### Erlang:

```

-spec shortest_word_distance(WordsDict :: [unicode:unicode_binary()], Word1
    :: unicode:unicode_binary(), Word2 :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> integer().
shortest_word_distance(WordsDict, Word1, Word2) ->
  .

```

### Racket:

```

(define/contract (shortest-word-distance wordsDict word1 word2)
  (-> (listof string?) string? exact-integer?))

```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Shortest Word Distance III
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, string
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

class Solution {
public:
  int shortestWordDistance(vector<string>& wordsDict, string word1, string
  word2) {
    }
};

```

### **Java Solution:**

```
/**  
 * Problem: Shortest Word Distance III  
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 * Tags: array, string  
 *  
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach  
 */  
  
class Solution {  
    public int shortestWordDistance(String[] wordsDict, String word1, String  
        word2) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### **Python3 Solution:**

```
"""  
Problem: Shortest Word Distance III  
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Tags: array, string  
  
Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach  
"""  
  
class Solution:  
    def shortestWordDistance(self, wordsDict: List[str], word1: str, word2: str)  
        -> int:  
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution  
        pass
```

### **Python Solution:**

```
class Solution(object):  
    def shortestWordDistance(self, wordsDict, word1, word2):  
        """  
        :type wordsDict: List[str]
```

```
:type word1: str
:type word2: str
:rtype: int
"""

```

### JavaScript Solution:

```
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 * @param {string[]} wordsDict
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var shortestWordDistance = function(wordsDict, word1, word2) {

};


```

### TypeScript Solution:

```
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function shortestWordDistance(wordsDict: string[], word1: string, word2: string): number {
```

```
};
```

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}
```

### C Solution:

```
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int shortestWordDistance(char** wordsDict, int wordsDictSize, char* word1,
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### Go Solution:

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func shortestWordDistance(wordsDict []string, word1 string, word2 string) int {
}

```

### Kotlin Solution:

```

class Solution {
    fun shortestWordDistance(wordsDict: Array<String>, word1: String, word2: String): Int {
        return 0
    }
}

```

### Swift Solution:

```

class Solution {
    func shortestWordDistance(_ wordsDict: [String], _ word1: String, _ word2: String) -> Int {
        return 0
    }
}

```

### Rust Solution:

```

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impl Solution {

```

```
pub fn shortest_word_distance(words_dict: Vec<String>, word1: String, word2: String) -> i32 {  
    }  
    }  
}
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### Ruby Solution:

```
# @param {String[]} words_dict  
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end
```

### PHP Solution:

```
class Solution {  
  
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    }  
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}  
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  def shortest_word_distance(words_dict, word1, word2) do  
  
  end  
end
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