

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

`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().
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.

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Racket:

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(define/contract (shortest-word-distance wordsDict word1 word2)
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Solutions

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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, string
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 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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class Solution:
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-> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass
```

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