

Problem 249: Group Shifted Strings

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Perform the following shift operations on a string:

Right shift

: Replace every letter with the

successive

letter of the English alphabet, where 'z' is replaced by 'a'. For example,

"abc"

can be right-shifted to

"bcd"

or

"xyz"

can be right-shifted to

"yza"

Left shift

: Replace every letter with the

preceding

letter of the English alphabet, where 'a' is replaced by 'z'. For example,

"bcd"

can be left-shifted to

"abc"

or

"yza"

can be left-shifted to

"xyz"

We can keep shifting the string in both directions to form an

endless

shifting sequence

For example, shift

"abc"

to form the sequence:

... <-> "abc" <-> "bcd" <-> ... <-> "xyz" <-> "yza" <-> ...

<-> "zab" <-> "abc" <-> ...

You are given an array of strings

strings

, group together all

strings[i]

that belong to the same shifting sequence. You may return the answer in

any order

Example 1:

Input:

```
strings = ["abc", "bcd", "acef", "xyz", "az", "ba", "a", "z"]
```

Output:

```
[["acef"], ["a", "z"], ["abc", "bcd", "xyz"], ["az", "ba"]]
```

Example 2:

Input:

```
strings = ["a"]
```

Output:

```
[["a"]]
```

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{strings.length} \leq 200$

$1 \leq \text{strings[i].length} \leq 50$

`strings[i]`

consists of lowercase English letters.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<vector<string>> groupStrings(vector<string>& strings) {
        ...
    };
}
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
public List<List<String>> groupStrings(String[] strings) {
    ...
}
```

Python3:

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

Python:

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

```
:rtype: List[List[str]]  
"""
```

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string[]} strings  
 * @return {string[][]}  
 */  
var groupStrings = function(strings) {  
  
};
```

TypeScript:

```
function groupStrings(strings: string[]): string[][] {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public IList<IList<string>> GroupStrings(string[] strings) {  
  
    }  
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```

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 caller calls free().  
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char*** groupStrings(char** strings, int stringsSize, int* returnSize, int**  
returnColumnSizes) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func groupStrings(strings []string) [][]string {  
}  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun groupStrings(strings: Array<String>): List<List<String>> {  
          
          
          
    }  
}
```

Swift:

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

Rust:

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

Ruby:

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

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String[] $strings  
     * @return String[][]
```

```
 */
function groupStrings($strings) {
}

}
```

Dart:

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

}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {
def groupStrings(strings: Array[String]): List[List[String]] = {

}

}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
@spec group_strings(strings :: [String.t]) :: [[String.t]]
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end
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Erlang:

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-spec group_strings(Strings :: [unicode:unicode_binary()]) ->
[[unicode:unicode_binary()]].
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Racket:

```
(define/contract (group-strings strings)
(-> (listof string?) (listof (listof string?)))
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Solutions

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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, string, hash
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        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
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