

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

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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:

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

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

`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) {

    }
}
```

C:

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 * Note: Both returned array and *columnSizes array must be malloced, assume
 * caller calls free().
 */
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) {

}

}

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Dart:

```

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

  }
}

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Scala:

```

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

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}

```

Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec group_strings(strings :: [String.t]) :: [[String.t]]
  def group_strings(strings) do

  end
end

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Erlang:

```

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

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Racket:

```

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

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Solutions

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 * Tags: array, string, hash
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 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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Python3 Solution:

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        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
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