

Problem 79: Word Search

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given an

$m \times n$

grid of characters

board

and a string

word

, return

true

if

word

exists in the grid

.

The word can be constructed from letters of sequentially adjacent cells, where adjacent cells are horizontally or vertically neighboring. The same letter cell may not be used more than

once.

Example 1:

A	B	C	E
S	F	C	S
A	D	E	E

Input:

`board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCCED"`

Output:

`true`

Example 2:

A	B	C	E
S	F	C	S
A	D	E	E

Input:

board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "SEE"

Output:

true

Example 3:

A	B	C	E
S	F	C	S
A	D	E	E

Input:

```
board = [["A","B","C","E"],["S","F","C","S"],["A","D","E","E"]], word = "ABCB"
```

Output:

false

Constraints:

$m == \text{board.length}$

$n = \text{board}[i].\text{length}$

$1 \leq m, n \leq 6$

$1 \leq \text{word.length} \leq 15$

board

and

word

consists of only lowercase and uppercase English letters.

Follow up:

Could you use search pruning to make your solution faster with a larger

board

?

Code Snippets

C++:

```

class Solution {
public:
    bool exist(vector<vector<char>>& board, string word) {

    }
};

```

Java:

```

class Solution {
    public boolean exist(char[][] board, String word) {

    }
}

```

Python3:

```

class Solution:
    def exist(self, board: List[List[str]], word: str) -> bool:

```

Python:

```

class Solution(object):
    def exist(self, board, word):
        """
        :type board: List[List[str]]
        :type word: str
        :rtype: bool
        """

```

JavaScript:

```

/**
 * @param {character[][]} board
 * @param {string} word
 * @return {boolean}
 */
var exist = function(board, word) {

};

```

TypeScript:

```
function exist(board: string[][], word: string): boolean {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public bool Exist(char[][] board, string word) {  
  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
bool exist(char** board, int boardSize, int* boardColSize, char* word) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func exist(board [][]byte, word string) bool {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun exist(board: Array<CharArray>, word: String): Boolean {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func exist(_ board: [[Character]], _ word: String) -> Bool {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```

impl Solution {
  pub fn exist(board: Vec<Vec<char>>, word: String) -> bool {

  }
}

```

Ruby:

```

# @param {Character[][]} board
# @param {String} word
# @return {Boolean}
def exist(board, word)

end

```

PHP:

```

class Solution {

  /**
   * @param String[][] $board
   * @param String $word
   * @return Boolean
   */
  function exist($board, $word) {

  }
}

```

Dart:

```

class Solution {
  bool exist(List<List<String>> board, String word) {

  }
}

```

Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def exist(board: Array[Array[Char]], word: String): Boolean = {

  }
}

```

```
}
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Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec exist(board :: [[char]], word :: String.t) :: boolean
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Erlang:

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-spec exist(Board :: [[char()]], Word :: unicode:unicode_binary()) ->
boolean().
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Racket:

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(define/contract (exist board word)
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Solutions

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 * Tags: array, string, search
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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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