

Problem 211: Design Add and Search Words Data Structure

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 47.80%

Paid Only: No

Tags: String, Depth-First Search, Design, Trie

Problem Description

Design a data structure that supports adding new words and finding if a string matches any previously added string.

Implement the `WordDictionary` class:

* `WordDictionary()` Initializes the object. * `void addWord(word)` Adds `word` to the data structure, it can be matched later. * `bool search(word)` Returns `true` if there is any string in the data structure that matches `word` or `false` otherwise. `word` may contain dots `'.'` where dots can be matched with any letter.

Example:

Input

```
["WordDictionary","addWord","addWord","addWord","search","search","search","search"]  
[[["bad"],["dad"],["mad"],["pad"],["bad"],["ad"],["b.."]]]
```

Output

```
[null,null,null,null,false,true,true,true]
```

Explanation

```
WordDictionary wordDictionary = new WordDictionary();  
wordDictionary.addWord("bad");  
wordDictionary.addWord("dad");  
wordDictionary.addWord("mad");  
wordDictionary.search("pad"); // return False  
wordDictionary.search("bad"); // return True  
wordDictionary.search(".ad"); // return True  
wordDictionary.search("b.."); // return True
```

Constraints:

* $1 \leq \text{word.length} \leq 25$ * `word` in `addWord` consists of lowercase English letters. * `word` in `search` consist of `'.'` or lowercase English letters. * There will be at most `2` dots in

`word` for `search` queries. * At most `104` calls will be made to `addWord` and `search`.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class WordDictionary {
public:
    WordDictionary() {

    }

    void addWord(string word) {

    }

    bool search(string word) {

    }
};

/**
 * Your WordDictionary object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * WordDictionary* obj = new WordDictionary();
 * obj->addWord(word);
 * bool param_2 = obj->search(word);
 */
```

Java:

```
class WordDictionary {

    public WordDictionary() {

    }

    public void addWord(String word) {

    }

    public boolean search(String word) {
```

```

}
}

/**
 * Your WordDictionary object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * WordDictionary obj = new WordDictionary();
 * obj.addWord(word);
 * boolean param_2 = obj.search(word);
 */

```

Python3:

```

class WordDictionary:

    def __init__(self):

    def addWord(self, word: str) -> None:

    def search(self, word: str) -> bool:

    # Your WordDictionary object will be instantiated and called as such:
    # obj = WordDictionary()
    # obj.addWord(word)
    # param_2 = obj.search(word)

```