

Problem 944: Delete Columns to Make Sorted

Problem Information

Difficulty: Easy

Acceptance Rate: 74.94%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, String

Problem Description

You are given an array of `n` strings `strs`, all of the same length.

The strings can be arranged such that there is one on each line, making a grid.

* For example, `strs = ["abc", "bce", "cae"]` can be arranged as follows:

abc bce cae

You want to **delete** the columns that are **not sorted lexicographically**. In the above example (**0-indexed**), columns 0 ('a', 'b', 'c') and 2 ('c', 'e', 'e') are sorted, while column 1 ('b', 'c', 'a') is not, so you would delete column 1.

Return _the number of columns that you will delete_.

Example 1:

Input: strs = ["cba", "daf", "ghi"] **Output:** 1 **Explanation:** The grid looks as follows: cba
daf ghi Columns 0 and 2 are sorted, but column 1 is not, so you only need to delete 1 column.

Example 2:

Input: strs = ["a", "b"] **Output:** 0 **Explanation:** The grid looks as follows: a b Column 0 is the only column and is sorted, so you will not delete any columns.

Example 3:

****Input:**** strs = ["zyx", "wvu", "tsr"] ****Output:**** 3 ****Explanation:**** The grid looks as follows: zyx
wvu tsr All 3 columns are not sorted, so you will delete all 3.

****Constraints:****

* `n == strs.length` * `1 <= n <= 100` * `1 <= strs[i].length <= 1000` * `strs[i]` consists of lowercase English letters.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int minDeletionSize(vector<string>& strs) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public int minDeletionSize(String[] strs) {  
  
}  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minDeletionSize(self, strs: List[str]) -> int:
```