

# Problem 1657: Determine if Two Strings Are Close

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 54.21%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Hash Table, String, Sorting, Counting

## Problem Description

Two strings are considered **“close”** if you can attain one from the other using the following operations:

- \* Operation 1: Swap any two **“existing”** characters. \* For example, `a \_b\_ cd \_e\_ -> a \_e\_ cd \_b\_`
- \* Operation 2: Transform **“every”** occurrence of one **“existing”** character into another **“existing”** character, and do the same with the other character. \* For example, `\_aa\_ c \_abb\_ -> \_bb\_ c \_baa\_` (all `a`'s turn into `b`'s, and all `b`'s turn into `a`'s)

You can use the operations on either string as many times as necessary.

Given two strings, `word1` and `word2`, return `true` if `word1` and `word2` are **“close”**, and false otherwise.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** word1 = "abc", word2 = "bca" **Output:** true **Explanation:** You can attain word2 from word1 in 2 operations. Apply Operation 1: "a \_bc\_ " -> "a \_cb\_ " Apply Operation 1: "\_a\_ c \_b\_ " -> "\_b\_ c \_a\_ "

**Example 2:**

**Input:** word1 = "a", word2 = "aa" **Output:** false **Explanation:** It is impossible to attain word2 from word1, or vice versa, in any number of operations.

**Example 3:**

**Input:** word1 = "cabbba", word2 = "abbccc" **Output:** true **Explanation:** You can attain word2 from word1 in 3 operations. Apply Operation 1: "ca \_b\_ bb \_a\_ " -> "ca \_a\_ bb \_b\_ " Apply Operation 2: "\_c\_ aa \_bbb\_ " -> "\_b\_ aa \_ccc\_ " Apply Operation 2: "\_baa\_ ccc" -> "\_abb\_ ccc"

**Constraints:**

\* `1 <= word1.length, word2.length <= 105` \* `word1` and `word2` contain only lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    bool closeStrings(string word1, string word2) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
public boolean closeStrings(String word1, String word2) {  
  
}  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def closeStrings(self, word1: str, word2: str) -> bool:
```