

Problem 422: Valid Word Square

Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given an array of strings

words

, return

true

if it forms a valid

word square

A sequence of strings forms a valid

word square

if the

k

th

row and column read the same string, where

$0 \leq k < \max(\text{numRows}, \text{numColumns})$

Example 1:

a	b	c	d
b	n	r	t
c	r	m	y
d	t	y	e

Input:

words = ["abcd", "bnrt", "crmy", "dtye"]

Output:

true

Explanation:

The 1

st

row and 1

st

column both read "abcd". The 2

nd

row and 2

nd

column both read "bnrt". The 3

rd

row and 3

rd

column both read "crmy". The 4

th

row and 4

th

column both read "dtye". Therefore, it is a valid word square.

Example 2:

a	b	c	d
b	n	r	t
c	r	m	
d	t		

Input:

```
words = ["abcd", "bnrt", "crm", "dt"]
```

Output:

true

Explanation:

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column both read "crm". The 4

th

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column both read "dt". Therefore, it is a valid word square.

Example 3:

b	a	l	l
a	r	e	a
r	e	a	d
l	a	d	y

Input:

```
words = ["ball", "area", "read", "lady"]
```

Output:

false

Explanation:

The 3

rd

row reads "read" while the 3

rd

column reads "lead". Therefore, it is NOT a valid word square.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{words.length} \leq 500$

$1 \leq \text{words[i].length} \leq 500$

`words[i]`

consists of only lowercase English letters.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    bool validWordSquare(vector<string>& words) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public boolean validWordSquare(List<String> words) {  
  
}  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def validWordSquare(self, words: List[str]) -> bool:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def validWordSquare(self, words):  
        """  
        :type words: List[str]
```

```
:rtype: bool  
"""
```

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string[]} words  
 * @return {boolean}  
 */  
var validWordSquare = function(words) {  
  
};
```

TypeScript:

```
function validWordSquare(words: string[]): boolean {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public bool ValidWordSquare(IList<string> words) {  
  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
bool validWordSquare(char** words, int wordsSize) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func validWordSquare(words []string) bool {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun validWordSquare(words: List<String>): Boolean {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func validWordSquare(_ words: [String]) -> Bool {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn valid_word_square(words: Vec<String>) -> bool {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {String[]} words  
# @return {Boolean}  
def valid_word_square(words)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String[] $words  
     * @return Boolean  
     */  
    function validWordSquare($words) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    bool validWordSquare(List<String> words) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def validWordSquare(words: List[String]): Boolean = {  
  
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}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
    @spec valid_word_square(words :: [String.t]) :: boolean  
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    end  
end
```

Erlang:

```
-spec valid_word_square(Words :: [unicode:unicode_binary()]) -> boolean().  
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Racket:

```
(define/contract (valid-word-square words)  
  (-> (listof string?) boolean?))
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

```

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 * Problem: Valid Word Square
 * Difficulty: Easy
 * Tags: array, string
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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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class Solution:

def validWordSquare(self, words: List[str]) -> bool:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

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