

# Problem 3529: Count Cells in Overlapping Horizontal and Vertical Substrings

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 26.15%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, String, Rolling Hash, String Matching, Matrix, Hash Function

## Problem Description

You are given an  $m \times n$  matrix `grid` consisting of characters and a string `pattern`.

A **horizontal substring** is a contiguous sequence of characters read from left to right. If the end of a row is reached before the substring is complete, it wraps to the first column of the next row and continues as needed. You do **not** wrap from the bottom row back to the top.

A **vertical substring** is a contiguous sequence of characters read from top to bottom. If the bottom of a column is reached before the substring is complete, it wraps to the first row of the next column and continues as needed. You do **not** wrap from the last column back to the first.

Count the number of cells in the matrix that satisfy the following condition:

\* The cell must be part of **at least** one horizontal substring and **at least** one vertical substring, where **both** substrings are equal to the given `pattern`.

Return the count of these cells.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** `grid = [["a","a","c","c"], ["b","b","b","c"], ["a","a","b","a"], ["c","a","a","c"], ["a","a","b","a"]]`,  
`pattern = "abaca"`

**\*\*Output:\*\*** 1

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

The pattern `"abaca"` appears once as a horizontal substring (colored blue) and once as a vertical substring (colored red), intersecting at one cell (colored purple).

**\*\*Example 2:\*\***

 (https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2025/03/03/gridexample2fixeddrawio.png)

**\*\*Input:\*\*** `grid = [["c","a","a","a"],["a","a","b","a"],["b","b","a","a"],["a","a","b","a"]]`, `pattern = "aba"`

**\*\*Output:\*\*** 4

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

The cells colored above are all part of at least one horizontal and one vertical substring matching the pattern `"aba"`.

**\*\*Example 3:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** `grid = [["a"]]`, `pattern = "a"`

**\*\*Output:\*\*** 1

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

`m == grid.length` `n == grid[i].length` `1 <= m, n <= 1000` `1 <= m * n <= 105` `1 <= pattern.length <= m * n` `grid` and `pattern` consist of only lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int countCells(vector<vector<char>>& grid, string pattern) {
```

```
}  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int countCells(char[][] grid, String pattern) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def countCells(self, grid: List[List[str]], pattern: str) -> int:
```