
Algorithm Find the number of nodes in the shortest path to convert *begin_word* to *end_word* using only valid conversions

Require: The length of both the words should be same

Ensure: You can only change one character at a time

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1: function WORD_LADDER(begin_word, end_word, word_list)
  ▷ dictionary is a hashmap containing all the valid words in the dictionary
  ▷ visited is a hashmap containing all the strings which are already processed in the queue

2:   for each word in word_list do
3:     dictionary.insert(word)
4:   queue.push(begin_word, 1)
5:   visited.insert(begin_word)
6:   while queue is not empty do                                     ▷ Perform BFS
7:     (current_string, level) ← queue.front
8:     queue.pop
9:     if current_string == end_word then
10:      return level
11:    for Each element in current_string do
12:      for Each char in the alphabet do
13:        backup ← element
14:        Replace element by char                                       ▷ Create the new string
15:        if current_string is in dictionary then
16:          if current_string is not in visited then
17:            queue.push(current_string, level + 1)
18:            visited.push(current_string)
19:          Replace char by backup                                       ▷ Get the original string back
20:  return Not Possible
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