

242. Valid Anagram

Given two strings `s` and `t`, return `true` if `t` is an anagram of `s`, and `false` otherwise

Example 1:

Input: `s = "anagram", t = "nagaram"`

Output: `true`

Example 2:

Input: `s = "rat", t = "car"`

Output: `false`

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def isAnagram(self, s: str, t: str) -> bool:
    if len(s) != len(t):
        return False
    counter = [0]*26
    for i in range(len(s)):
        counter[ord(s[i])-ord('a')] = counter[ord(s[i])-ord('a')]+1
        counter[ord(t[i])-ord('a')] = counter[ord(t[i])-ord('a')]-1
    for ele in counter:
        if ele != 0:
            return False
    return True

#         if len(s) != len(t):
#             return False
#         s = sorted(s)
#         t = sorted(t)
#         for i in range(0, len(t)):
#             if s[i] != t[i]:
#                 return False
#
#         return True
```

Follow up

What if the inputs contain unicode characters? How would you adapt your solution to such case?

Answer

Use a hash table instead of a fixed size counter. Imagine allocating a large size array to fit the entire range of unicode characters, which could go up to [more than 1 million](#). A hash table is a more generic solution and could adapt to any range of characters.