1G Compute the Hamming Distance Between Two Strings

Hamming Distance Problem

Compute the Hamming distance between two strings.

Input: Two strings of equal length.

Output: The Hamming distance between these strings.

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Formatting

Input: Two DNA strings $Text_1$ and $Text_2$.

Output: An integer representing the Hamming distance between $Text_1$ and $Text_2$.

Constraints

• The length of $Text_1$ and $Text_2$ will be between 1 and 10^4 .

- $Text_1$ and $Text_2$ will have equal lengths.
- $Text_1$ and $Text_2$ will be DNA strings.

Test Cases 🗘

Case 1

Description: The sample dataset is not actually run on your code.

Input:

GGGCCGTTGGT GGACCGTTGAC

Output:

3

Case 2

Description: This dataset checks if your code isn't keeping count (i.e. returns 0 when the answer is clearly nonzero) or if your code returns a negative value, which is impossible.

Input:

AAAA

TTTT

Output:

4

Case 3

Description: This dataset checks if your code is finding Edit Distance (which would be 2) instead of Hamming Distance.

Input:

ACGTACGT TACGTACG

Output:

8

Case 4

Description: This dataset checks if your code is returning the number of matches (2) instead of the number of mismatches (6).

Input:

ACGTACGT CCCCCCC

Output:

6

Case 5

Description: This dataset checks if your code works on a dataset where the two input strings have no matches.

Input:

ACGTACGT TGCATGCA

Output:

8

Case 6

Description: A larger dataset of the same size as that provided by the randomized autograder.