

Permutations in a String

Question:

<https://leetcode.com/problems/permutation-in-string/>

Given two strings *s1* and *s2*, return *true* if *s2* contains a permutation of *s1*, or *false* otherwise.

In other words, return *true* if one of *s1*'s permutations is the substring of *s2*.

Example 1:

Input: *s1* = "ab", *s2* = "eidbaooo"

Output: *true*

Explanation: *s2* contains one permutation of *s1* ("ba").

Example 2:

Input: *s1* = "ab", *s2* = "eidboaoo"

Output: *false*

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s1.length, s2.length \leq 104$
- *s1* and *s2* consist of lowercase English letters.

Approach:

The first thing we require is to find the permutations.

I found a trick that didn't require calculating the permutation. Basically, we check if a string has the same characters as our original. If this condition is satisfied, we can say that it is a permutation of the original string.

So I used 2 arrays: One to calculate the count of each character in s1 and the other to calculate if the same count of characters is present in s2 or not.

NOTE: We can also do this using **hashmaps by mapping each character with its number of occurrences**.

Solution:

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def checkInclusion(self, s1: str, s2: str) -> bool:

    l1 = [0]*26

    l2 = [0]*26

    for x in s1:

        l1[ord(x) - ord('a')] += 1

    for i in range(len(s2)):

        print(l1,l2)

        l2[ord(s2[i]) - ord('a')] += 1

        if i >= len(s1):

            l2[ord(s2[i-len(s1)]) - ord('a')] -= 1

        if l1 == l2:

            return True

    return False
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