

Multiple Anagrams

Q: Given an array of strings, group the anagrams together. You can return the answers in any order

Clarifications:

- How should I handle duplicate strings?
- Definition of an anagram
- Is each string not empty?

Test Cases:

1. ["bat", "eat", "nab", "ate", "fight", "tea"]
↳ [{"bat", "nab"}, {"eat", "tea", "ate"}, {"fight"}]

2. ["abc", "def", "ghi"]
↳ [{"abc"}, {"def"}, {"ghi"}]

3. ["abc", "bca", "cba"]

↳ [{"abc", "bca", "cba"}]

Algorithm:

1. Compare number of characters

↳ if not equal, not anagrams

2. Check if strings are identical

↳ if so, they are anagrams

3. Add first string to hashmap by letter and frequency

4. Iterate through each character of each subsequent string

5. If there is a match, remove from list and add original

string + anagram to 2D Array

↳ Once ~~the~~ end of list is reached, remove og string as well

6. If no match, just add to 2D array

Multiple Anagrams (continued)

strs = []

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def multipleAnagrams(self, strs):
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    grouped = {}
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    for i in range(len(strs)):
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        for j in range(i+1, len(strs)):
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            if strs[i] == strs[j]:
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                grouped[i][j] =
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NeetCode Notes:

- Any two strings are anagrams of each other if when sorted, they are equivalent

↳ to do this for each string is a time complexity of $O(m \cdot n \log n)$ where n is the average length and m is the total # of strings

- However, each string can only have chars from a-z (26 unique chars)

- You can make a hashmap that counts how many of each character each string has, using that as the key, and the value is the list of anagrams

- Time Complexity: $O(m \cdot n \cdot 26) = O(m \cdot n)$

- Make a dictionary that takes an array of character counts and maps that to a list of anagrams

Multiple Anagrams (NeetCode)

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def groupAnagrams(strs):
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    # mapping character count to a list of anagrams  
    res = defaultdict(list)
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    for s in strs: # iterate through each string
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        count = [0] * 26 # zero-index, a-z
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        for c in s:
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            count[ord(c) - ord("a")] += 1
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            # the above line subtracts each char from the
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            # ASCII value of lowercase a, such that a
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            # is index 0, b is 1... so on and so forth
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            res[tuple(count)].append(s)
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    return res.values()
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    # Time Complexity of  $O(m \cdot n)$ 
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Analysis Algorithmically:

- Create an empty hash map where keys represent the character counts and values are the words that match
- Loop through each string
- Create and init a list of 26 zeroes (for each alpha letter)
- Loop through each char in current word
- Assign each character to the appropriate spot in the array
- Cast the letter list as a tuple to use it as a dict key
- Add the original word to the dictionary
- Return the values