

# 2444. Longest Ideal Subsequence

## Difficulty : Medium

<https://leetcode.com/problems/longest-ideal-subsequence>

You are given a string  $s$  consisting of lowercase letters and an integer  $k$ . We call a string  $t$  **ideal** if the following conditions are satisfied:

- $t$  is a **subsequence** of the string  $s$ .
- The absolute difference in the alphabet order of every two **adjacent** letters in  $t$  is less than or equal to  $k$ .

Return *the length of the **longest** ideal string*.

A **subsequence** is a string that can be derived from another string by deleting some or no characters without changing the order of the remaining characters.

**Note** that the alphabet order is not cyclic. For example, the absolute difference in the alphabet order of 'a' and 'z' is 25, not 1.

### Example 1:

**Input:**  $s = \text{"acfgbd"}, k = 2$

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:** The longest ideal string is "acbd". The length of this string is 4, so 4 is returned. Note that "acfgbd" is not ideal because 'c' and 'f' have a difference of 3 in alphabet order.

### Example 2:

**Input:**  $s = \text{"abcd"}, k = 3$

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:** The longest ideal string is "abcd". The length of this string is 4, so 4 is returned.

### Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 10^5$
- $0 \leq k \leq 25$
- $s$  consists of lowercase English letters.