

2360. Substring With Largest Variance

Difficulty : Hard

<https://leetcode.com/problems/substring-with-largest-variance>

The **variance** of a string is defined as the largest difference between the number of occurrences of **any** 2 characters present in the string. Note the two characters may or may not be the same.

Given a string s consisting of lowercase English letters only, return *the **largest variance** possible among all **substrings** of s .*

A **substring** is a contiguous sequence of characters within a string.

Example 1:

Input: $s = \text{"aababbb"}$

Output: 3

Explanation:

All possible variances along with their respective substrings are listed below:

- Variance 0 for substrings "a", "aa", "ab", "abab", "aababb", "ba", "b", "bb", and "bbb".
- Variance 1 for substrings "aab", "aba", "abb", "aabab", "ababb", "aababbb", and "bab".
- Variance 2 for substrings "aaba", "ababbb", "abbb", and "babb".
- Variance 3 for substring "babbb".

Since the largest possible variance is 3, we return it.

Example 2:

Input: $s = \text{"abcde"}$

Output: 0

Explanation:

No letter occurs more than once in s , so the variance of every substring is 0.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 10^4$
- s consists of lowercase English letters.