

1403. Palindrome Partitioning III

Difficulty : Hard

<https://leetcode.com/problems/palindrome-partitioning-iii>

You are given a string s containing lowercase letters and an integer k . You need to :

- First, change some characters of s to other lowercase English letters.
- Then divide s into k non-empty disjoint substrings such that each substring is a palindrome.

Return *the minimal number of characters that you need to change to divide the string*.

Example 1:

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

Output: 1

Explanation: You can split the string into "ab" and "c", and change 1 character in "ab" to make it palindrome.

Example 2:

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

Output: 0

Explanation: You can split the string into "aa", "bb" and "c", all of them are palindrome.

Example 3:

Input: $s = \text{"leetcode"}$, $k = 8$

Output: 0

Constraints:

- $1 \leq k \leq s.length \leq 100$.
- s only contains lowercase English letters.