# 1857. Largest Color Value in a Directed Graph

## Description

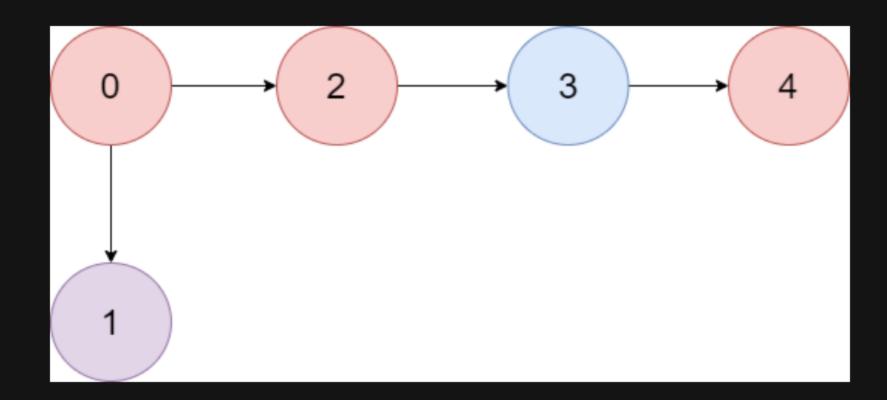
There is a directed graph of n colored nodes and m edges. The nodes are numbered from 0 to n - 1.

You are given a string colors where colors[i] is a lowercase English letter representing the color of the i th node in this graph (0-indexed). You are also given a 2D array edges where edges[j] = [a j, b j] indicates that there is a directed edge from node  $a_j$  to node  $b_j$ .

A valid **path** in the graph is a sequence of nodes  $x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_k$  such that there is a directed edge from  $x_i$  to  $x_{i+1}$  for every  $1 \leftarrow i < k$ . The **color value** of the path is the number of nodes that are colored the **most frequently** occurring color along that path.

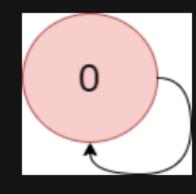
Return the largest color value of any valid path in the given graph, or [-1] if the graph contains a cycle.

### Example 1:



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Input: colors = "abaca", edges = [[0,1],[0,2],[2,3],[3,4]]
Output: 3
Explanation: The path 0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 contains 3 nodes that are colored "a" (red in the above image).
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#### Example 2:



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Input: colors = "a", edges = [[0,0]]
Output: -1
Explanation: There is a cycle from 0 to 0.
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#### **Constraints:**

- n == colors.length
- m == edges.length
- 1 <= n <=  $10^{5}$
- $0 \ll m \ll 10^5$
- colors consists of lowercase English letters.
- $0 <= a_j, b_j < n$