

1332. Remove Palindromic Subsequences

Description

You are given a string `s` consisting **only** of letters `'a'` and `'b'`. In a single step you can remove one **palindromic subsequence** from `s`.

Return *the minimum number of steps to make the given string empty*.

A string is a **subsequence** of a given string if it is generated by deleting some characters of a given string without changing its order. Note that a subsequence does **not** necessarily need to be contiguous.

A string is called **palindrome** if is one that reads the same backward as well as forward.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "ababa"`

Output: `1`

Explanation: `s` is already a palindrome, so its entirety can be removed in a single step.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "abb"`

Output: `2`

Explanation: `"_abb"` \rightarrow `"_bb"` \rightarrow `""`.

Remove palindromic subsequence `"a"` then `"bb"`.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "baabb"`

Output: `2`

Explanation: `"baa_b_b"` \rightarrow `"_b_"` \rightarrow `""`.

Remove palindromic subsequence `"baab"` then `"b"`.

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 1000`
- `s[i]` is either `'a'` or `'b'`.

