

# 1. Almost Equivalent Strings

Two strings are considered “almost equivalent” if they have the same length AND for each lowercase letter  $x$ , the number of occurrences of  $x$  in the two strings differs by no more than 3. There are two arrays of  $n$  strings, arrays  $s$  and  $t$ . Strings  $s[i]$  and  $t[i]$  make the  $i$ th pair. They are of equal length and consist of lowercase English letters. For each pair of strings, determine if they are almost equivalent. Return an array of  $i$  strings, either 'YES' or 'NO', one for each pair.

Example

$s = ['aabaab', 'aaaaabb']$

$t = ['bbabbc', 'abb']$

	$s[0]$	$t[0]$	difference
a	4	1	3
b	2	4	2
c	0	1	1

	$s[1]$	$t[1]$	difference
a	5	1	4
b	2	2	0

The number of occurrences of 'a', 'b', and 'c' in ( $s[0]$ ,  $t[0]$ ) never differs by more than 3. This pair is almost equivalent.

In ( $s[1]$ ,  $t[1]$ ), 'a' violates the condition.

The return array is ['YES', 'NO'].

Function Description

Complete the function `areAlmostEquivalent` in the editor below.

areAlmostEquivalent has the following parameters:

string s[n]: an array of strings

string t[n]: an array of strings

Returns:

string[n]: an array of strings, either 'YES' or 'NO' in answer to each test case

Constraints

$1 \leq n \leq 5$

$1 \leq \text{length of any string in the input} \leq 105$

Input Format For Custom Testing

Sample Case 0

Sample Input

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1    → s[] size n = 1

aaa → s = ['aaa']

1    → t[] size n = 1

aab → t = ['aab']

Sample Output

YES

Explanation

Only letters 'a' and 'b' are present in the two strings. The number of occurrences of each differs by 1.

## 2. Cutting Metal Surplus

The owner of a construction company has a surplus of rods of arbitrary lengths. A local contractor offers to buy any of the surplus, as long as all the rods have the same exact integer length, referred to as `saleLength`. The number of sellable rods can be increased by cutting each rod zero or more times, but each cut has a cost denoted by `costPerCut`. After all cuts have been made, any leftover rods having a length other than `saleLength` must be discarded for no profit. The owner's total profit for the sale is calculated as:

$$\text{totalProfit} = \text{totalUniformRods} \times \text{saleLength} \times \text{salePrice} - \text{totalCuts} \times \text{costPerCut}$$

where `totalUniformRods` is the number of sellable rods, `salePrice` is the per unit length price that the contractor agrees to pay, and `totalCuts` is the total number of times the rods needed to be cut.

Example

`lengths = [30, 59, 110]`

`costPerCut = 1`

`salePrice = 10 per unit length`

The following are tests based on lengths that are factors of 30, the length of the shortest bar. Factors of other lengths might also be tested, but this demonstrates the methodology.

Cuts

Length		Rod	Extra	Regular	Total Pieces
30	30	0	0	0	1
	59	1	0	1	1
	110	1	2	3	3
	Revenue = $(10 \times 5 \times 30) - (4 \times 1) = 1496$				
15	30	0	1	1	2
	59	1	2	3	3
	110	1	6	7	7
	Revenue = $(10 \times 12 \times 15) - (11 \times 1) = 1789$				
10	30	0	2	2	3
	59	1	4	5	5
	110	0	10	10	11
	Revenue = $(10 \times 19 \times 10) - (17 \times 1) = 1883$				
6	30	0	4	4	5
	59	1	8	9	9
	110	1	17	18	18
	Revenue = $(10 \times 32 \times 6) - (31 \times 1) = 1889$				
5	30	0	5	5	6
	59	1	10	11	11
	110	0	21	21	21
	Revenue = $(10 \times 39 \times 5) - (37 \times 1) = 1913$				
3	30	0	9	9	10
	59	1	18	19	19
	110	1	35	36	36
	Revenue = $(10 \times 65 \times 3) - (64 \times 1) = 1886$				

Working through the first stanza, length = 30, it is the same length as the first rod, so no cuts are required and there is 1 piece. For the second rod, cut and discard the excess 29 unit rod. No more cuts are necessary and another 1 piece is left to sell. Cut 20 units off the 110 unit rod to discard leaving 90 units, then make two more cuts to have 3 more pieces to sell. Finally sell 5 totalUniformRods , saleLength = 30 at salePrice = 10 per unit length for 1500. The cost to produce was totalCuts = 4 times costPerCut = 1 per cut, or 4. Total revenue =  $1500 - 4 = 1496$ . The maximum revenue among these tests is obtained at length 5 for 1913.

## Function Description

Complete the function maxProfit in the editor below.

maxProfit has the following parameter(s):

costPerCut: cost to make a cut

salePrice: per unit length sales price

lengths[n]: integer rod lengths

Returns:

int: maximum possible profit

Constraints

$1 \leq n \leq 50$

$1 \leq \text{lengths}[i] \leq 104$

$1 \leq \text{salePrice}, \text{costPerCut} \leq 1000$

Input Format for Custom Testing

Sample Case 0

Sample Input

STDIN    Function

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1    → costPerCut = 1

10   → salePrice = 10

3    → lengths[] size n = 3

26   → lengths = [26, 103, 59]

103

59

Sample Output

1770

Explanation

Since costPerCut = 1 is very inexpensive, a large number of cuts can be made to reduce the number of wasted pieces. The optimal rod length for maximizing profit is 6, and the rods are cut as shown:

lengths[0] = 26: Cut off a piece of length 2 and discard it, resulting in a rod of length 24.

Then, cut this rod into 4 pieces of length 6.

lengths[1] = 103: Cut off a piece of length 1 and discard it, resulting in a rod of length 102.

Then, cut this rod into 17 pieces of length 6.

lengths[2] = 59: Cut off a piece of length 5 and discard it, resulting in a rod of length 54.

Then, cut this rod into 9 pieces of length 6.

After performing  $\text{totalCuts} = (1 + 3) + (1 + 16) + (1 + 8) = 30$  cuts, there are  $\text{totalUniformRods} = 4 + 17 + 9 = 30$  pieces of length  $\text{saleLength} = 6$  that can be sold at  $\text{salePrice} = 10$ . This yields a total profit of  $\text{salePrice} \times \text{totalUniformRods} \times \text{saleLength} - \text{totalCuts} \times \text{costPerCut} = 10 \times 30 \times 6 - 30 \times 1 = 1770$ .

Sample Case 1