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# Common Child ☆

A string is said to be a child of a another string if it can be formed by deleting 0 or more
characters from the other string. Given two strings of equal length, what's the longest string
that can be constructed such that it is a child of both?

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For example, ABCD and ABDC have two children with maximum length 3, ABC and ABD . They can be formed by eliminating either the D or C from both strings. Note that we will not consider ABCD as a common child because we can't rearrange characters and ABCD  $\neq$  ABDC .

## **Input Format**

**Problem** 

There is one line with two space-separated strings, s1 and s2.

## Constraints

- $1 \le |s1|, |s2| \le 5000$
- All characters are upper case in the range ascii[A-Z].

## **Output Format**

Print the length of the longest string  $\boldsymbol{s}$ , such that  $\boldsymbol{s}$  is a child of both  $\boldsymbol{s1}$  and  $\boldsymbol{s2}$ .

# Sample Input

HARRY

SALLY

## Sample Output

2

## **Explanation**

The longest string that can be formed by deleting zero or more characters from *HARRY* and *SALLY* is *AY*, whose length is 2.

# Sample Input 1

AA

ВВ

# Sample Output 1

0

## **Explanation 1**

 ${\it AA}$  and  ${\it BB}$  have no characters in common and hence the output is 0.

# Sample Input 2

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Sample Output 2

3

Explanation 2

The longest string that can be formed between SHINCHAN and NOHARAAA while maintaining the order is NHA.

Sample Input 3

ABCDEF
FBDAMN

Sample Output 3

2

Explanation 3

BD is the longest child of the given strings.
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 Current Buffer (saved locally, editable) 2 3
                                             Java 7
  1 ▼ import java.io.*;
  2 import java.util.*;
     import java.text.*;
  3
      import java.math.*;
      import java.util.regex.*;
  7 ▼ public class Solution {
  8
          static int commonChild(String s1, String s2){
  9 ▼
              // Complete this function
 10
 11
 12
          public static void main(String[] args) {
 13 🔻
              Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
 14
              String s1 = in.next();
 15
              String s2 = in.next();
 16
              int result = commonChild(s1, s2);
 17
 18
              System.out.println(result);
 19
 20 }
                                                                   Line: 1 Col: 1
                                                                   Submit Code
1 Upload Code as File
                   Test against custom input
                                                   Run Code
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