1717. Maximum Score From Removing Substrings

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You are given a string `s` and two integers `x` and `y`. You can perform two types of operations any number of times.

- Remove substring `"ab"` and gain `x` points.
  - For example, when removing `"ab"` from `"cabxbae"` it becomes `"cxbae"`.

- Remove substring `"ba"` and gain `y` points.
  - For example, when removing `"ba"` from `"cabxbae"` it becomes `"cabxe"`.

Return *the maximum points you can gain after applying the above operations on* `s`.

Example 1:

Input: s = "cdbcbbaaabab", x = 4, y = 5
Output: 19
Explanation:
- Remove the "ba" underlined in "cdbcbbaaa<u>ba</u>b". Now, s = "cdbcbbaaab" and 5 points are added to the score.
- Remove the "ab" underlined in "cdbcbbaa<u>ab</u>". Now, s = "cdbcbbaa" and 4 points are added to the score.
- Remove the "ba" underlined in "cdbcb<u>ba</u>a". Now, s = "cdbcba" and 5 points are added to the score.
- Remove the "ba" underlined in "cdbc<u>ba</u>". Now, s = "cdbc" and 5 points are added to the score.
Total score = 5 + 4 + 5 + 5 = 19.

Example 2:

Input: s = "aabbaaxybbaabb", x = 5, y = 4
Output: 20

Constraints:

- $1 <= s.length <= 10^5$
- $1 <= x, y <= 10^4$
- `s` consists of lowercase English letters.

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