



## Common Child ☆

## Problem

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A string is said to be a child of 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?

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  $ABCD \neq ABDC$ .

### Function Description

Complete the `commonChild` function in the editor below. It should return the longest string which is a common child of the input strings.

commonChild has the following parameter(s):

- $s_1, s_2$ : two equal length strings

### Input Format

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

## Constraints

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

### Output Format

Print the length of the longest string  $s$ , such that  $s$  is a child of both  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ .

### 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  
BB



**Sample Output 1**

0

**Explanation 1**

*AA* and *BB* have no characters in common and hence the output is 0.

**Sample Input 2**

SHINCHAN  
NOHARAAA

**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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20     int[,] op = new int[s1.Length + 1, s2.Length + 1];
21     for (int i = 1; i < s1.Length + 1; i++)
22     {
23         for (int j = 1; j < s2.Length + 1; j++)
24         {
25             if (s1[i - 1] == s2[j - 1])
26             {
27                 op[i, j] = op[i - 1, j - 1] + 1;
28             }
```