## 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.

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class Solution {
   func maximumGain( s: String, x: Int, y: Int) -> Int {
       var ans = 0
       var ab: [Character] = x \ge y ? ["a", "b"] : ["b", "a"]
       var reward = x >= y ? x : y
       var arr = Array(s)
       var l:Character = ab[0]
       var m:Character = ab[1]
       var stack:[Character] = []
       for i in s {
           if(stack.count == 0) {
               stack.append(i)
               continue
           if(i == m && stack[stack.count-1] == 1) {
               ans = ans + reward
               stack.removeLast()
           } else {
               stack.append(i)
           }
       }
       ab = x < y ? ["a", "b"] : ["b", "a"]
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reward = x < y ? x : y
    1 = ab[0]
    m = ab[1]
    var stack2:[Character] = []
    for i in stack {
        if(stack2.count == 0) {
           stack2.append(i)
            continue
        }
        if(i == m && stack2[stack2.count-1] == 1) {
            ans = ans + reward
            stack2.removeLast()
        } else {
           stack2.append(i)
    }
    return ans
}
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}