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FIRST:-

Minimum times A has to be repeated such that B is a substring of it

Medium

Given two strings **A** and **B**. Find minimum number of times A has to be repeated such that B is a Substring of it. If **B** can never be a substring then return **-1**.

Example 1:

Input:

A = "abcd"

B = "cdabcdab"

Output:

3

Explanation:

Repeating A three times (abcdabcdabcd),
B is a substring of it. B is not a substring
of A when it is repeated less than 3 times.

Example 2:

Input:

A = "ab"

B = "cab"

Output :

-1

Explanation:

No matter how many times we repeat A, we can't
get a string such that B is a substring of it.

Your Task:

You don't need to read input or print anything. Your task is to complete the function **minRepeats()** which takes 2 strings A, and B respectively and returns the minimum number of times A has to be repeated such that B is a substring of it. Return -1 if it's not possible.

Expected Time Complexity: $O(|A| * |B|)$

Expected Auxiliary Space: $O(|B|)$

Constraints:

$1 \leq |A|, |B| \leq 10^3$

String A and B consists of lower case alphabets

CODE SECTION :-

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int minRepeats(string A, string B)
{
    string rep = A;
    int cnt = 1;
    while (A.size() < B.size())
    {
        A += rep;
        cnt++;
    }

    if (A.find(B) != -1)
        return cnt;
    A += rep;
    cnt++;
    if (A.find(B) != -1)
        return cnt;
    return -1;
}
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