

1682. Longest Palindromic Subsequence II Premium

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A subsequence of a string `s` is considered a **good palindromic subsequence** if:

- It is a subsequence of `s`.
- It is a palindrome (has the same value if reversed).
- It has an **even** length.
- No two consecutive characters are equal, except the two middle ones.

For example, if `s = "abcabcabb"`, then `"abba"` is considered a **good palindromic subsequence**, while `"bcb"` (not even length) and `"bbbb"` (has equal consecutive characters) are not.

Given a string `s`, return *the length of the longest good palindromic subsequence in s*.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "bbabab"`
Output: `4`
Explanation: The longest good palindromic subsequence of `s` is `"baab"`.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "dcbccacdb"`
Output: `4`
Explanation: The longest good palindromic subsequence of `s` is `"dccd"`.

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 250`
- `s` consists of lowercase English letters.

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Hint 1

As with any good dp problem that uses palindromes, try building the palindrome from the edges

Hint 2

The prime point is to check that no two adjacent characters are equal, so save the past character while building the palindrome.

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