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## 5753. Largest Color Value in a Directed Graph

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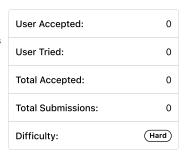
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There is a directed graph of  $\, n \,$  colored nodes and  $\, m \,$  edges. The nodes are numbered from  $\, 0 \,$  to  $\, n \,$  –  $\, 1 \,$ .

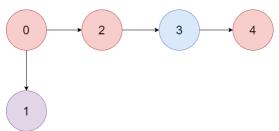
You are given a string colors where colors [i] is a lowercase English letter representing the **color** of the i<sup>th</sup> node in this graph (**0-indexed**). You are also given a 2D array edges where edges [j] =  $[a_j, b_j]$  indicates that there is a **directed** edge from node  $a_i$  to node  $b_j$ .

A valid **path** in the graph is a sequence of nodes  $x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_k$  such that there is a directed edge from  $x_i$  to  $x_{i+1}$  for every 1 <= i < k. The **color value** of the path is the number of nodes that are colored the **most** frequently occurring color along that path.

Return the largest color value of any valid path in the given graph, or -1 if the graph contains a cycle.



## Example 1:



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Input: colors = "abaca", edges = [[0,1],[0,2],[2,3],[3,4]]
Output: 3
Explanation: The path 0 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 contains 3 nodes that are colored "a" (red in the above image).
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## Example 2:



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Input: colors = "a", edges = [[0,0]]
Output: -1
Explanation: There is a cycle from 0 to 0.
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## Constraints:

- n == colors.length
- m == edges.length
- 1 <= n <= 10<sup>5</sup>
- $0 \le m \le 10^5$
- colors consists of lowercase English letters.
- $0 \le a_i$ ,  $b_i \le n$

