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# 6462. Minimize String Length

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Given a **0-indexed** string s , repeatedly perform the following operation **any** number of times:

Choose an index i in the string, and let c be the character in position i . **Delete** the **closest occurrence** of c to the **left** of i (if any) and the **closest occurrence** of c to the **right** of i (if any).

Your task is to **minimize** the length of s by performing the above operation any number of times.

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#### Example 1:

Input: s = "aaabc"
Output: 3
Explanation: In this example, s is "aaabc". We can start by selecting the character 'a' at index 1. We then remove the closest

## Example 2:

Input: s = "cbbd"
Output: 3
Explanation: For this we can start with character 'b' at index 1. There is no occurrence of 'b' to the left of index 1, but the

#### Example 3:

Input: s = "dddaaa"
Output: 2
Explanation: For this, we can start with the character 'd' at index 1. The closest occurrence of a 'd' to its left is at index

## **Constraints:**

- 1 <= s.length <= 100
- s contains only lowercase English letters

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1 const minimizedStringLength = (s) ⇒ new Set(s).size

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