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# Sherlock and Valid String

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You know my powers, my dear Watson, and yet at the end of three months I was forced to confess that I had at last met an antagonist who was my intellectual equal.

A "valid" string is a string  $S$  such that for all distinct characters in  $S$  each such character occurs the same number of times in  $S$ .

For example, aabb is a valid string because the frequency of both characters a and b is 2, whereas aabbc is not a valid string because the frequency of characters a, b, and c is not the same.

Watson gives a string  $S$  to Sherlock and asks him to remove some characters from the string such that the new string is a "valid" string.

Sherlock wants to know from you if it's possible to be done with less than or equal to one removal.



## Input Format

The first and only line contains  $S$ , the string Watson gives to Sherlock.

## Constraints

- $1 \leq |S| \leq 10^5$
- String  $S$  contains lowercase letters only (a — z).

## Output Format

Output YES if string  $S$  can be converted to a "valid" string by removing less than or equal to one character.  
Else, output NO.

## Sample Input

```
aabbcd
```

## Sample Output

```
NO
```

## Explanation

2 is the minimum number of removals required to make it a valid string. It can be done in following two ways:

Remove c and d to get aabb.

Or remove a and b to get abcd.

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C#



```

1 using System;
2 using System.Collections.Generic;
3 using System.Linq;
4 using System.Text;
5 class Solution {
6     static void Main(String[] args) {
7         /* Enter your code here. Read input from STDIN. Print output to STDOUT. Your class should be
            named Solution */
8
9
10        string s = Console.ReadLine();
11
12
13
14        Dictionary<char, int> freq = s.ToCharArray().GroupBy(x => x)
15            .ToDictionary(x => x.Key, x => x.Count());
16
17        Dictionary<int, int> values = new Dictionary<int, int>();
18
19        foreach (KeyValuePair<char, int> kvp in freq)
20        {
21            //Console.WriteLine(kvp.Key + " " + kvp.Value);
22            if (values.ContainsKey(kvp.Value))
23            {
24                values[kvp.Value]++;
25            }
26            else
27            {
28                values[kvp.Value] = 1;
29            }
30        }
31
32
33        if (values.Count == 1)
34        {
35            Console.WriteLine("YES");
36        }
37        else if (values.Count > 2)
38        {
39            Console.WriteLine("NO");
40        }
41        else if (values.Count == 2)
42        {
43            //foreach (KeyValuePair<int, int> kvp in values)
44            //{
45            //    Console.WriteLine(kvp.Key + " " + kvp.Value);
46            //}
47            List<int> lista = values.Values.ToList();
48            //foreach (int v in lista)
49            //{
50            //    Console.WriteLine(v + " ");
51            //}
52            if (lista[0] != 1 && lista[1] != 1)
53            {
54                Console.WriteLine("NO");
55            }
56            else
57            {
58                Console.WriteLine("YES");
59            }
60        }
61    }
62
63
64
65 }
66 }

```

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