

# Problem 2246: Longest Path With Different Adjacent Characters

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given a

tree

(i.e. a connected, undirected graph that has no cycles)

rooted

at node

0

consisting of

$n$

nodes numbered from

0

to

$n - 1$

. The tree is represented by a

0-indexed

array

parent

of size

$n$

, where

$\text{parent}[i]$

is the parent of node

$i$

. Since node

0

is the root,

$\text{parent}[0] == -1$

.

You are also given a string

$s$

of length

$n$

, where

s[i]

is the character assigned to node

i

.

Return

the length of the

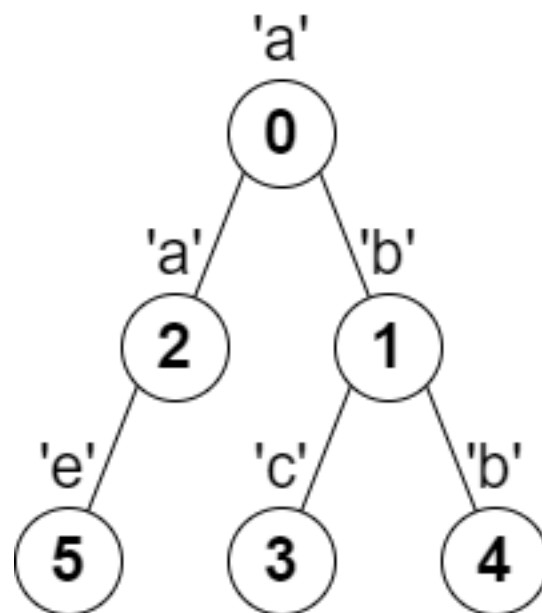
longest path

in the tree such that no pair of

adjacent

nodes on the path have the same character assigned to them.

Example 1:



Input:

parent = [-1,0,0,1,1,2], s = "abacbe"

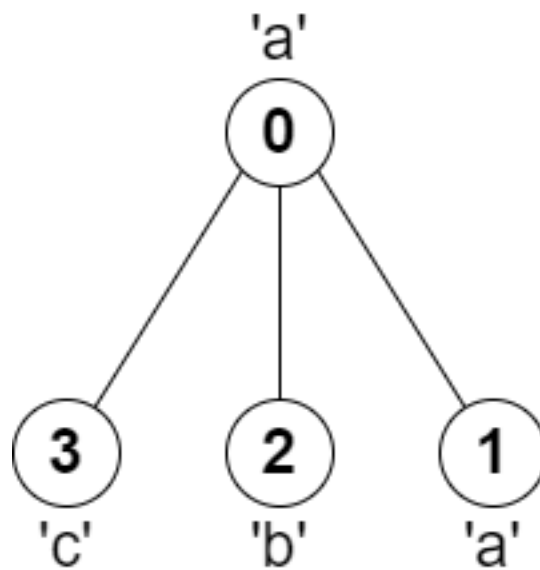
Output:

3

Explanation:

The longest path where each two adjacent nodes have different characters in the tree is the path: 0 -> 1 -> 3. The length of this path is 3, so 3 is returned. It can be proven that there is no longer path that satisfies the conditions.

Example 2:



Input:

parent = [-1,0,0,0], s = "aabc"

Output:

3

Explanation:

The longest path where each two adjacent nodes have different characters is the path: 2 -> 0 -> 3. The length of this path is 3, so 3 is returned.

Constraints:

$n == \text{parent.length} == s.\text{length}$

$1 \leq n \leq 10$

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$0 \leq \text{parent}[i] \leq n - 1$

for all

$i \geq 1$

$\text{parent}[0] == -1$

parent

represents a valid tree.

s

consists of only lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int longestPath(vector<int>& parent, string s) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public int longestPath(int[] parent, String s) {
```

```
}  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def longestPath(self, parent: List[int], s: str) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def longestPath(self, parent, s):  
        """  
        :type parent: List[int]  
        :type s: str  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {number[]} parent  
 * @param {string} s  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var longestPath = function(parent, s) {  
  
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function longestPath(parent: number[], s: string): number {  
  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int LongestPath(int[] parent, string s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```

### C:

```
int longestPath(int* parent, int parentSize, char* s) {  
  
}
```

### Go:

```
func longestPath(parent []int, s string) int {  
  
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun longestPath(parent: IntArray, s: String): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func longestPath(_ parent: [Int], _ s: String) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn longest_path(parent: Vec<i32>, s: String) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} parent  
# @param {String} s
```

```
# @return {Integer}
def longest_path(parent, s)

end
```

## PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[] $parent
     * @param String $s
     * @return Integer
     */
    function longestPath($parent, $s) {

    }

}
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## Dart:

```
class Solution {
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## Scala:

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object Solution {
  def longestPath(parent: Array[Int], s: String): Int = {

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defmodule Solution do
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### Erlang:

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### Racket:

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## Solutions

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 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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def longestPath(self, parent: List[int], s: str) -> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

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