

# Problem 420: Strong Password Checker

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 15.19%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** String, Greedy, Heap (Priority Queue)

## Problem Description

A password is considered strong if the below conditions are all met:

- \* It has at least 6 characters and at most 20 characters.
- \* It contains at least one lowercase letter, at least one uppercase letter, and at least one digit.
- \* It does not contain three repeating characters in a row (i.e., "B \_\*\*aaa\*\*\_ bb0" is weak, but "B\*\*\_aa\_b \_\*\*a\*\*\_ 0" is strong).

Given a string `password`, return the minimum number of steps required to make `password` strong. if `password` is already strong, return 0.

In one step, you can:

- \* Insert one character to `password`,
- \* Delete one character from `password`, or
- \* Replace one character of `password` with another character.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `password = "a"` **Output:** 5

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `password = "aA1"` **Output:** 3

**Example 3:**

**Input:** `password = "1337C0d3"` **Output:** 0

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\* `1 <= password.length <= 50` \* `password` consists of letters, digits, dot `.` or exclamation mark `!`.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int strongPasswordChecker(string password) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int strongPasswordChecker(String password) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def strongPasswordChecker(self, password: str) -> int:
```