

Problem 1750: Minimum Length of String After Deleting Similar Ends

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given a string

`s`

consisting only of characters

`'a'`

`,`

`'b'`

`,` and

`'c'`

. You are asked to apply the following algorithm on the string any number of times:

Pick a

non-empty

prefix from the string

`s`

where all the characters in the prefix are equal.

Pick a

non-empty

suffix from the string

s

where all the characters in this suffix are equal.

The prefix and the suffix should not intersect at any index.

The characters from the prefix and suffix must be the same.

Delete both the prefix and the suffix.

Return

the

minimum length

of

s

after performing the above operation any number of times (possibly zero times)

.

Example 1:

Input:

s = "ca"

Output:

2

Explanation:

You can't remove any characters, so the string stays as is.

Example 2:

Input:

s = "cabaabac"

Output:

0

Explanation:

An optimal sequence of operations is: - Take prefix = "c" and suffix = "c" and remove them, s = "abaaba". - Take prefix = "a" and suffix = "a" and remove them, s = "baab". - Take prefix = "b" and suffix = "b" and remove them, s = "aa". - Take prefix = "a" and suffix = "a" and remove them, s = "".

Example 3:

Input:

s = "aabccabba"

Output:

3

Explanation:

An optimal sequence of operations is: - Take prefix = "aa" and suffix = "a" and remove them, s = "bccabb". - Take prefix = "b" and suffix = "bb" and remove them, s = "cca".

Constraints:

$1 \leq s.length \leq 10$

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s

only consists of characters

'a'

,

'b'

, and

'c'

.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int minimumLength(string s) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int minimumLength(String s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def minimumLength(self, s: str) -> int:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def minimumLength(self, s):
        """
        :type s: str
        :rtype: int
        """
```

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {string} s
 * @return {number}
 */
var minimumLength = function(s) {

};
```

TypeScript:

```
function minimumLength(s: string): number {

};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public int MinimumLength(string s) {

    }
}
```

C:

```
int minimumLength(char* s) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func minimumLength(s string) int {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minimumLength(s: String): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minimumLength(_ s: String) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn minimum_length(s: String) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {String} s  
# @return {Integer}  
def minimum_length(s)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```

class Solution {

  /**
   * @param String $s
   * @return Integer
   */
  function minimumLength($s) {

  }

}

```

Dart:

```

class Solution {
  int minimumLength(String s) {

  }

}

```

Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def minimumLength(s: String): Int = {

  }

}

```

Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec minimum_length(s :: String.t) :: integer
  def minimum_length(s) do

  end

end

```

Erlang:

```

-spec minimum_length(S :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> integer().
minimum_length(S) ->
.

```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (minimum-length s)
  (-> string? exact-integer?)
)
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, string
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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class Solution {
    public int minimumLength(String s) {

    }
}
```

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}
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Python3 Solution:

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class Solution:
    def minimumLength(self, s: str) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
```

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int minimumLength(char* s) {

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Go Solution:

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