

# Problem 521: Longest Uncommon Subsequence I

## Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

Given two strings

a

and

b

, return

the length of the

longest uncommon subsequence

between

a

and

b

.

If no such uncommon subsequence exists, return

-1

An

uncommon subsequence

between two strings is a string that is a

subsequence

of exactly one of them

Example 1:

Input:

a = "aba", b = "cdc"

Output:

3

Explanation:

One longest uncommon subsequence is "aba" because "aba" is a subsequence of "aba" but not "cdc". Note that "cdc" is also a longest uncommon subsequence.

Example 2:

Input:

a = "aaa", b = "bbb"

Output:

3

Explanation:

The longest uncommon subsequences are "aaa" and "bbb".

Example 3:

Input:

a = "aaa", b = "aaa"

Output:

-1

Explanation:

Every subsequence of string a is also a subsequence of string b. Similarly, every subsequence of string b is also a subsequence of string a. So the answer would be

-1

Constraints:

$1 \leq a.length, b.length \leq 100$

a

and

b

consist of lower-case English letters.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int findLUSlength(string a, string b) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int findLUSlength(String a, String b) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def findLUSlength(self, a: str, b: str) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def findLUSlength(self, a, b):  
        """  
        :type a: str  
        :type b: str  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string} a  
 * @param {string} b  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var findLUSlength = function(a, b) {
```

```
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function findLUSlength(a: string, b: string): number {  
}  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int FindLUSlength(string a, string b) {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### C:

```
int findLUSlength(char* a, char* b) {  
  
}
```

### Go:

```
func findLUSlength(a string, b string) int {  
  
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun findLUSlength(a: String, b: String): Int {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func findLUSlength(_ a: String, _ b: String) -> Int {  
        }  
    }
```

```
}
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {
    pub fn find_lu_slength(a: String, b: String) -> i32 {
        }
}
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {String} a
# @param {String} b
# @return {Integer}
def find_lu_slength(a, b)

end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String $a
     * @param String $b
     * @return Integer
     */
    function findLUSlength($a, $b) {

    }
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {
    int findLUSlength(String a, String b) {
        }
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def findLUSlength(a: String, b: String): Int = {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
  @spec find_lu_slength(a :: String.t, b :: String.t) :: integer  
  def find_lu_slength(a, b) do  
  
  end  
  end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec find_lu_slength(A :: unicode:unicode_binary(), B ::  
  unicode:unicode_binary()) -> integer().  
find_lu_slength(A, B) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (find-lu-slength a b)  
  (-> string? string? exact-integer?)  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*  
 * Problem: Longest Uncommon Subsequence I  
 * Difficulty: Easy  
 * Tags: string  
 *  
 * Approach: String manipulation with hash map or two pointers  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach  
 */
```

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```

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```
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 */  
  
class Solution {  
public int findLUSlength(String a, String b) {  
  
}  
}
```

### Python3 Solution:

```
"""  
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"""  
  
class Solution:  
    def findLUSlength(self, a: str, b: str) -> int:  
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
```

```
pass
```

### Python Solution:

```
class Solution(object):
    def findLUSlength(self, a, b):
        """
        :type a: str
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### C# Solution:

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int findLUSlength(char* a, char* b) {
}

```

## Go Solution:

```
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}
```

## Kotlin Solution:

```
class Solution {
    fun findLUSlength(a: String, b: String): Int {
        return if (a == b) 0 else 1
    }
}
```

## Swift Solution:

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class Solution {
    func findLUSlength(_ a: String, _ b: String) -> Int {
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        return 1
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impl Solution {
    pub fn find_lu_slength(a: String, b: String) -> i32 {
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