

# Problem 2911: Minimum Changes to Make K Semi-palindromes

## Problem Information

Difficulty: Hard

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

Given a string

s

and an integer

k

, partition

s

into

k

substrings

such that the letter changes needed to make each substring a

semi-palindrome

are minimized.

Return the

minimum

number of letter changes

required

.

A

semi-palindrome

is a special type of string that can be divided into

palindromes

based on a repeating pattern. To check if a string is a semi-palindrome:

Choose a positive divisor

d

of the string's length.

d

can range from

1

up to, but not including, the string's length. For a string of length

1

, it does not have a valid divisor as per this definition, since the only divisor is its length, which is not allowed.

For a given divisor

d

, divide the string into groups where each group contains characters from the string that follow a repeating pattern of length

d

. Specifically, the first group consists of characters at positions

1

,

$1 + d$

,

$1 + 2d$

, and so on; the second group includes characters at positions

2

,

$2 + d$

,

$2 + 2d$

, etc.

The string is considered a semi-palindrome if each of these groups forms a palindrome.

Consider the string

"abcabc"

:

The length of

"abcabc"

is

6

. Valid divisors are

1

,

2

, and

3

.

For

$d = 1$

: The entire string

"abcabc"

forms one group. Not a palindrome.

For

$d = 2$

:

Group 1 (positions

1, 3, 5

):

"acb"

Group 2 (positions

2, 4, 6

):

"bac"

Neither group forms a palindrome.

For

$d = 3$

:

Group 1 (positions

1, 4

):

"aa"

Group 2 (positions

2, 5

):

"bb"

Group 3 (positions

3, 6

):

"cc"

All groups form palindromes. Therefore,

"abcabc"

is a semi-palindrome.

Example 1:

Input:

s = "abcac", k = 2

Output:

1

Explanation:

Divide

s

into

"ab"

and

"cac"

"cac"

is already semi-palindrome. Change

"ab"

to

"aa"

, it becomes semi-palindrome with

$d = 1$

Example 2:

Input:

$s = "abcdef"$ ,  $k = 2$

Output:

2

Explanation:

Divide

$s$

into substrings

"abc"

and

"def"

. Each needs one change to become semi-palindrome.

Example 3:

Input:

s = "aabbaa", k = 3

Output:

0

Explanation:

Divide

s

into substrings

"aa"

,

"bb"

and

"aa"

. All are already semi-palindromes.

Constraints:

$2 \leq s.length \leq 200$

$1 \leq k \leq s.length / 2$

$s$

contains only lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int minimumChanges(string s, int k) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
public int minimumChanges(String s, int k) {  
  
}  
}
```

### Python3:

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

### Python:

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

**JavaScript:**

```
/**  
 * @param {string} s  
 * @param {number} k  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var minimumChanges = function(s, k) {  
  
};
```

**TypeScript:**

```
function minimumChanges(s: string, k: number): number {  
  
};
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {  
public int MinimumChanges(string s, int k) {  
  
}  
}
```

**C:**

```
int minimumChanges(char* s, int k) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func minimumChanges(s string, k int) int {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
fun minimumChanges(s: String, k: Int): Int {  
  
}
```

```
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minimumChanges(_ s: String, _ k: Int) -> Int {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn minimum_changes(s: String, k: i32) -> i32 {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {String} s  
# @param {Integer} k  
# @return {Integer}  
def minimum_changes(s, k)  
  
end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String $s  
     * @param Integer $k  
     * @return Integer  
     */  
    function minimumChanges($s, $k) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    int minimumChanges(String s, int k) {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def minimumChanges(s: String, k: Int): Int = {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
  @spec minimum_changes(s :: String.t, k :: integer) :: integer  
  def minimum_changes(s, k) do  
  
  end  
  end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec minimum_changes(S :: unicode:unicode_binary(), K :: integer()) ->  
integer().  
minimum_changes(S, K) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (minimum-changes s k)  
  (-> string? exact-integer? exact-integer?)  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Minimum Changes to Make K Semi-palindromes
 * Difficulty: Hard
 * Tags: array, string, tree, dp
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(n) or O(n * m) for DP table
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class Solution {
public:
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```

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```

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 */

class Solution {
public int minimumChanges(String s, int k) {

    }

}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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class Solution:

def minimumChanges(self, s: str, k: int) -> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):

def minimumChanges(self, s, k):
"""

:type s: str
:type k: int
:rtype: int
"""


```

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/**
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};


```

### TypeScript Solution:

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*/
int minimumChanges(char* s, int k) {
}

```

### Go Solution:

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func minimumChanges(s string, k int) int {
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```

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impl Solution {
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