1647. Minimum Deletions to Make Character Frequencies Unique

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A string s is called **good** if there are no two different characters in s that have the same **frequency**.

Given a string s, return the **minimum** number of characters you need to delete to make s **good**.

The **frequency** of a character in a string is the number of times it appears in the string. For example, in the string "aab", the **frequency** of 'a' is 2, while the **frequency** of 'b' is 1.

Example 1:

Input: s = "aab"

Output: 0

Explanation: s is already good.

Example 2:

Input: s = "aaabbbcc"

Output: 2

Explanation: You can delete two 'b's resulting in the good string "aaabcc".

Another way it to delete one 'b' and one 'c' resulting in the good string "aaabbc".

Example 3:

Input: s = "ceabaacb"

Output: 2

Explanation: You can delete both 'c's resulting in the good string "eabaab".

Note that we only care about characters that are still in the string at the end (i.e. frequency

0 is ignored).

Constraints:

- 1 <= s.length <= 10⁵
- s contains only lowercase English letters.

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