Problem E: Cousins

Two strings a and b are defined to be *first cousins* if they can be made equal by removing no more than half the characters from each. For example "abcdef" and "axcyd" are first cousins because we can remove 3 of the 6 characters (b,e,f) from the first string and 2 of the 5 characters in the second string (x,y) resulting in "acd". Two strings c and d are said to be n+1st cousins if there exists a string e that is a first cousin of c and is an nth cousin of d.

Given two strings x and y, determine the smallest $n \ge 1$ such that x is an nth cousin of y.

Input consists of several test cases. Each test case consists of two lines representing x and y. x and y each consist of at least 1 and at most 100 lower case letters. Two lines containing 0 follow the last test case. For each test case, output a line containing n or **not related** if x and y are not nth cousins for any n.

Sample Input

a b abb baa abcdef axcyd 0

Output for Sample Input

2 2 1

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