## **Problem E: Edit Step Ladders**

An *edit step* is a transformation from one word x to another word y such that x and y are words in the dictionary, and x can be transformed to y by adding, deleting, or changing one letter. So the transformation from dig to dog or from dog to dog are both edit steps. An *edit step ladder* is a lexicographically ordered sequence of words  $w_1, w_2, \dots w_n$  such that the transformation from  $w_i$  to  $w_{i+1}$  is an edit step for all i from 1 to n-1.

For a given dictionary, you are to compute the length of the longest edit step ladder. The input to your program consists of the dictionary - a set of lower case words in lexicographic order - one per line. No word exceeds 16 letters and there are no more than 25000 words in the dictionary. The output consists of a single integer, the number of words in the longest edit step ladder.

## **Sample Input**

cat

diq

dog

fig

fin

fine

fog

log

wine

## **Output for Sample Input**

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