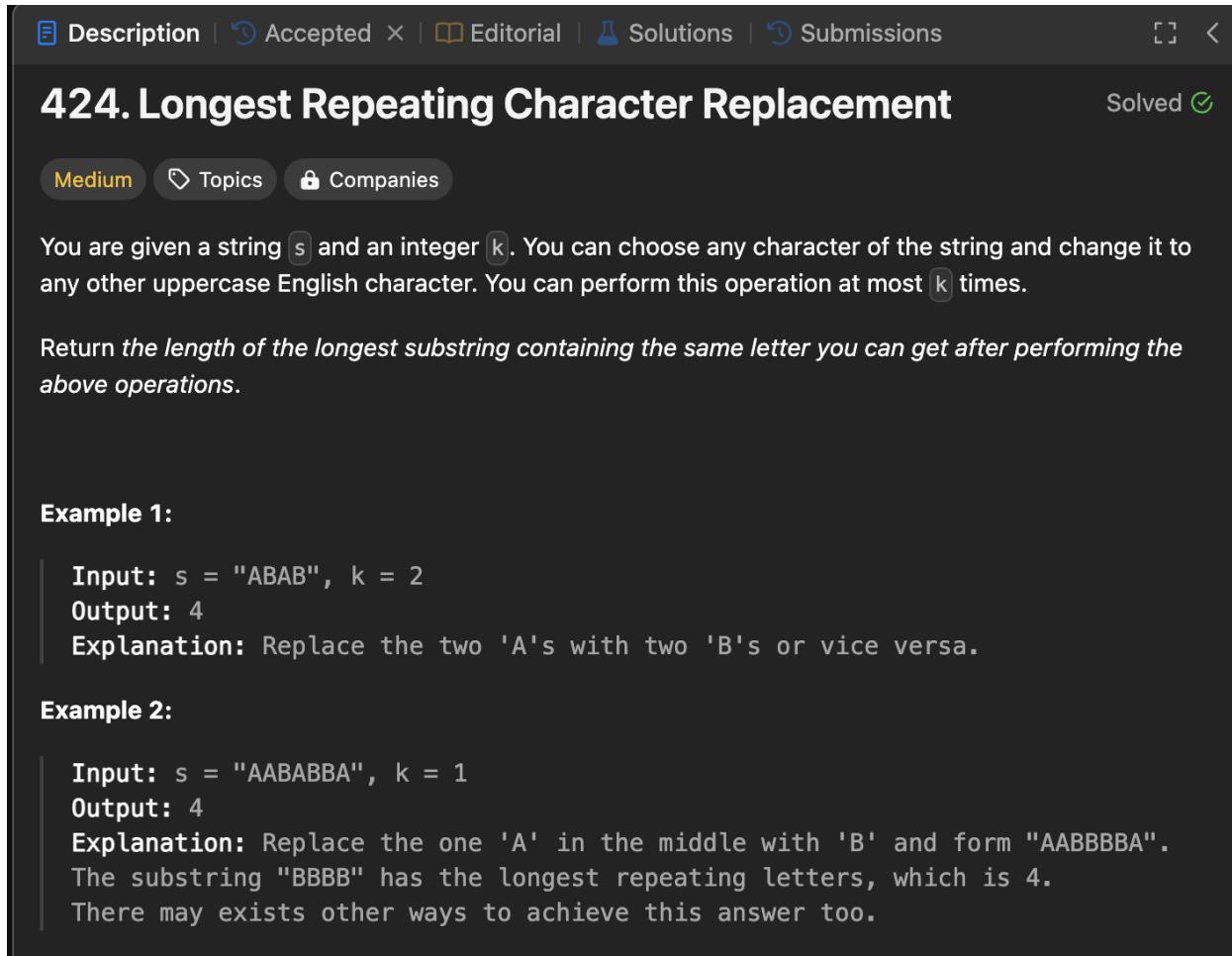


## 7: Leetcode 424. Longest Repeating Character Replacement

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<https://leetcode.com/problems/longest-repeating-character-replacement/description/?envType=list&envId=xlep8di5>

### Description



The screenshot shows the LeetCode problem page for "424. Longest Repeating Character Replacement". The page has a dark theme. At the top, there are navigation links: Description (selected), Accepted (disabled), Editorial, Solutions, and Submissions. To the right are icons for copy, refresh, and back/forward. The title "424. Longest Repeating Character Replacement" is centered above a "Solved" button with a green checkmark. Below the title are three buttons: Medium, Topics, and Companies. The main text describes the problem: "You are given a string  $s$  and an integer  $k$ . You can choose any character of the string and change it to any other uppercase English character. You can perform this operation at most  $k$  times." It asks for the length of the longest substring containing the same letter after performing at most  $k$  operations. Two examples are provided:

**Example 1:**

**Input:**  $s = \text{"ABAB"}$ ,  $k = 2$   
**Output:** 4  
**Explanation:** Replace the two 'A's with two 'B's or vice versa.

**Example 2:**

**Input:**  $s = \text{"AABABBA"}$ ,  $k = 1$   
**Output:** 4  
**Explanation:** Replace the one 'A' in the middle with 'B' and form "AABBBA". The substring "BBBB" has the longest repeating letters, which is 4. There may exist other ways to achieve this answer too.

### B - Code:

better:

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class Solution:
    def characterReplacement(self, s: str, k: int) -> int:
        longest, left = 0, 0
        sCount = {}
        maxCount = 0
        for right in range(len(s)):
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sCount[s[right]] = sCount.get(s[right], 0) + 1
maxCount = max(maxCount, sCount[s[right]])
while (right - left + 1) - maxCount > k:
    sCount[s[left]] -= 1
    left += 1
    longest = max(longest, (right - left + 1))
return longest

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Mine:

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class Solution:

    def characterReplacement(self, s: str, k: int) -> int:
        longest, left = 0, 0
        sCount = [0] * 26

        for right in range(len(s)):
            sCount[ord(s[right])-ord('A')] += 1
            while (right - left + 1) - max(sCount) > k:
                sCount[ord(s[left])-ord('A')] -= 1
                left += 1
            longest = max(longest, (right - left + 1))
        return longest

```

C- Notes

7) 424. Longest repeating character replacement:

→ A) Algo:

i) keep a count of whether max char is present in the window.

ii) A A B

$A = [2, 1, 0, 2, \dots, 0]$   
0 1 2 3 25  
18 10

$$\minLen = r - L + 1$$

$$\therefore \text{winLen} - \minLen > k$$

$$3 - 2 > k$$

$$1 > k \rightarrow k=0$$

thus invalid.

iii) If window valid, i.e. we have k (not 0), then we can replace the wrong ~~char~~ diff char and make it valid & store its length.

iv) If invalid, i.e. no more k (replacement) then remove count of left in s[r] & left++.

B) Code:

i) Initialize left, longest,

$$sCount = [0] * 26$$

ii) For right in range (len(s)):

$$sCount[ord(s[r]) - ord('A')] \pm 1$$

while ( $r - L + 1 > k$ ):

remove  $s[l] \text{ count}(-1)$  Invalid

l++.

iii)  $\text{longest} = \max(\text{longest}, r - L + 1)$ .

For better running time:

use .get to get char count.

$$sCount = \{ \}$$

$$sCount[s[right]] = sCount[s[right], 0] + 1$$

