Problem C: Surprising Strings

Source file: surprise. {c, cpp, java}

Input file: surprise.in

The *D-pairs* of a string of letters are the ordered pairs of letters that are distance D from each other. A string is *D-unique* if all of its D-pairs are different. A string is *surprising* if it is D-unique for every possible distance D.

Consider the string ZGBG. Its 0-pairs are ZG, GB, and BG. Since these three pairs are all different, ZGBG is 0-unique. Similarly, the 1-pairs of ZGBG are ZB and GG, and since these two pairs are different, ZGBG is 1-unique. Finally, the only 2-pair of ZGBG is ZG, so ZGBG is 2-unique. Thus ZGBG is surprising. (Note that the fact that ZG is both a 0-pair and a 2-pair of ZGBG is irrelevant, because 0 and 2 are different distances.)

Input: The input consists of one or more nonempty strings of at most 79 uppercase letters, each string on a line by itself, followed by a line containing only an asterisk that signals the end of the input.

Output: For each string of letters, output whether or not it is surprising using the *exact* output format shown below.

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Example input:	Example output:
ZGBG X EE AAB AABA AABB BCBABCC *	ZGBG is surprising. X is surprising. EE is surprising. AAB is surprising. AABA is surprising. AABB is NOT surprising. BCBABCC is NOT surprising.

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