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1442. Count Triplets That Can Form Two Arrays of Equal XOR

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Hint

Given an array of integers `arr`.

We want to select three indices `i`, `j` and `k` where $(0 \leq i < j \leq k < \text{arr.length})$.

Let's define `a` and `b` as follows:

• $a = \text{arr}[i] \oplus \text{arr}[i + 1] \oplus \dots \oplus \text{arr}[j - 1]$

• $b = \text{arr}[j] \oplus \text{arr}[j + 1] \oplus \dots \oplus \text{arr}[k]$



Note that \oplus denotes the **bitwise-xor** operation.

Return the number of triplets (`i`, `j` and `k`) Where `a == b`.

Example:- arr = { 2, 3, 1, 6, 7 }

Output = 4

i j k
(0, 1, 2)
(0, 2, 2)
(2, 3, 4)
(2, 4, 4)

① Brute Force

for (i)
 for (j)
 for (k)

Thought Process

i j
 a1, a2, a3, a4, a5
 a1, a2, a3, a4
a1 a2 a3 a4 = 0

arr = { 2, 3, 1, 6, 7 }

(k-i) triplets
 (2-0) = 2

$a \wedge b = 0$

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$\text{XOR}[i : j-1] = a$

$a == b$

$\text{XOR}[j : k] = b$

0 1 2 3 4
 { 2 3 1 6 7 }

$O(n^3)$ { for (i

for (K = i+1

(i to K)

result = (K-i) .

XOR Sum

Prefix XOR

{2, 3, 1, 6, 7}

(2, 3, 4)

(2, 4, 4)

Prefix XOR:

XOR=0

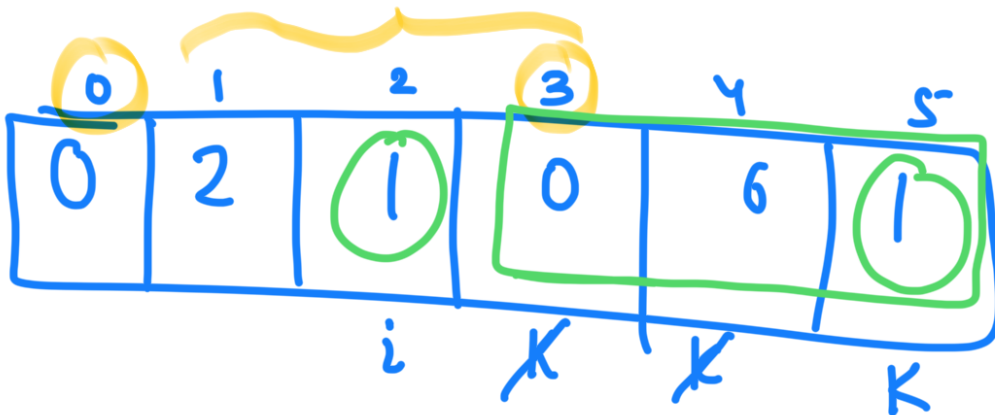
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1



$$\text{PrefixXor}[k] == \text{PrefixXor}[i]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Count} &= k - i - 1 ; \\ &= 3 - 0 - 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k - i - 1 &= 3 - 2 - 1 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$O(n^1) \supseteq O(n^2)$$

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \textcircled{k} \quad \text{pr.}$$

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