

1017. Odd Even Jump

Difficulty : Hard

<https://leetcode.com/problems/odd-even-jump>

You are given an integer array `arr`. From some starting index, you can make a series of jumps. The (1st, 3rd, 5th, ...) jumps in the series are called **odd-numbered jumps**, and the (2nd, 4th, 6th, ...) jumps in the series are called **even-numbered jumps**. Note that the **jumps** are numbered, not the indices.

You may jump forward from index `i` to index `j` (with `i < j`) in the following way:

- During **odd-numbered jumps** (i.e., jumps 1, 3, 5, ...), you jump to the index `j` such that `arr[i] <= arr[j]` and `arr[j]` is the smallest possible value. If there are multiple such indices `j`, you can only jump to the **smallest** such index `j`.
- During **even-numbered jumps** (i.e., jumps 2, 4, 6, ...), you jump to the index `j` such that `arr[i] >= arr[j]` and `arr[j]` is the largest possible value. If there are multiple such indices `j`, you can only jump to the **smallest** such index `j`.
- It may be the case that for some index `i`, there are no legal jumps.

A starting index is **good** if, starting from that index, you can reach the end of the array (index `arr.length - 1`) by jumping some number of times (possibly 0 or more than once).

Return *the number of **good** starting indices*.

Example 1:

Input: `arr = [10,13,12,14,15]`
Output: 2
Explanation:
From starting index `i = 0`, we can make our 1st jump to `i = 2` (since `arr[2]` is the smallest among `arr[1]`, `arr[2]`, `arr[3]`, `arr[4]` that is greater or equal to `arr[0]`), then we cannot jump any more.
From starting index `i = 1` and `i = 2`, we can make our 1st jump to `i = 3`, then we cannot jump any more.
From starting index `i = 3`, we can make our 1st jump to `i = 4`, so we have reached the end.
From starting index `i = 4`, we have reached the end already.
In total, there are 2 different starting indices `i = 3` and `i = 4`, where we can reach the end with some number of jumps.

Example 2:

Input: `arr = [2,3,1,1,4]`
Output: 3
Explanation:
From starting index `i = 0`, we make jumps to `i = 1`, `i = 2`, `i = 3`:
During our 1st jump (odd-numbered), we first jump to `i = 1` because `arr[1]` is the smallest value in `[arr[1], arr[2], arr[3], arr[4]]` that is greater than or equal to `arr[0]`.
During our 2nd jump (even-numbered), we jump from `i = 1` to `i = 2` because `arr[2]` is the largest value in `[arr[2], arr[3], arr[4]]` that is less than or equal to `arr[1]`. `arr[3]` is also the largest value, but
During our 3rd jump (odd-numbered), we jump from `i = 2` to `i = 3` because `arr[3]` is the smallest value in `[arr[3], arr[4]]` that is greater than or equal to `arr[2]`.
We can't jump from `i = 3` to `i = 4`, so the starting index `i = 0` is not good.
In a similar manner, we can deduce that:
From starting index `i = 1`, we jump to `i = 4`, so we reach the end.
From starting index `i = 2`, we jump to `i = 3`, and then we can't jump anymore.
From starting index `i = 3`, we jump to `i = 4`, so we reach the end.
From starting index `i = 4`, we are already at the end.
In total, there are 3 different starting indices `i = 1`, `i = 3`, and `i = 4`, where we can reach the end with some number of jumps.

Example 3:

Input: `arr = [5,1,3,4,2]`
Output: 3
Explanation: We can reach the end from starting indices 1, 2, and 4.

Constraints:

- `1 <= arr.length <= 2 * 104`
- `0 <= arr[i] < 105`