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Description

A message containing letters from **A-Z** is being encoded to numbers using the following mapping:

```
'A' -> 1
'B' -> 2
...
'Z' -> 26
```

Given an encoded message containing digits, determine the total number of ways to decode it.

For example,

Given encoded message **"12"**, it could be decoded as **"AB"** (1 2) or **"L"** (12).

The number of ways decoding **"12"** is 2.

1. Thought line

(1) corner cases at `res[0]`, `res[1]`, `res[2]`;

- `res[0]` is always 0;
- `res[1]` is 0 or 1;
- `res[2]` is 0, 1, or 2;

2. Dynamic Programming + String

```
class Solution {
public:
    int numDecodings(string s) {
        vector<int> res(s.size()+1,0);
        res[0] = 0;
        res[1] = (s[0]!='0') ? 0 : 1;
        for (int i = 1; !s.empty() && i<=s.size()-1; ++i){
            // detect if can move from 1 steps away
            if (s[i]!='0')
                res[i+1] += res[i];
            // detect if can move from 2 steps away
            if (s[i-1]=='1' || (s[i-1]=='2' && s[i]<='6'))
                res[i+1] = (i>1) ? res[i+1]+res[i-1] : res[i+1]+1;

            if (res[i+1]==0)
                break;
        }
        return res[s.size()];
    }
};
```

