

## Problem: *Counting Valleys*

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Gary is an avid hiker. He tracks his hikes meticulously, paying close attention to small details like topography. During his last hike, he took exactly `n` steps. For every step he took, he noted if it was an *uphill* or a *downhill* step. Gary's hikes start and end at sea level. We define the following terms:

- A *mountain* is a non-empty sequence of consecutive steps *above* sea level, starting with a step *up* from sea level and ending with a step *down* to sea level.
- A *valley* is a non-empty sequence of consecutive steps *below* sea level, starting with a step *down* from sea level and ending with a step *up* to sea level.

Given Gary's sequence of *up* and *down* steps during his last hike, find and print the number of *valleys* he walked through.

### Input Format

The first line contains an integer, `n`, denoting the number of steps in Gary's hike.

The second line contains a single string of `n` characters. Each character is either `U` (where `U` indicates a step *up* and `D` indicates a step *down*), and the `i`th character in the string describes Gary's `i`th step during the hike.

### Constraints

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### Output Format

Print a single integer denoting the number of valleys Gary walked through during his hike.

### Sample Input

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8
UDDDUDUU
```

### Sample Output

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1
```

### Explanation

If we represent `0` as sea level, a step up as `/`, and a step down as `\`, Gary's hike can be drawn as:

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  _/\_
   \  /
    \/\/
```

It's clear that there is only one valley there, so we print `1` on a new line.

## *Solution:*

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int main()
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{
    long steps;
    long level, valleyTracker=0;
    int checksum=0, initiate=0;

    //Initiate tracks the direction of first step from the sea level
    //checksum calculated when sea level is reached based on up and down steps

    cin >> steps;
    char trek [steps]; //the trek array stores the direction of steps in Up and D characters
    int convert[steps]={0};
    //the convert array is the translated array of steps into 1 and -1 denoting the direction

    /*Feeding the data*/
    for(int i=0; i<=steps; i++)
    {
        if(i<steps)
        { cin >> trek[i]; //picks up the data from the console and converts at the same time
          (trek[i]=='U' ? convert[i]=1 : convert[i]=-1);
        }

        /*The parallel processing unit*/
        if(i>0)
        { if(i==1)
          { initiate=convert[0]; checksum=initiate; }
          else //This loop starts from i=2 //forward motion applied
          {
              checksum+=convert[i-1];
              if ( checksum==0 && initiate==-1)
                  //returns to ground level from the valley
                  {
                      valleyTracker+=1;
                      initiate=convert[i];
                  }
              else if (checksum==0)
                  { initiate=convert[i]; }
          }
        }
    }
}

```

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    }
}

cout<<valleyTracker;

return 0;
}

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## Elegant Solution: (more Efficient and cleaner)

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long steps;
long valleyTracker=0;           //Counts the number of Valleys trekked
int tracker=0;                  //tracker counts the numbers of steps down and up in
                                numbers to detect the sea level reach point

cin>>steps;
char trek[steps];               //the trek array stores the direction of steps in Up and D characters

/*Feeding the data*/
For (int i=0; i<steps; i++)
{ cin>> trek[i];
  (trek[i]=='U' ? tracker+=1 : tracker-=1);
  (tracker==0 && trek[i]=='U' ? valleyTracker+=1 : valleyTracker+=0);
}

cout<<valleyTracker;
return 0;
}

```

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