

2315. Count Asterisks

Description

You are given a string `s`, where every **two** consecutive vertical bars `'|'` are grouped into a **pair**. In other words, the 1st and 2nd `'|'` make a pair, the 3rd and 4th `'|'` make a pair, and so forth.

Return *the number of* `'*'` *in* `s`, *excluding the* `'*'` *between each pair of* `'|'`.

Note that each `'|'` will belong to **exactly** one pair.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "l|*et|c**o|*de|"`

Output: 2

Explanation: The considered characters are underlined: `"l|*et|c**o|*de|"`.
The characters between the first and second `'|'` are excluded from the answer.
Also, the characters between the third and fourth `'|'` are excluded from the answer.
There are 2 asterisks considered. Therefore, we return 2.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "iamprogrammer"`

Output: 0

Explanation: In this example, there are no asterisks in `s`. Therefore, we return 0.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "yo|uar|e**|b|***au|tifu|l"`

Output: 5

Explanation: The considered characters are underlined: `"yo|uar|e**|b|***au|tifu|l"`. There are 5 asterisks considered. Therefore, we return 5.

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 1000`
- `s` consists of lowercase English letters, vertical bars `'|'`, and asterisks `'*'`.
- `s` contains an **even** number of vertical bars `'|'`.

