Given two Binary Strings S, a and b,

return their sum as a binary string

e.g.

a = "11", b = "1"

$$\begin{array}{r} {\scriptstyle 1} \\ 11 \\ +\ 1 \\ \hline 100 \end{array}$$

addition in base 2

$$\begin{array}{r} {\scriptstyle 1} \\ 18 \\ +\ 7 \\ \hline 25 \end{array}$$

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{r} {\scriptstyle 1}{\scriptstyle 1} \\ 1010 \\ +\ 1011 \\ \hline 10101 \end{array}$$

→ "11"

"01"

result = "", carry = 0

first check lengths

if lengths are not equal:

diffLengths = a.len − b.len

if diffLength > 0:

"0" * diffLengths + b

else:

"0" * (diffLength) + a

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for (let i = a.length-1; i >= 0; i--) {
    currA = a[i]; // last elements of both strings
    currB = b[i];
    addition = int(currA) + int(currB) + carry
    if addition == 0 || addition == 1:
        add addition to beginning of result string
    else
        add 0 or 1
        carry = 1
}

return result
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O(1) space

O(N) time

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  1 1 1
  0 0 1
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  0 0
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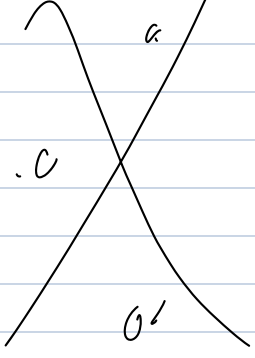
carry = 0 / 1



does not work

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  1 1
+   1
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  1 0 0
```

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  1 1
+ 1 1
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1 1 0
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reverse the strings a, b

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for in range (max(a.length, b.length)):
    digitA = int(a[i]) if i < len(a) else 0
    digitB = "          "          "
    total = digitA + digitB + carry
    char = str(total % 2)
    res = char + res
    carry = total // 2
if carry:
    result = '1' + res
return result
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