

Dota2 Senate

In the world of Dota2, there are two parties: the Radiant and the Dire .

The Dota2 senate consists of senators coming from two parties. Now the senate wants to make a decision about a change in the Dota2 game. The voting for this change is a round-based procedure. In each round, each senator can exercise one of the two rights:

1. Ban one senator's right :

A senator can make another senator lose **all his rights** in this and all the following rounds.

2. Announce the victory :

If this senator found the senators who still have rights to vote are all from **the same party**, he can announce the victory and make the decision about the change in the game.

Given a string representing each senator's party belonging. The character 'R' and 'D' represent the Radiant party and the Dire party respectively. Then if there are n senators, the size of the given string will be n .

The round-based procedure starts from the first senator to the last senator in the given order. This procedure will last until the end of voting. All the senators who have lost their rights will be skipped during the procedure.

Suppose every senator is smart enough and will play the best strategy for his own party, you need to predict which party will finally announce the victory and make the change in the Dota2 game. The output should be Radiant or Dire .

Example 1:

Input: "RD"

Output: "Radiant"

Explanation: The first senator comes from Radiant and he can just ban the next senator's right in the round 1.

And the second senator can't exercise any rights any more since his right has been banned.

And in the round 2, the first senator can just announce the victory since he is the only guy in the senate who can vote.

Example 2:

Input: "RDD"

Output: "Dire"

Explanation:

The first senator comes from Radiant and he can just ban the next senator's right in the round 1.

And the second senator can't exercise any rights anymore since his right has been banned.

And the third senator comes from Dire and he can ban the first senator's right in the round 1.

And in the round 2, the third senator can just announce the victory since he is the only guy in the senate who can vote.

Note:

1. The length of the given string will in the range [1, 10,000].

Solution 1

This is obviously a greedy algorithm problem. Each senate **R** must ban its next **closest** senate **D** who is from another party, or else **D** will ban its next senate from **R's** party.

The idea is to use two queues to save the index of each senate from **R's** and **D's** parties, respectively. During each round, we delete the banned senates' indices; and plus each remaining senate's index with **n** (the length of the input string **senate**), then move it to the back of its respective queue.

The following code is with an $O(n)$ space and an $O(n)$ time complexity.

Java version:

```
public String predictPartyVictory(String senate) {
    Queue<Integer> q1 = new LinkedList<Integer>(), q2 = new LinkedList<Integer>(
);
    int n = senate.length();
    for(int i = 0; i<n; i++){
        if(senate.charAt(i) == 'R')q1.add(i);
        else q2.add(i);
    }
    while(!q1.isEmpty() && !q2.isEmpty()){
        int r_index = q1.poll(), d_index = q2.poll();
        if(r_index < d_index)q1.add(r_index + n);
        else q2.add(d_index + n);
    }
    return (q1.size() > q2.size())? "Radiant" : "Dire";
}
```

C++ version:

```
string predictPartyVictory(string senate) {
    queue<int> q1, q2;
    int n = senate.length();
    for(int i = 0; i<n; i++)
        (senate[i] == 'R')?q1.push(i):q2.push(i);
    while(!q1.empty() && !q2.empty()){
        int r_index = q1.front(), d_index = q2.front();
        q1.pop(), q2.pop();
        (r_index < d_index)?q1.push(r_index + n):q2.push(d_index + n);
    }
    return (q1.size() > q2.size())? "Radiant" : "Dire";
}
```

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Solution 2

Simulate the process. We don't have to resolve bans until later - we can just let them "float".

We have `people = [int, int]` representing how many people are in the queue, and `bans = [int, int]` representing how many "floating" bans there are. When we meet a person, if there is a floating ban waiting for them, then they are banned and we skip them. Eventually, the queue will just have one type of person, which is when we break.

```
def predictPartyVictory(self, senate):
    A = collections.deque()
    people = [0, 0]
    bans = [0, 0]

    for person in senate:
        x = person == 'R'
        people[x] += 1
        A.append(x)

    while all(people):
        x = A.popleft()
        people[x] -= 1
        if bans[x]:
            bans[x] -= 1
        else:
            bans[x^1] += 1
            A.append(x)
            people[x] += 1

    return "Radiant" if people[1] else "Dire"
```

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Solution 3

The idea is to have two arrays `nextRound` and `eliminate`.

`nextRound` keeps track of number of elements in D/R who are still valid for the `nextRound`

`eliminate` keeps track of number of future candidates of D/R who are already eliminated by previous members.

As we walk through the string, we build a new string that contains all the selected senators for `nextRound`, and in the end of the round, we reset the `nextround`, but carry over the `eliminate` array, as the counts in this array are still valid for the `nextround`.

As we walk through each element in the string:

1. If am already eliminated based on the values in the `eliminate` array, reduce the elimination count and proceed without adding myself to the next round.
2. If am not eliminated, then I include myself in the `nextRound`, and chose to increase the elimination count of the other party.

```
public static String predictPartyVictory(String senate) {
    HashMap<Character, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
    map.put('D', 0);
    map.put('R', 1);
    int[] nextRound = new int[2], eliminate = new int[2];
    while(true) {
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        for(int i = 0; i < senate.length(); i++) {
            if (eliminate[map.get(senate.charAt(i))] > 0) {
                eliminate[map.get(senate.charAt(i))]--;
            } else {
                nextRound[map.get(senate.charAt(i))]++;
                eliminate[map.get(senate.charAt(i)) ^ 1]++;
                sb.append(senate.charAt(i));
            }
        }

        if (nextRound[0] - eliminate[0] > 0 && nextRound[1] - eliminate[1] > 0)
        {
            nextRound = new int[2];
            senate = sb.toString();
        } else {
            return nextRound[0] - eliminate[0] > 0 ? "Dire" : "Radiant";
        }
    }
}
```

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