

1769. Minimum Number of Operations to Move All Balls to Each Box

You have n boxes. You are given a binary string `boxes` of length n , where `boxes[i]` is `'0'` if the i th box is **empty**, and `'1'` if it contains **one** ball.

In one operation, you can move **one** ball from a box to an adjacent box. Box i is adjacent to box j if $\text{abs}(i - j) == 1$. Note that after doing so, there may be more than one ball in some boxes.

Return an array `answer` of size n , where `answer[i]` is the **minimum** number of operations needed to move all the balls to the i th box.

Each `answer[i]` is calculated considering the **initial** state of the boxes.

Example 1:

Input: `boxes = "110"`

Output: `[1,1,3]`

Explanation: The answer for each box is as follows:

- 1) First box: you will have to move one ball from the second box to the first box in one operation.
- 2) Second box: you will have to move one ball from the first box to the second box in one operation.
- 3) Third box: you will have to move one ball from the first box to the third box in two operations, and move one ball from the second box to the third box in one operation.

Example 2:

Input: `boxes = "001011"`

Output: `[11,8,5,4,3,4]`

Constraints:

- $n == \text{boxes.length}$
- $1 \leq n \leq 2000$
- `boxes[i]` is either `'0'` or `'1'`.

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/*

Brute force

Time complexity: $O(n^2)$

Space complexity: $O(1)$

*/

```
typedef std::vector<int> vi;
class Solution {
public:
    vi minOperations(std::string boxes){
        int n=boxes.size();
        vi ans;
        // For each box
        for(int i=0;i<n;++i){
            // Compute the number of steps to get the 1 at position j
            int cnt=0;
            for(int j=0;j<n;++j){
                if(boxes[j]=='1') cnt+=abs(i-j);
            }
            // Add the result to the answer
            ans.push_back(cnt);
        }
        return ans;
    }
};
```

🕒 Runtime

78 ms | Beats 37.34%

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@ Memory

12.55 MB | Beats 25.33%

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/*

Prefix/Suffix sum

Time complexity: $O(7n)$

Space complexity: $O(4n)$

*/

Runtime	Memory
4 ms Beats 58.18%	13.56 MB Beats 5.93%

```
typedef std::vector<int> vi;
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
    vi minOperations(std::string boxes){
```

```
        int n=boxes.size();
```

```
        // For each box:
```

```
        // Preprocess #moves from left
```

```
        vi balls_in_left(n,0);
```

```
        balls_in_left[0]=int(boxes[0]=='1');
```

```
        vi moves_from_left(n,0);
```

```
        for(int i=1;i<n;++i){
```

```
            balls_in_left[i]=balls_in_left[i-1]+int(boxes[i]=='1');
```

```
            moves_from_left[i]=moves_from_left[i-1]+balls_in_left[i-1];
```

```
        }
```

```
        // Preprocess #moves from the right
```

```
        vi balls_in_right(n,0);
```

```
        balls_in_right[n-1]=int(boxes[n-1]=='1');
```

```
        vi moves_from_right(n,0);
```

```
        for(int i=n-2;i>=0;--i){
```

```
            balls_in_right[i]=balls_in_right[i+1]+int(boxes[i]=='1');
```

```
            moves_from_right[i]=moves_from_right[i+1]+balls_in_right[i+1];
```

```
        }
```

```
        vi ans;
```

```
        for(int i=0;i<n;++i){
```

```
            ans.push_back(moves_from_left[i]+moves_from_right[i]);
```

```
        }
```

```
        return ans;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

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/*  
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    Time complexity: O(n)  
    Space complexity: O(1)  
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```

```
typedef std::vector<int> vi;
```

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    vi minOperations(std::string boxes){  
        int n=boxes.size();  
  
        vi ans(n,0);  
        int balls_in_left=0,moves_from_left=0;  
        int balls_in_right=0,moves_from_right=0;  
        for(int i=0,j=n-1;i<n && j>=0;++i,--j){  
            ans[i]+=moves_from_left;  
            balls_in_left+=int(boxes[i]=='1');  
            moves_from_left+=balls_in_left;  
  
            ans[j]+=moves_from_right;  
            balls_in_right+=int(boxes[j]=='1');  
            moves_from_right+=balls_in_right;  
        }  
        return ans;  
    }  
};
```