

## 1704. Determine if String Halves Are Alike

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Hint

You are given a string *s* of even length. Split this string into two halves of equal lengths, and let *a* be the first half and *b* be the second half.

Two strings are **alike** if they have the same number of vowels ('a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u', 'A', 'E', 'I', 'O', 'U'). Notice that *s* contains uppercase and lowercase letters.

Return true if *a* and *b* are **alike**. Otherwise, return false.

### Example 1:

**Input:** *s* = "book"

**Output:** true

**Explanation:** *a* = "bo" and *b* = "ok". *a* has 1 vowel and *b* has 1 vowel. Therefore, they are alike.

### Example 2:

**Input:** *s* = "textbook"

**Output:** false

**Explanation:** *a* = "text" and *b* = "book". *a* has 1 vowel whereas *b* has 2. Therefore, they are not alike. Notice that the vowel *o* is counted twice.

### Constraints:

- $2 \leq s.length \leq 1000$
- *s.length* is even.
- *s* consists of **uppercase and lowercase** letters.

```
class Solution {
    String vowels = "aeiouAEIOU";

    public boolean halvesAreAlike(String S) {
        int mid = S.length() / 2, ans = 0;
        for (int i = 0, j = mid; i < mid; i++, j++) {
            if (vowels.indexOf(S.charAt(i)) >= 0) ans++;
            if (vowels.indexOf(S.charAt(j)) >= 0) ans--;
        }
        return ans == 0;
    }
}
```

