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|\*e\*et|c\*\*o|\*de|"

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** The considered characters are underlined: "l|\*e\*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|e\*\*\*au|tifu|l"

**Output:** 5

**Explanation:** The considered characters are underlined: "yo|uar|e\*\*|b|e\*\*\*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 '|'.