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Beautiful Strings



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You are given a string, S , consisting of lowercase English letters.

A string is *beautiful* with respect to S if it can be derived from S by removing *exactly 2* characters.

Find and print the number of different strings that are *beautiful* with respect to S .

Input Format

A single string of lowercase English letters denoting S .

Constraints

- $3 \leq |S| \leq 10^6$
- $3 \leq |S| \leq 20$ holds for test cases worth at least **15%** of the problem's score.
- $3 \leq |S| \leq 2000$ holds for test cases worth at least **30%** of the problem's score.

Output Format

Print the number of different strings that are *beautiful* with respect to S .

Sample Input

```
abba
```

Sample Output

```
4
```

Explanation

 $S = \{abba\}$

The following strings can be derived by removing **2** characters from S : *ab*, *bb*, *ba*, *ab*, *ba*, *aa*, and *bb*.

This gives us our set of *unique* beautiful strings, $B = \{ab, ba, aa, bb\}$. As $|B| = 4$, we print **4**.

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Difficulty: Hard

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```
1 import java.io.*;
2 import java.util.*;
3
4 public class Solution {
5
6     public static void main(String[] args) {
7
```

```
8 Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
9 String str = scan.next();
10
11 long individual = 0;
12 long duplicates = 0;
13 long pattern = 0;
14
15 char lastChar = '\0';
16 char secondLastChar = '\0';
17
18 long duplicateLen = 0;
19
20 for(int i = 0 ; i < str.length() ; i++){
21
22     if(lastChar == str.charAt(i)){
23
24         if(duplicateLen == 0){
25             duplicates++;
26         }
27         else{
28             duplicateLen++;
29         }
30     }
31     else{
32         individual++;
33         duplicateLen = 0;
34     }
35
36     if(secondLastChar == str.charAt(i)){
37         pattern++;
38     }
39
40     secondLastChar = lastChar;
41     lastChar = str.charAt(i);
42 }
43
44 long output = ((individual * (individual - 1)) / 2) + (duplicates) - (pattern);
45
46 System.out.println(output);
47
48 }
49
50 }
```

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