## **PREREQUISITES:**

Binary search or two-pointers

## **PROBLEM:**

A binary string A is called good if it can be sorted by some sequence of adjacent swaps, such that any position is swapped with its right at most once.

Given a binary string S, how many of its substrings are good?

## **EXPLANATION:**

The very first thing to do is to come up with a nice enough condition that tells us when a binary string is good.

▼ The condition

Let A be a binary string. We'd like to sort A using some adjacent swaps.

Suppose  $A_i = 1$  and  $A_j = 0$ , where i < j.

We definitely need to swap these at some point to sort the string.

This means that, no matter what, we must use the swaps at positions  $i, i+1, i+2, \ldots, j-1$ .

In particular, if we had to use some of these positions to swap a different pair of  $\bf 1$  and  $\bf 0$ , we'd be in trouble.

This should immediately tell you that if A contains 1100 as a subsequence, it cannot be good.

It's now not hard to see that if A doesn't contain 1100 as a subsequence, it will always be good.

This gives us a nice reduction in what we want to compute: all we need to do now is compute the number of substrings that don't contain 1100 as a subsequence.

While this is easy to do in  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ , that's obviously too slow.

Instead, we make one more observation. Let S[L,R] denote the substring of S starting at L and ending at R.

Does knowing something about the goodness of S[L,R] tell you something about S[L,R-1] and/or S[L,R+1]?

▼ Answer

If S[L,R] is good, then so is S[L,R-1]. Conversely, if S[L,R] is not good, then neither is S[L,R+1].

In particular, this tells us that if we fix L, the set of R such that S[L,R] is good forms a continuous range starting at L.

So, let's fix L and try to find the maximum R such that S[L,R] is good: then, we can add R-L+1 to our answer since that's the number of good substrings starting at L.

To find R, we instead do the opposite: find the first time a 1100 subsequence forms, then end at the character right before that.

Finding the first time 1100 forms as a subsequence is not hard, and follows from the standard greedy algorithm to check whether one string is a subsequence of another:

- ullet Let  $i_1 \geq L$  be the first time we see a 1
- ullet Let  $i_2>i_1$  be the first time we see a 1
- ullet Let  $i_3>i_2$  be the first time we see a 0
- ullet Let  $i_4>i_3$  be the first time we see a 0

Then,  $R = i_4 - 1$ .

Finding  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4$  can each be done in  $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$  if we have a sorted list of positions of the ones and zeros and simply binary search on this: for example, you can use  $std::upper\_bound$  in C++ to simplify implementation.

So, we've found the optimal R for a fixed L in  $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$ . Do this for every L and add up the answers, giving us a solution in  $\mathcal{O}(N\log N)$ .

It is also possible to implement this in  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  using two-pointers instead of binary search.

## TIME COMPLEXITY

 $\mathcal{O}(N)$  or  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$  per test case.

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for _ in range(int(input())):
    n = int(input())
    s = input()
    ans = 0
    p1 = p2 = p3 = p4 = n
    for i in reversed(range(n)):
        if s[i] == '1':
             zeros = []
             for j in range(p1, p2):
    if s[j] == '0': zeros.append(j)
             if len(zeros) > 1:
                 p3 = zeros[0]
                 p4 = zeros[1]
             elif len(zeros) == 1:
                 p4 = p3
                 p3 = zeros[0]
             p2 = p1
             p1 = i
        ans += p4 - i
print(ans)
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