Absecutive

Problem category: Math Expected difficulty: 500

Solution

First, note that the result will have at least r-l good pairs. Then, if l is negative and r is positive, there will be additional pairs:

- One for each negative value whose magnitude is one less than a positive value;
- One for each positive value that is one less than the magnitude of a negative value.

Just be careful to use an appropriate data type for the answer, as it can range between $[0, 4 \cdot 10^9 - 2]$.

Complexity

The answer can be computed in constant time, so the time complexity is O(1).

Although a linear-time algorithm would work, it would exceed the time limit, since it would require at most 10^9 iterations per test case.