

String compression

chars = ["a", "a", "b", "b", "c", "c", "c"]

compress / ① eg: ["a", "a"] \Rightarrow a2
② eg: ["a"] \Rightarrow a

a2b2c3

['a', '2', 'b', '2', 'c', '3'] \rightarrow return length

['a', 'b', 'b', 'a', 'a']

ab2a2

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\therefore continuous loop change

phere tho count all continuous char

char = a a b b c c c

↑ ↑ ↑

1 2 X

replace a at 1st index with count

a a b b c c c

↑ ↑ ↑

1 2 1 2 X

replace b at 2nd index with count

...

a2b2c3

Pseudo code

idx = 0

for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {

ch = chars[i]

count = 0;

while (i < n && chars[i] == ch) {

count++;

i++;

}

if (count == 1) \Rightarrow chars[idx++] = ch;

else {

chars[idx++] = ch;

string str = to_string(count)

for (char dig : str)

chars[idx++] = dig;

}

i--;

Dry run

idx
[a][a][b][b][c][c][c]

ch = a count = 1

idx
[a][a][b][b][c][c][c]

ch = a count = 2

idx
[a][a][b][b][c][c][c]

b \neq a

\therefore idx mein save 'a' then do idx++

idx
[a][a][b][b][c][c][c]

convert count to str
then store

now do i-- (meaning it'll stay there only give it gets counted)

idx
[a][2][b][b][c][c][c]

ch = b count = 1

idx
[a][2][b][b][c][c][c]

ch = b count = 2

idx
[a][2][b][b][c][c][c]

c \neq b

at idx save 'b' then do idx++

idx
[a][2][b][b][c][c][c]

convert count to str and
save at idx then do idx++
i-- so i won't be i++ and
it'll stay at current position
even after loop over

idx
[a][2][b][2][c][c][c]

ch = c count = 1

idx
[a][2][b][2][c][c][c]

ch = c count = 2

idx
[a][2][b][2][c][c][c]

ch = c count = 3

now loop over so save
ch at idx do idx++,
convert count to str and
done

idx
[a][2][b][2][c][3][c]

now resize vector then
return idx value because
that's basically the length
lol