

140. In a string *S* of lowercase letters, these letters form consecutive groups of the same character. For example, a string like *s* = "abbxxxxzzy" has the groups "a", "bb", "xxxx", "z", and "yy". A group is identified by an interval [start, end], where start and end denote the start and end indices (inclusive) of the group. In the above example, "xxxx" has the interval [3,6]. A group is considered large if it has 3 or more characters. Return the intervals of every large group sorted in increasing order by start index.

Example 1:

Input: *s* = "abbxxxxzzy"

Output: [[3,6]]

Explanation: "xxxx" is the only large group with start index 3 and end index 6.

AIM: To return the intervals of every large group sorted in increasing order by start index

PROGRAM:

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def largeGroupPositions(s):  
    if not s:  
        return []  
    n = len(s)  
    result = []  
    start = 0  
    for i in range(1, n):  
        if s[i] != s[i - 1]:  
            if i - start >= 3:  
                result.append([start, i - 1])  
            start = i  
    if n - start >= 3:  
        result.append([start, n - 1])  
    return result  
  
print(largeGroupPositions("abbxxxxzzy"))  
print(largeGroupPositions("abc"))  
print(largeGroupPositions("abccdddeeeeaabbbcd"))
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[[3, 6]]  
[]  
[[3, 5], [6, 9], [12, 14]]
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OUTPUT:

TIME COMPLEXITY: $O(n)$