

2955. Number of Same-End Substrings Premium

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You are given a **0-indexed** string `s`, and a 2D array of integers `queries`, where `queries[i] = [li, ri]` indicates a substring of `s` starting from the index `li` and ending at the index `ri` (both **inclusive**), i.e. `s[li..ri]`.

Return an array `ans` where `ans[i]` is the number of **same-end substrings** of `queries[i]`.

A **0-indexed** string `t` of length `n` is called **same-end** if it has the same character at both of its ends, i.e., `t[0] == t[n - 1]`.

A **substring** is a contiguous non-empty sequence of characters within a string.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "abcaab", queries = [[0,0],[1,4],[2,5],[0,5]]`

Output: `[1,5,5,10]`

Explanation: Here is the same-end substrings of each query:
1st query: `s[0..0]` is "a" which has 1 same-end substring: "**a**".
2nd query: `s[1..4]` is "bcaa" which has 5 same-end substrings: "**b**caa", "b**c**aa", "bc**a**a", "bca**a**", "bc**aa**".
3rd query: `s[2..5]` is "caab" which has 5 same-end substrings: "**c**aab", "c**a**ab", "ca**a**b", "caa**b**", "ca**ab**".
4th query: `s[0..5]` is "abcaab" which has 10 same-end substrings: "**a**bcaab", "a**b**caab", "ab**c**aab", "abca**a**ab", "abcaab**b**", "abcaab**a**", "abca**ab**", "**a**bcaab", "**a**bcaab", "a**b**caab".

Example 2:

Input: `s = "abcd", queries = [[0,3]]`

Output: `[4]`

Explanation: The only query is `s[0..3]` which is "abcd". It has 4 same-end substrings: "**a**bcd", "a**b**cd", "ab**c**d", "abcd**d**".

Constraints:

- `2 <= s.length <= 3 * 104`
- `s` consists only of lowercase English letters.
- `1 <= queries.length <= 3 * 104`
- `queries[i] = [li, ri]`
- `0 <= li <= ri < s.length`

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Hint 1

If there are `t` occurrences of a character in a substring, there exists `t * (t - 1) / 2` Same-End substrings with that character.

Hint 2

Try to calculate the number of occurrences of a character in a substring in `O(1)` using partial sum.

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