2450. Number of Distinct Binary Strings After Applying Operations Premium

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You are given a **binary** string `s` and a positive integer `k`.

You can apply the following operation on the string **any** number of times:

- Choose any substring of size `k` from `s` and **flip** all its characters, that is, turn all `1`'s into `0`'s, and all `0`'s into `1`'s.

Return *the number of **distinct** strings you can obtain*. Since the answer may be too large, return it **modulo** $10^9 + 7$.

Note that:

- A binary string is a string that consists **only** of the characters `0` and `1`.
- A substring is a contiguous part of a string.

Example 1:

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Input: s = "1001", k = 3
Output: 4
Explanation: We can obtain the following strings:
- Applying no operation on the string gives s = "1001".
- Applying one operation on the substring starting at index 0 gives s = "0111".
- Applying one operation on the substring starting at index 1 gives s = "1110".
- Applying one operation on both the substrings starting at indices 0 and 1 gives s = "0000".
It can be shown that we cannot obtain any other string, so the answer is 4.
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Example 2:

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Input: s = "10110", k = 5
Output: 2
Explanation: We can obtain the following strings:
- Applying no operation on the string gives s = "10110".
- Applying one operation on the whole string gives s = "01001".
It can be shown that we cannot obtain any other string, so the answer is 2.
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Constraints:

- $1 <= k <= s.length <= 10^5$
- `s[i]` is either `0` or `1`.

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Hint 1

Notice that any string of the same length as s will always have the same answer, so only the length of the string matters.

Hint 2

For each substring of size k, you can decide whether to flip or not. Every string s resulting from this process will be unique.

Hint 3

How do you find the number of possible combinations?

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