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Medium

# 6250. Minimum Penalty for a Shop

My Submissions (/contest/biweekly-contest-92/problems/minimum-penalty-for-a-shop/submissions/) Back to Contest (/contest/biweekly-contest-92/) You are given the customer visit log of a shop represented by a O-indexed string customers consisting only of characters User Accepted: 0 'N' and 'Y': User Tried: 0 - if the  $i^{\text{th}}$  character is 'Y' , it means that customers come at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  hour  $\bullet$  whereas 'N' indicates that no customers come at the ith hour. 0 Total Accepted: If the shop closes at the  $j^{th}$  hour (0 <= j <= n), the **penalty** is calculated as follows: **Total Submissions:** 0 • For every hour when the shop is open and no customers come, the penalty increases by 1.

Return the earliest hour at which the shop must be closed to incur a minimum penalty.

• For every hour when the shop is closed and customers come, the penalty increases by 1.

**Note** that if a shop closes at the  $j^{th}$  hour, it means the shop is closed at the hour j.

#### Example 1:

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Input: customers = "YYNY"
Output: 2
Explanation:
- Closing the shop at the 0<sup>th</sup> hour incurs in 1+1+0+1 = 3 penalty.
- Closing the shop at the 1<sup>st</sup> hour incurs in 0+1+0+1 = 2 penalty.
- Closing the shop at the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour incurs in 0+0+0+1 = 1 penalty.
- Closing the shop at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour incurs in 0+0+1+1 = 2 penalty.
- Closing the shop at the 4<sup>th</sup> hour incurs in 0+0+1+0 = 1 penalty.
Closing the shop at 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> hour gives a minimum penalty. Since 2 is earlier, the optimal closing time is 2.
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### Example 2:

```
Input: customers = "NNNNN"
Output: 0
Explanation: It is best to close the shop at the 0<sup>th</sup> hour as no customers arrive.
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## Example 3:

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Input: customers = "YYYYY"
Output: 4
Explanation: It is best to close the shop at the 4<sup>th</sup> hour as customers arrive at each hour.
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#### **Constraints:**

- 1 <= customers.length <= 10<sup>5</sup>
- customers consists only of characters 'Y' and 'N'.

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JavaScript
1 ▼ function Bisect() {
        return { insort_right, insort_left, bisect_left, bisect_right }
3 ⋅
        function insort_right(a, x, lo = 0, hi = null) {
 4
            lo = bisect_right(a, x, lo, hi);
 5
            a.splice(lo, 0, x);
 6
 7 ,
        function bisect_right(a, x, lo = 0, hi = null) { // > upper_bound
 8
            if (lo < 0) throw new Error('lo must be non-negative');
9
            if (hi == null) hi = a.length;
10 •
            while (lo < hi) {
                let mid = parseInt((lo + hi) / 2);
11
12
                a[mid] > x ? hi = mid : lo = mid + 1;
13
            }
14
            return lo;
15
        function insort_left(a, x, lo = 0, hi = null) {
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```

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17
            lo = bisect_left(a, x, lo, hi);
18
            a.splice(lo, 0, x);
19
20 •
        function bisect_left(a, x, lo = 0, hi = null) { // >= lower_bound}
            if (lo < 0) throw new Error('lo must be non-negative');
21
            if (hi == null) hi = a.length;
22
23 •
            while (lo < hi) {
                let mid = parseInt((lo + hi) / 2);
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25
                a[mid] < x ? lo = mid + 1 : hi = mid;
26
27
            return lo;
28
        }
29
    }
30
    const bestClosingTime = (s) => {
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32
        let n = s.length, a = [], b = [], d = [], bi = new Bisect();
        for (let i = 0; i < n; i++) s[i] == 'Y' ? a.push(i) : b.push(i);
33
        for (let j = 0; j \ll n; j++) {
34 1
            let leftN = bi.bisect_right(b, j - 1);
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36
            let rightY = a.length - bi.bisect_left(a, j);
37
            let cnt = leftN + rightY;
38
            d.push([cnt, j]);
39
        }
40
        d.sort((x, y) \Rightarrow \{
            if (x[0] != y[0]) return x[0] - y[0];
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42
            return x[1] - y[1];
43
        })
        return d[0][1]
44
45
    };
```

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