

5900. Plates Between Candles

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There is a long table with a line of plates and candles arranged on top of it. You are given a **0-indexed** string `s` consisting of characters `'*'` and `'|'` only, where a `'*'` represents a **plate** and a `'|'` represents a **candle**.

You are also given a **0-indexed** 2D integer array `queries` where `queries[i] = [lefti, righti]` denotes the **substring** `s[lefti...righti]` (**inclusive**). For each query, you need to find the **number** of plates **between candles** that are **in the substring**. A plate is considered **between candles** if there is at least one candle to its left **and** at least one candle to its right **in the substring**.

- For example, `s = "|**|**|*"`, and a query `[3, 8]` denotes the substring `"*|**|"`. The number of plates between candles in this substring is `2`, as each of the two plates has at least one candle **in the substring** to its left **and** right.

User Accepted:

0

User Tried:

1

Total Accepted:

0

Total Submissions:

1

Difficulty:

Medium

Return an integer array `answer` where `answer[i]` is the answer to the `ith` query.

Example 1:

0123456789

s: * * | * * | * * * |

queries[0] = [2,5]:

| * * |

queries[1] = [5,9]:

| * * * |

Input: s = "|**|**|***|", queries = [[2,5],[5,9]]

Output: [2,3]

Explanation:

– queries[0] has two plates between candles.

– queries[1] has three plates between candles.

Example 2:

01234567891011121314151617181920

s: * * * | * * | * * * * * | * * | | * * | *

queries[0] = [1,17]:

* * | * * | * * * * * | * * | | *

queries[1] = [4,5]:

* *

queries[2] = [14,17]:

* | | *

queries[3] = [5,11]:

* | * * * * *

queries[4] = [15,16]:

| |

Input: s = "***|**|*****|*|*|*|*", queries = [[1,17],[4,5],[14,17],[5,11],[15,16]]

Output: [9,0,0,0,0]

Explanation:

– queries[0] has nine plates between candles.

– The other queries have zero plates between candles.

Constraints:

- 3 <= s.length <= 10⁵
- s consists of '*' and '|' characters.
- 1 <= queries.length <= 10⁵
- queries[i].length == 2
- 0 <= left_i <= right_i < s.length

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1 ▾ /**
2   * @param {string} s
3   * @param {number[][]} queries
4   * @return {number[]}
5   */
6 ▾ var platesBetweenCandles = function(s, queries) {
7
8   };
```

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