

5760. Minimum Number of Swaps to Make the Binary String Alternating

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Given a binary string s , return the **minimum** number of character swaps to make it **alternating**, or -1 if it is impossible.

The string is called **alternating** if no two adjacent characters are equal. For example, the strings "010" and "1010" are alternating, while the string "0100" is not.

Any two characters may be swapped, even if they are **not adjacent**.

User Accepted: 0

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Difficulty: Medium

Example 1:

Input: $s = "111000"$

Output: 1

Explanation: Swap positions 1 and 4: "111000" -> "101010"
The string is now alternating.

Example 2:

Input: $s = "010"$

Output: 0

Explanation: The string is already alternating, no swaps are needed.

Example 3:

Input: $s = "1110"$

Output: -1

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 1000$
- $s[i]$ is either '0' or '1'.

JavaScript



```
1 const minSwaps = (s) => {
2   let n = s.length;
3   let r1 = create(n, '0');
4   let r2 = create(n, '1');
5   // pr(r1, canMake(s, r1), r2, canMake(s, r2));
6   // if (r1 == s || r2 == s) return 0;
7   if (canMake(s, r1)) {
8     if (canMake(s, r2)) {
9       let cnt1 = cal(s, r1);
10      let cnt2 = cal(s, r2);
11      // pr(cnt1, cnt2)
12      return Math.min(cnt1, cnt2);
13    } else {
14      return cal(s, r1);
15    }
16  } else {
17    if (canMake(s, r2)) {
18      return cal(s, r2);
19    }
20  }
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19 ▾      } else {
20      return -1;
21      }
22  }
23  };
24
25 ▾ const cal = (s, r) => {
26     let n = s.length;
27     let cnt = 0;
28 ▾   for (let i = 0; i < n; i++) {
29       if (s[i] !== r[i]) cnt++;
30     }
31     // pr(cnt, s, "origin", r)
32     return cnt / 2;
33  };
34
35 ▾ const canMake = (s, r) => {
36     let n = s.length;
37     let ms = counter(s);
38     let mr = counter(r);
39     // pr(ms, mr);
40     if (ms.get('0') !== mr.get('0') || ms.get('1') !== mr.get('1')) return 0;
41     return 1;
42  };
43
44 const counter = (a_or_s) => { let map = new Map(); for (const i of a_or_s) map.set(i, map.get(i) + 1 || 1); return map; };
45 ▾ const create = (n, start) => {
46     let res = start;
47 ▾   for (let i = 1; i < n; i++) {
48     res += (start ^ 1)
49   }
50   return res;
51  };
```

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