6104. Count Asterisks

You are given a string s , where every **two** consecutive vertical bars $'|'$ are grouped into a **pair**. In other words, the 1st and 2nd $'|'$ make a pair, the 3rd and 4th $'|'$ make a pair, and so forth.

Return *the number of* $'*'$ *in* s , **excluding** *the* $'*'$ *between each pair of* $'|'$.

Note that each $'|'$ will belong to **exactly** one pair.

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Difficulty:	Easy

Example 1:

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Input: s = "l|*e*et|c**o|*de|"
Output: 2
Explanation: The considered characters are underlined: "l|*e*et|c**o|*de|".
The characters between the first and second '|' are excluded from the answer.
Also, the characters between the third and fourth '|' are excluded from the answer.
There are 2 asterisks considered. Therefore, we return 2.
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Example 2:

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Input: s = "iamprogrammer"
Output: 0
Explanation: In this example, there are no asterisks in s. Therefore, we return 0.
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Example 3:

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Input: s = "yo|uar|e**|b|e***au|tifu|l"
Output: 5
Explanation: The considered characters are underlined: "yo|uar|e**|b|e***au|tifu|l". There are 5 asterisks considered. Therefore
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Constraints:

- $1 <= s.length <= 1000$
- s consists of lowercase English letters, vertical bars $'|'$, and asterisks $'*'$.
- s contains an **even** number of vertical bars $'|'$.

JavaScript ▼

```javascript
const countAsterisks = (s) => {
    let a = s.split("|"), res = 0;
    for (let i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
        if (i % 2 == 0) {
            for (const c of a[i]) {
                if (c == '*') res++;
            }
        }
    }
    return res;
};
```

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