

## 5778. Minimum Number of Flips to Make the Binary String Alternating

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You are given a binary string  $s$ . You are allowed to perform two types of operations on the string in any sequence:

- **Type-1: Remove** the character at the start of the string  $s$  and **append** it to the end of the string.
- **Type-2: Pick** any character in  $s$  and **flip** its value, i.e., if its value is '0' it becomes '1' and vice-versa.

Return the **minimum** number of **type-2** operations you need to perform such that  $s$  becomes **alternating**.

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.

**Example 1:**

**Input:**  $s = "111000"$

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** Use the first operation two times to make  $s = "100011"$ .

Then, use the second operation on the third and sixth elements to make  $s = "101010"$ .

**Example 2:**

**Input:**  $s = "010"$

**Output:** 0

**Explanation:** The string is already alternating.

**Example 3:**

**Input:**  $s = "1110"$

**Output:** 1

**Explanation:** Use the second operation on the second element to make  $s = "1010"$ .

**Constraints:**

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 10^5$
- $s[i]$  is either '0' or '1'.

Java



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1 class Solution {  
2     public int minFlips(String s) {  
3  
4     }  
5 }
```