# **Counting Valleys**

An avid hiker keeps meticulous records of their hikes. During the last hike that took exactly **steps** steps, for every step it was noted if it was an *uphill*, **U**, or a *downhill*, **D** step. Hikes always start and end at sea level, and each step up or down represents a **1** unit change in altitude. We define the following terms:

- A mountain is a sequence of consecutive steps above sea level, starting with a step up from sea level and ending with a step down to sea
  level.
- A valley is a sequence of consecutive steps below sea level, starting with a step down from sea level and ending with a step up to sea
  level

Given the sequence of up and down steps during a hike, find and print the number of valleys walked through.

#### Example

## steps = 8 path = [DDUUUUDD]

The hiker first enters a valley **2** units deep. Then they climb out and up onto a mountain **2** units high. Finally, the hiker returns to sea level and ends the hike.

## **Function Description**

Complete the counting Valleys function in the editor below.

countingValleys has the following parameter(s):

- · int steps: the number of steps on the hike
- · string path: a string describing the path

#### Returns

· int: the number of valleys traversed

#### Input Format

The first line contains an integer steps, the number of steps in the hike.

The second line contains a single string **path**, of **steps** characters that describe the path.

## Constraints

- $2 \le steps \le 10^6$
- $path[i] \in \{UD\}$

## Sample Input

8 UDDDUDUU

### Sample Output

1

#### Explanation

If we represent \_ as sea level, a step up as /, and a step down as \, the hike can be drawn as:



The hiker enters and leaves one valley.