

Problem 1927: Sum Game

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 49.20%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Math, String, Greedy, Game Theory

Problem Description

Alice and Bob take turns playing a game, with **Alice**** starting first**.

You are given a string `num` of **even length** consisting of digits and `'?` characters. On each turn, a player will do the following if there is still at least one `'?` in `num`:

1. Choose an index `i` where `num[i] == '?'` .
2. Replace `num[i]` with any digit between `'0'` and `'9'` .

The game ends when there are no more `'?` characters in `num` .

For Bob to win, the sum of the digits in the first half of `num` must be **equal** to the sum of the digits in the second half. For Alice to win, the sums must **not be equal**.

* For example, if the game ended with `num = "243801"`, then Bob wins because `2+4+3 = 8+0+1` . If the game ended with `num = "243803"`, then Alice wins because `2+4+3 != 8+0+3` .

Assuming Alice and Bob play **optimally** , return `true` _if Alice will win and_`false` _if Bob will win_.

Example 1:

Input: num = "5023" **Output:** false **Explanation:** There are no moves to be made. The sum of the first half is equal to the sum of the second half: $5 + 0 = 2 + 3$.

Example 2:

****Input:**** num = "25???" ****Output:**** true ****Explanation:**** Alice can replace one of the '?'s with '9' and it will be impossible for Bob to make the sums equal.

****Example 3:****

****Input:**** num = "?3295???" ****Output:**** false ****Explanation:**** It can be proven that Bob will always win. One possible outcome is: - Alice replaces the first '?' with '9'. num = "93295???" . - Bob replaces one of the '?' in the right half with '9'. num = "932959??" . - Alice replaces one of the '?' in the right half with '2'. num = "9329592??" . - Bob replaces the last '?' in the right half with '7'. num = "93295927". Bob wins because $9 + 3 + 2 + 9 = 5 + 9 + 2 + 7$.

****Constraints:****

* `2 <= num.length <= 105` * `num.length` is **even**. * `num` consists of only digits and `'?`*.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    bool sumGame(string num) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public boolean sumGame(String num) {  
  
}  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def sumGame(self, num: str) -> bool:
```