

Problem 2955: Number of Same-End Substrings

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 61.51%

Paid Only: Yes

Tags: Array, Hash Table, String, Counting, Prefix Sum

Problem Description

You are given a **0-indexed** string `s`, and a 2D array of integers `queries`, where `queries[i] = [li, ri]` indicates a substring of `s` starting from the index `li` and ending at the index `ri` (both **inclusive**), i.e. `s[li..ri]`.

Return an array `ans` where `ans[i]` is the number of **same-end** substrings of `queries[i]`.

A **0-indexed** string `t` of length `n` is called **same-end** if it has the same character at both of its ends, i.e., `t[0] == t[n - 1]`.

A **substring** is a contiguous non-empty sequence of characters within a string.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "abcaab", queries = [[0,0],[1,4],[2,5],[0,5]]` **Output:** `[1,5,5,10]` **Explanation:**
Here is the same-end substrings of each query: 1st query: `s[0..0]` is "a" which has 1 same-end substring: `"_a_"`. 2nd query: `s[1..4]` is "bcaa" which has 5 same-end substrings: `"_b_caa"`, `"b_c_aa"`, `"bc_a_aa"`, `"bca_a_a"`, `"bc_aa_a"`. 3rd query: `s[2..5]` is "caab" which has 5 same-end substrings: `"_c_aab"`, `"c_a_ab"`, `"ca_a_b"`, `"caa_b_"`, `"c_aa_b"`. 4th query: `s[0..5]` is "abcaab" which has 10 same-end substrings: `"_a_bcaab"`, `"a_b_caab"`, `"ab_c_aab"`, `"abc_a_ab"`, `"abca_a_b"`, `"abcaa_b_"`, `"abc_aa_b"`, `"_abca_ab"`, `"_abcaa_b"`, `"a_bcaab_"`.

Example 2:

Input: s = "abcd", queries = [[0,3]] **Output:** [4] **Explanation:** The only query is s[0..3] which is "abcd". It has 4 same-end substrings: "_a_" bcd, "a_" _b_ cd, "ab_" _c_ d, "abc_" _d_".

Constraints:

$2 \leq s.length \leq 3 \cdot 10^4$ s consists only of lowercase English letters. $1 \leq queries.length \leq 3 \cdot 10^4$ queries[i] = [li, ri] $0 \leq li \leq ri < s.length$

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> sameEndSubstringCount(string s, vector<vector<int>>& queries) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int[] sameEndSubstringCount(String s, int[][] queries) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def sameEndSubstringCount(self, s: str, queries: List[List[int]]) -> List[int]:
```