

# 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  $2+4+3 \neq 8+0+3$ .

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:\*\***

\*  $2 \leq \text{num.length} \leq 105$  \*  $\text{num.length}$  is **even**. \*  $\text{num}$  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:
```