

# Problem 1769: Minimum Number of Operations to Move All Balls to Each Box

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You have

$n$

boxes. You are given a binary string

boxes

of length

$n$

, where

boxes[i]

is

'0'

if the

i

th

box is

empty

, and

'1'

if it contains

one

ball.

In one operation, you can move

one

ball from a box to an adjacent box. Box

$i$

is adjacent to box

$j$

if

$\text{abs}(i - j) == 1$

. Note that after doing so, there may be more than one ball in some boxes.

Return an array

answer

of size

n

, where

answer[i]

is the

minimum

number of operations needed to move all the balls to the

i

th

box.

Each

answer[i]

is calculated considering the

initial

state of the boxes.

Example 1:

Input:

boxes = "110"

Output:

[1,1,3]

Explanation:

The answer for each box is as follows: 1) First box: you will have to move one ball from the second box to the first box in one operation. 2) Second box: you will have to move one ball from the first box to the second box in one operation. 3) Third box: you will have to move one ball from the first box to the third box in two operations, and move one ball from the second box to the third box in one operation.

Example 2:

Input:

boxes = "001011"

Output:

[11,8,5,4,3,4]

Constraints:

$n == \text{boxes.length}$

$1 \leq n \leq 2000$

boxes[i]

is either

'0'

or

'1'

.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```

class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> minOperations(string boxes) {

    }

};

```

### Java:

```

class Solution {
    public int[] minOperations(String boxes) {

    }

}

```

### Python3:

```

class Solution:
    def minOperations(self, boxes: str) -> List[int]:

```

### Python:

```

class Solution(object):
    def minOperations(self, boxes):
        """
        :type boxes: str
        :rtype: List[int]
        """

```

### JavaScript:

```

/**
 * @param {string} boxes
 * @return {number[]}
 */
var minOperations = function(boxes) {

};

```

### TypeScript:

```

function minOperations(boxes: string): number[] {

```

```
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int[] MinOperations(string boxes) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### C:

```
/**  
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().  
 */  
int* minOperations(char* boxes, int* returnSize) {  
  
}
```

### Go:

```
func minOperations(boxes string) []int {  
  
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minOperations(boxes: String): IntArray {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minOperations(_ boxes: String) -> [Int] {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Rust:

```

impl Solution {
  pub fn min_operations(boxes: String) -> Vec<i32> {

  }
}

```

## Ruby:

```

# @param {String} boxes
# @return {Integer[]}
def min_operations(boxes)

end

```

## PHP:

```

class Solution {

  /**
   * @param String $boxes
   * @return Integer[]
   */
  function minOperations($boxes) {

  }

}

```

## Dart:

```

class Solution {
  List<int> minOperations(String boxes) {

  }
}

```

## Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def minOperations(boxes: String): Array[Int] = {

  }
}

```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec min_operations(boxes :: String.t) :: [integer]
  def min_operations(boxes) do

  end

end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec min_operations(Boxes :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> [integer()].
min_operations(Boxes) ->
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (min-operations boxes)
  (-> string? (listof exact-integer?))
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

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/*
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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, string
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> minOperations(string boxes) {

    }

};
```



## Java Solution:

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}

}
```

## Python3 Solution:

```
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class Solution:
def minOperations(self, boxes: str) -> List[int]:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass
```

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