

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_* a", "bca**_a_* ", "bc**_aa_* ". 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 <= s.length <= 3 * 104` * `s` consists only of lowercase English letters. * `1 <= queries.length <= 3 * 104` * `queries[i] = [li, ri]` * `0 <= li <= 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]:
```