

# Problem 2315: Count Asterisks

## Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given a string

s

, where every

two

consecutive vertical bars

'|'

are grouped into a

pair

. In other words, the 1

st

and 2

nd

'|'

make a pair, the 3

rd

and 4

th

'|'

make a pair, and so forth.

Return

the number of

!\*!

in

s

,

excluding

the

!\*!

between each pair of

'|'

.

Note

that each

'|'

will belong to

exactly

one pair.

Example 1:

Input:

s = "l|\*e\*et|c\*\*o|\*de|"

Output:

2

Explanation:

The considered characters are underlined: "

|

|\*e\*et|

c\*\*o

|\*de|". The characters between the first and second '|' are excluded from the answer. Also, the characters between the third and fourth '|' are excluded from the answer. There are 2 asterisks considered. Therefore, we return 2.

Example 2:

Input:

s = "iamprogrammer"

Output:

0

Explanation:

In this example, there are no asterisks in s. Therefore, we return 0.

Example 3:

Input:

s = "yo|uar|e\*\*|b|e\*\*\*au|tifu||"

Output:

5

Explanation:

The considered characters are underlined: "

yo

|uar|

e\*\*

|b|

e\*\*\*au

|tifu|

|

". There are 5 asterisks considered. Therefore, we return 5.

Constraints:

$1 \leq s.length \leq 1000$

s

consists of lowercase English letters, vertical bars

'|'

, and asterisks

\*\*

.

s

contains an

even

number of vertical bars

'|'

.

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int countAsterisks(string s) {
        }
    };
}
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int countAsterisks(String s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def countAsterisks(self, s: str) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def countAsterisks(self, s):  
        """  
        :type s: str  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string} s  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var countAsterisks = function(s) {  
  
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function countAsterisks(s: string): number {  
  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int CountAsterisks(string s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**C:**

```
int countAsterisks(char* s) {  
}  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func countAsterisks(s string) int {  
}  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun countAsterisks(s: String): Int {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func countAsterisks(_ s: String) -> Int {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn count_asterisks(s: String) -> i32 {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {String} s  
# @return {Integer}  
def count_asterisks(s)  
  
end
```

**PHP:**

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String $s  
     * @return Integer  
     */  
    function countAsterisks($s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Dart:**

```
class Solution {  
int countAsterisks(String s) {  
  
}  
}
```

**Scala:**

```
object Solution {  
def countAsterisks(s: String): Int = {  
  
}  
}
```

**Elixir:**

```
defmodule Solution do  
@spec count_asterisks(s :: String.t) :: integer  
def count_asterisks(s) do  
  
end  
end
```

**Erlang:**

```
-spec count_asterisks(S :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> integer().  
count_asterisks(S) ->  
.
```

## Racket:

```
(define/contract (count-asterisks s)
  (-> string? exact-integer?))
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Count Asterisks
 * Difficulty: Easy
 * Tags: string
 *
 * Approach: String manipulation with hash map or two pointers
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

class Solution {
public:
    int countAsterisks(string s) {

    }
};
```

### Java Solution:

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class Solution {
    public int countAsterisks(String s) {
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

### Python3 Solution:

```
"""
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"""

class Solution:

    def countAsterisks(self, s: str) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
```

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class Solution(object):

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        """
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func countAsterisks(s string) int {

}
```

### Kotlin Solution:

```
class Solution {
    fun countAsterisks(s: String): Int {
        return 0
    }
}
```

### Swift Solution:

```
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func countAsterisks(_ s: String) -> Int {  
}  
}  
}
```

### Rust Solution:

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