

# Problem 3245: Alternating Groups III

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

There are some red and blue tiles arranged circularly. You are given an array of integers

colors

and a 2D integers array

queries

The color of tile

i

is represented by

colors[i]

:

colors[i] == 0

means that tile

i

is

red

colors[i] == 1

means that tile

i

is

blue

An

alternating

group is a contiguous subset of tiles in the circle with

alternating

colors (each tile in the group except the first and last one has a different color from its

adjacent

tiles in the group).

You have to process queries of two types:

queries[i] = [1, size

i

]

, determine the count of

alternating

groups with size

size

i

queries[i] = [2, index

i

, color

i

]

, change

colors[index

i

]

to

color

i

.

Return an array

answer

containing the results of the queries of the first type

in order

.

Note

that since

colors

represents a

circle

, the

first

and the

last

tiles are considered to be next to each other.

Example 1:

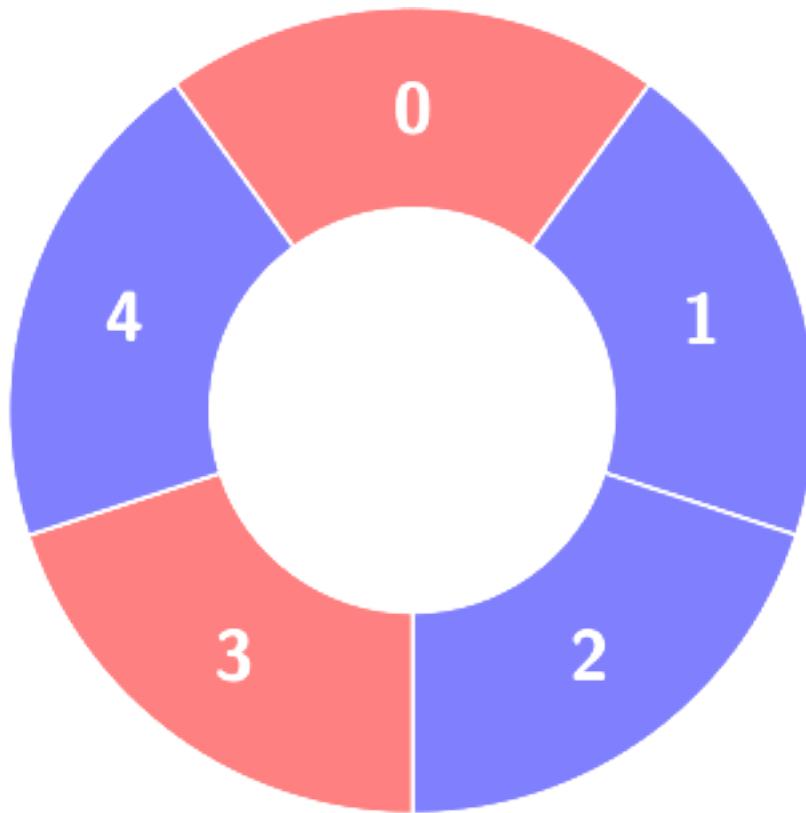
Input:

colors = [0,1,1,0,1], queries = [[2,1,0],[1,4]]

Output:

[2]

Explanation:

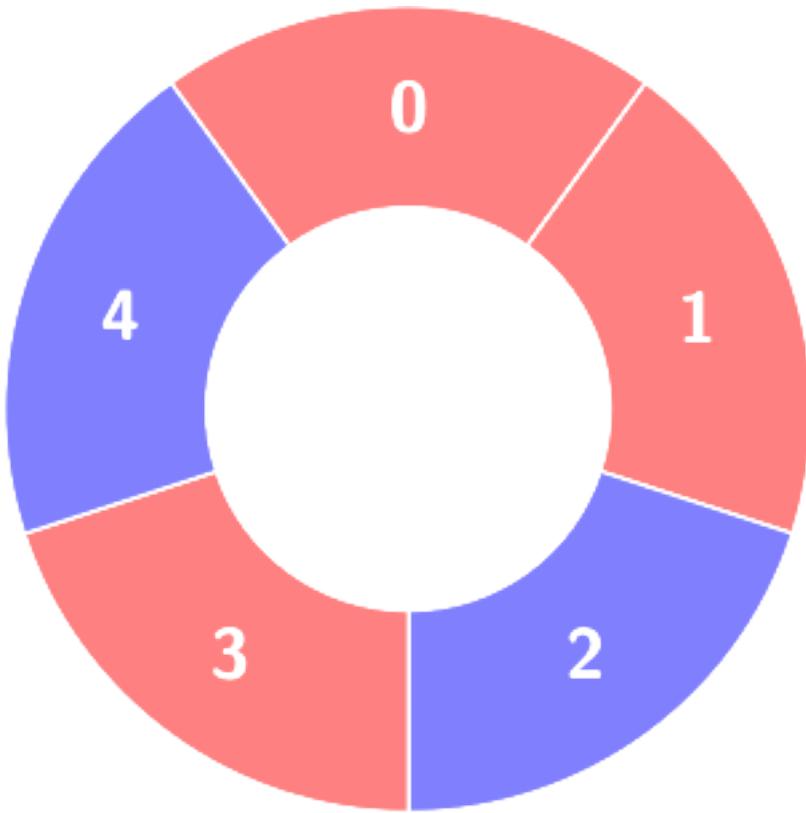


First query:

Change

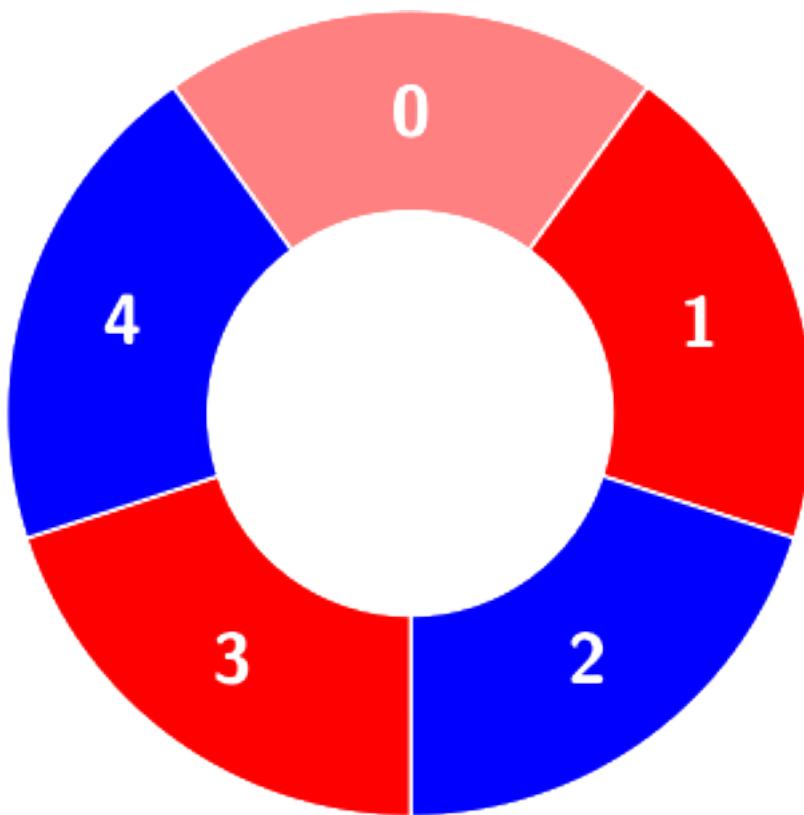
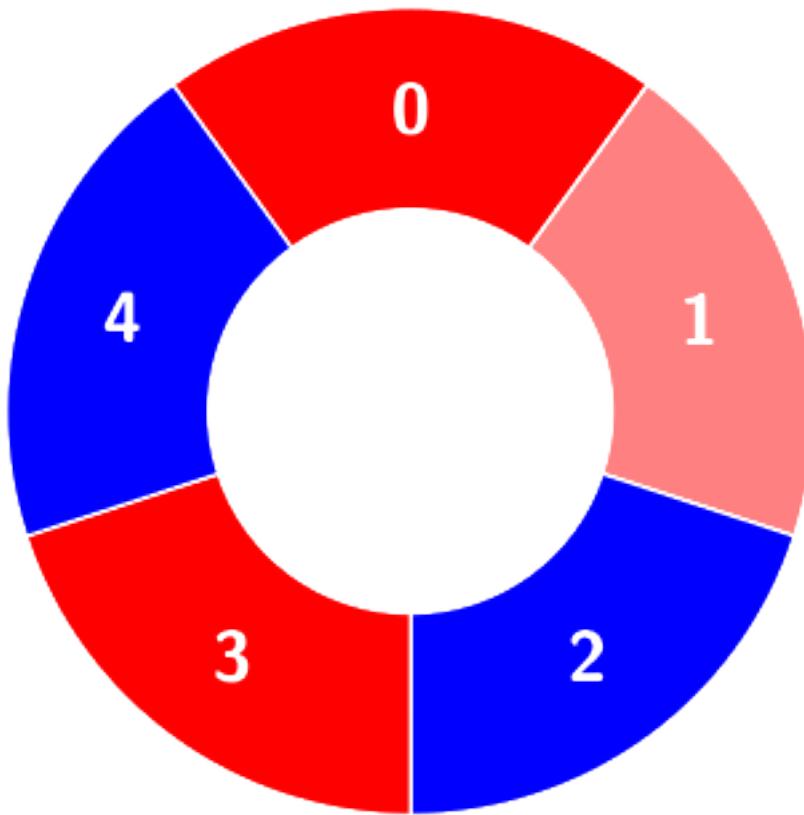
colors[1]

to 0.



Second query:

Count of the alternating groups with size 4:



Example 2:

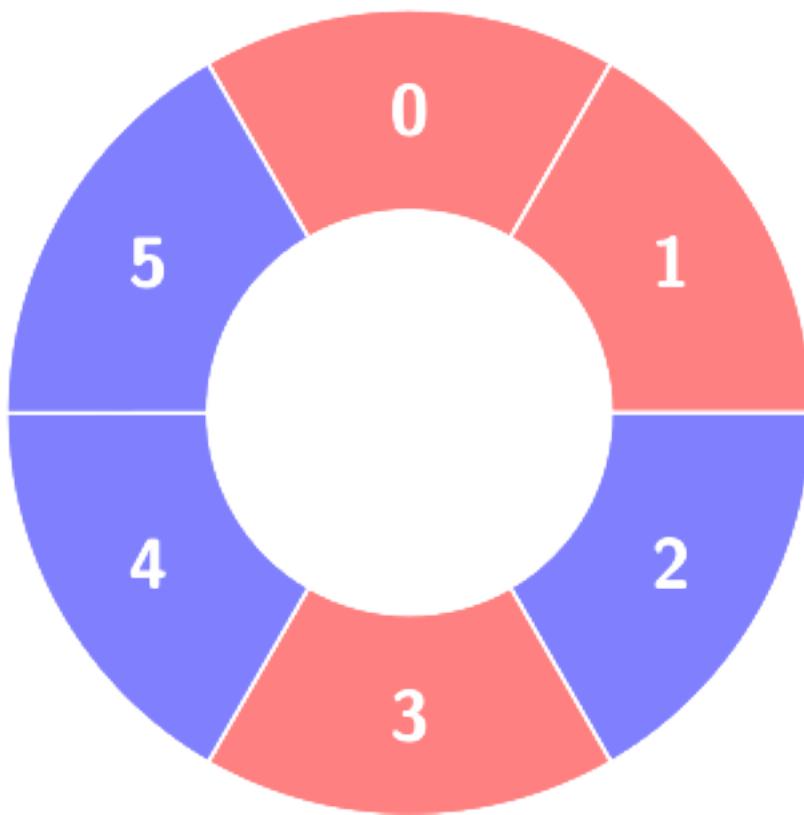
Input:

colors = [0,0,1,0,1,1], queries = [[1,3],[2,3,0],[1,5]]

Output:

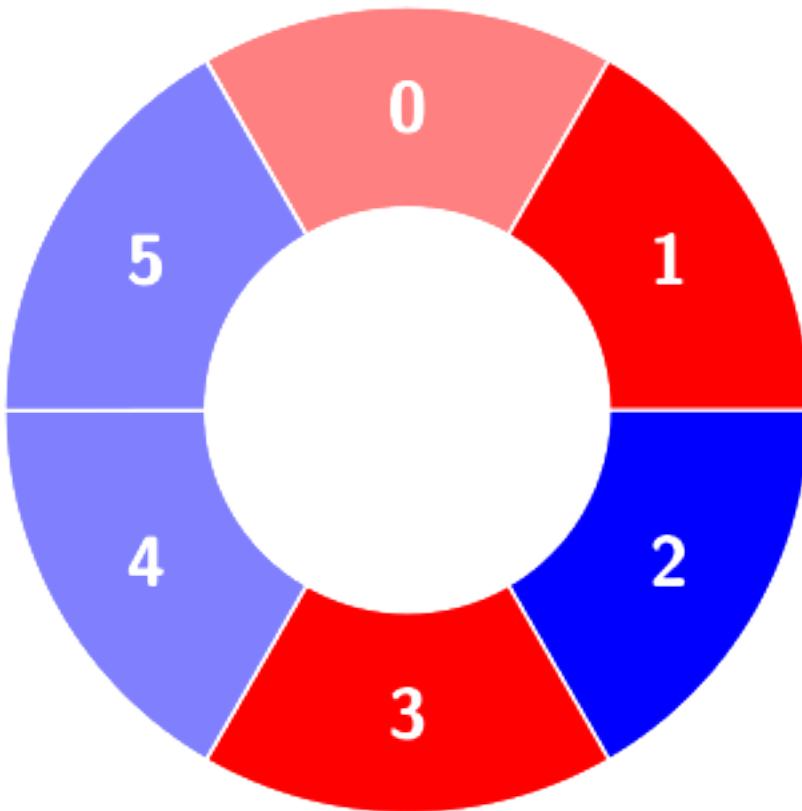
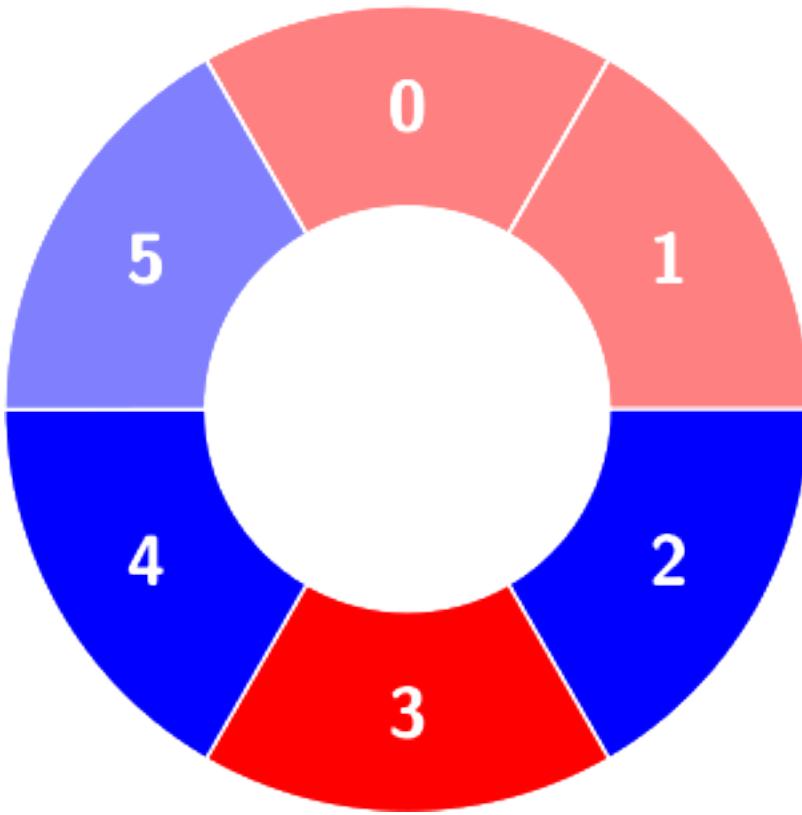
[2,0]

Explanation:



First query:

Count of the alternating groups with size 3:



Second query:

colors

will not change.

Third query: There is no alternating group with size 5.

Constraints:

$4 \leq \text{colors.length} \leq 5 * 10$

4

$0 \leq \text{colors}[i] \leq 1$

$1 \leq \text{queries.length} \leq 5 * 10$

4

$\text{queries}[i][0] == 1$

or

$\text{queries}[i][0] == 2$

For all

i

that:

$\text{queries}[i][0] == 1$

:

$\text{queries}[i].length == 2$

,

$3 \leq \text{queries}[i][1] \leq \text{colors.length} - 1$

```
queries[i][0] == 2

:

queries[i].length == 3

,

0 <= queries[i][1] <= colors.length - 1

,

0 <= queries[i][2] <= 1
```

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
vector<int> numberOfAlternatingGroups(vector<int>& colors,
vector<vector<int>>& queries) {

}

};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
public List<Integer> numberOfAlternatingGroups(int[] colors, int[][] queries)
{

}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
def numberOfAlternatingGroups(self, colors: List[int], queries:
List[List[int]]) -> List[int]:
```

**Python:**

```
class Solution(object):
    def numberOfAlternatingGroups(self, colors, queries):
        """
        :type colors: List[int]
        :type queries: List[List[int]]
        :rtype: List[int]
        """
```

**JavaScript:**

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} colors
 * @param {number[][]} queries
 * @return {number[]}
 */
var numberOfAlternatingGroups = function(colors, queries) {
}
```

**TypeScript:**

```
function numberOfAlternatingGroups(colors: number[], queries: number[][]): number[] {
}
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {
    public IList<int> NumberOfAlternatingGroups(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {
    }
}
```

**C:**

```
/**
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
 */
int* numberOfAlternatingGroups(int* colors, int colorsSize, int** queries,
    int queriesSize, int* queriesColSize, int* returnSize) {
```

```
}
```

### Go:

```
func numberOfAlternatingGroups(colors []int, queries [][][]int) []int {  
    }  
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun numberOfAlternatingGroups(colors: IntArray, queries: Array<IntArray>):  
        List<Int> {  
            }  
            }
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func numberOfAlternatingGroups(_ colors: [Int], _ queries: [[Int]]) -> [Int]  
    {  
        }  
        }
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn number_of_alternating_groups(colors: Vec<i32>, queries: Vec<Vec<i32>>)  
        -> Vec<i32> {  
            }  
            }
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} colors  
# @param {Integer[][]} queries  
# @return {Integer[]}  
def number_of_alternating_groups(colors, queries)
```

```
end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $colors  
     * @param Integer[][] $queries  
     * @return Integer[]  
     */  
    function numberOfAlternatingGroups($colors, $queries) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    List<int> numberOfAlternatingGroups(List<int> colors, List<List<int>>  
        queries) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def numberOfAlternatingGroups(colors: Array[Int], queries:  
        Array[Array[Int]]): List[Int] = {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
    @spec number_of_alternating_groups(colors :: [integer], queries ::  
        [[integer]]) :: [integer]  
    def number_of_alternating_groups(colors, queries) do
```

```
end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec number_of_alternating_groups(Colors :: [integer()], Queries ::  
[[integer()]]) -> [integer()].  
number_of_alternating_groups(Colors, Queries) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (number-of-alternating-groups colors queries)  
(-> (listof exact-integer?) (listof (listof exact-integer?)) (listof  
exact-integer?))  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*  
* Problem: Alternating Groups III  
* Difficulty: Hard  
* Tags: array, tree  
*  
* Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
* Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
* Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height  
*/  
  
class Solution {  
public:  
    vector<int> numberOfAlternatingGroups(vector<int>& colors,  
    vector<vector<int>>& queries) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java Solution:

```

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 */

class Solution {
    public List<Integer> numberOfAlternatingGroups(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {
    }

}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
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class Solution:
    def numberOfAlternatingGroups(self, colors: List[int], queries: List[List[int]]) -> List[int]:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):
    def numberOfAlternatingGroups(self, colors, queries):
        """
        :type colors: List[int]
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        """

```

```
:rtype: List[int]
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```

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/**
 * @param {number[]} colors
 * @param {number[][]} queries
 * @return {number[]}
 */
var numberOfAlternatingGroups = function(colors, queries) {

};


```

### TypeScript Solution:

```
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};


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### C# Solution:

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 */

public class Solution {
    public IList<int> NumberOfAlternatingGroups(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {
        return null;
    }
}
```

### C Solution:

```
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 */

/**
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
 */
int* numberOfAlternatingGroups(int* colors, int colorsSize, int** queries,
    int queriesSize, int* queriesColSize, int* returnSize) {
    *returnSize = queriesSize;
    int* result = (int*)malloc(queriesSize * sizeof(int));
    for (int i = 0; i < queriesSize; i++) {
        result[i] = countAlternatingGroups(colors, colorsSize, queries[i]);
    }
    return result;
}

int countAlternatingGroups(int* colors, int colorsSize, int* query) {
    int start = query[0];
    int end = query[1];
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = start; i < end; i++) {
        if ((i - start) % 2 == 0) {
            if (colors[i] != colors[i + 1]) {
                count++;
            }
        } else {
            if (colors[i] == colors[i + 1]) {
                count++;
            }
        }
    }
    return count;
}
```

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```

```
}
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### Ruby Solution:

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end
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```
class Solution {

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