

Problem 294: Flip Game II

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 52.23%

Paid Only: Yes

Tags: Math, Dynamic Programming, Backtracking, Memoization, Game Theory

Problem Description

You are playing a Flip Game with your friend.

You are given a string `currentState` that contains only `'+` and `'-`. You and your friend take turns to flip **two consecutive** `"+` into `"-`. The game ends when a person can no longer make a move, and therefore the other person will be the winner.

Return `true` if the starting player can**guarantee a win**, and `false` otherwise.

Example 1:

Input: currentState = "++++" **Output:** true **Explanation:** The starting player can guarantee a win by flipping the middle `++` to become "+--".

Example 2:

Input: currentState = "+" **Output:** false

Constraints:

* `1 <= currentState.length <= 60` * `currentState[i]` is either `'+` or `'-`. * There cannot be more than 20 consecutive `'+`.

Follow up: Derive your algorithm's runtime complexity.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    bool canWin(string currentState) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public boolean canWin(String currentState) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def canWin(self, currentState: str) -> bool:
```