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## Minimum Number of Flips to Make the Binary String Alternating

Ankit has been given a binary string `str` containing either 0 or 1. A binary string is called beautiful if it contains alternating 0s and 1s.

For Example: '0101', '1010', '101', '010' are beautiful strings.

He wants to make `str` beautiful by performing some operations on it. In one operation, Ankit can convert 0 into 1 or vice versa.

Your task is to determine the minimum number of operations Ankit should perform to make `str` beautiful.

### Input Format

The only line of input contains a binary string `str`.

You need to complete `makeBeautiful` function which contains string `str` and return minimum number of operation required

### Output Format

Print the minimum operations needed to make `str` beautiful.

### Example 1

Input

0000

Output

**2**

Explanation

The two beautiful strings that can be formed from the given 'str' are "1010" and "0101".

Ankit can transform 'str' to "1010" by performing the following operations:

Replace '0' at index 0 by '1' and replace '0' at index 2 by '1'.

Ankit can transform 'str' to "0101" by performing the following operations:

Replace '0' at index 1 by '1' and replace '0' at index 3 by '1'.

The minimum number of operations in transforming 'str' to either of the two beautiful strings is 2.

## Example 2

Input

**1010**

Output

**0**

Explanation

Given 'str' is already beautiful so the minimum number of operations required is 0.

## Constraints

**$2 \leq |\text{str}| \leq 10^5$**

**$\text{str}[i] = '1' \text{ or } '0'$ , where  $|\text{str}|$  denotes the length of 'str'.**

## Topic Tags

- Strings
- Sliding Window
- Greedy
- DP

# My code

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// in java
import java.util.*;
import java.lang.*;
import java.io.*;

public class Main
{
    public static void main (String[] args) throws java.lang.Exception
    {
        //your code here
        //here ya to 1 se start ya fir 0 se
        Scanner s=new Scanner(System.in);
        String st=s.next();
        //if start with 0
        int sum1=0;
        //if start with 1
        int sum2=0;
        for(int i=0;i<st.length();i++)
        {
            char ch =st.charAt(i);
            int r=i%2;
```

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    if(r==0 && ch=='1') sum1+=1;
    if(r==0 && ch=='0') sum2+=1;
    if(r==1 && ch=='0') sum1+=1;
    if(r==1 && ch=='1') sum2+=1;
}
int max=sum1<sum2?sum1:sum2;
System.out.print(max);
```

```
    }
}
```