

1180. Count Substrings with Only One Distinct Letter

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Given a string `s`, return the number of substrings that have only **one distinct** letter.

Example 1:

Input: `S = "aaaba"`

Output: 8

Explanation: The substrings with one distinct letter are "aaa"

"aaa" occurs 1 time.

"aa" occurs 2 times.

"a" occurs 4 times.

"b" occurs 1 time.

So the answer is $1 + 2 + 4 + 1 = 8$.

Example 2:

Input: `S = "aaaaaaaaaa"`

Output: 55

Constraints:

- $1 \leq S.length \leq 1000$
- `S[i]` consists of only lowercase English letters.

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Python3



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1 class Solution:
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3     # Revised, 28 ms
4     def countLetters2(self, S: str) -> int:
5         import itertools
6         total = 0
7         for k, g in itertools.groupby(S):
8             ln = len(list(g))
9             total += (ln + 1)*ln/2
10        return int(total)
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12    # Done in contest, 36 ms
13    def countLetters(self, S: str) -> int:
14        S += "-"
15        start = total = 0
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User Accepted:	927
User Tried:	964
Total Accepted:	945
Total Submissions:	1203
Difficulty:	Easy

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16 ▼         for i in range(len(S)-1):
17 ▼             if S[i] != S[i+1]:
18                 sub = S[start : i+1]
19                 total += (len(sub) + 1)*len(sub)/2
20                 start = i+1
21         return int(total)
22
23     #dynamic programming
24 ▼     def countLetters1(self, S: str) -> int:
25         n = len(S)
26         res = 1
27         cur = 1
28         for i in range(1, n):
29 ▼             if S[i] == S[i - 1]:
30                 cur += 1
31 ▼             else:
32                 cur = 1
33                 res += cur
34         return res
```

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