# **Special String Again**

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A string is said to be a *special string* if either of two conditions is met:

- All of the characters are the same, e.g. aaa.
- All characters except the middle one are the same, e.g. aadaa.

A *special substring* is any substring of a string which meets one of those criteria. Given a string, determine how many special substrings can be formed from it.

#### Example

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s = \texttt{mnonopoo}
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s contains the following 12 special substrings: {m, n, o, n, o, p, o, o, non, ono, opo, oo}.

#### **Function Description**

Complete the *substrCount* function in the editor below.

substrCount has the following parameter(s):

- *int n*: the length of string *s*
- string s: a string

#### Returns

- int: the number of special substrings

#### **Input Format**

The first line contains an integer, n, the length of s. The second line contains the string s.

#### Constraints

#### $1 \leq n \leq 10^6$

Each character of the string is a lowercase English letter, **ascii[a-z]**.

#### Sample Input 0

5 asasd

#### Sample Output 0

7

#### **Explanation 0**

The special palindromic substrings of s = asasd are  $\{a, s, a, s, d, asa, sas\}$ 

### Sample Input 1

7 abcbaba

#### Sample Output 1

10

#### Explanation 1

The special palindromic substrings of s = abcbaba are {a, b, c, b, a, b, a, bcb, bab, aba}

#### Sample Input 2

4 aaaa

#### Sample Output 2

10

#### **Explanation 2**

The special palindromic substrings of s = aaaa are  $\{a, a, a, a, a, aa, aa, aaa, aaa, aaaa, aaaa\}$