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Total time to code, test, execute = 16 minutes
Aware of solution ... see n-digit ripple adder
Classification :: 2 pointers, arrays, string builder
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public class Solution {
  public String addStrings(String num1, String num2) {
     String res = "";
     if(num1 == null \&\& num2 == null || num1.length() == 0 \&\& num2.length() == 0)
       res = null;
     else if ( num1 == null \parallel num1.length() == 0)
       res = num2;
     else if (num2 == null || num2.length() == 0)
       res = num1;
     else
       // 2 pointers problem
       // n-digit ripple adder problem
       // carry ( divide by 100 ... i.e. 9/100 = 0, 19/100 = 1, 27/100 = 2)
       // sum ... keep sutracting 10, till < 10!
       // lens of strs can differ! ... take note!
       char[] cArr_1 = num1.toCharArray();
                                                    // "300" => ['3','0','0']
       char[] cArr_2 = num2.toCharArray();
                                                 // "99" => ['9','9']
       StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(""); // we'll reverse this @ the end
       int ptr1 = cArr_1.length - 1;
       int ptr2 = cArr_2.length - 1;
       int cIn = 0;
       int s = 0;
       while(ptr1 \geq= 0 || ptr2 \geq= 0)
          int cOut = 0;
          if(ptr1 < 0)
            s = (int)(cArr_2[ptr2] - '0') + cIn; // bug :: it is ( - '0', not + '0') ... minor mistake
             ptr2--;
          else if ( ptr2 < 0)
            s = (int)(cArr_1[ptr1] - '0') + cIn;
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ptr1--;
          else
            s = (int)(cArr_1[ptr1] - '0') + (int)(cArr_2[ptr2] - '0') + cIn;
             ptr1--;
            ptr2--;
          cOut = s / 10; // bug ... div by 10,m not div by 100 .. accidentally typed in 2 0's
          while(s \ge 10) // bug ... s \ge 10, not s \ge 10
             s = 10;
          sb.append(s);
          cIn = cOut;
                      // former bug ... replace sum!
          s = 0;
       }
       if(cIn != 0)
          sb.append(cIn);
       res = sb.reverse().toString();
    return res;
  }
}
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