



Algorithm

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Introduction

This work is some notes of learning and practicing data structures and algorithm.

1. Part I is some brief introduction of basic data structures and algorithm, such as, linked lists, stack, queues, trees, sorting and etc.
2. Part II is the analysis and summary of programming problems, and most of the programming problems come from <https://leetcode.com/>, <http://www.lintcode.com/>, <http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/>, <http://hihocoder.com/>, <https://www.topcoder.com/>.
3. Part III is the appendix of resume and other supplements.

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- [x] add time and space complexity analysis
- [x] summary of basic data structure and algorithm
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Some guidelines for contributing and other questions are listed here.

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Part I - Basics

The first part summarizes some of the main aspects of data structures and algorithms, such as implementation and usage.

This chapter consists of the following sections.

Reference

- [VisuAlgo](#) - Animated visualizations of data structures and algorithms
- [Data Structure Visualizations](#) - An alternative to VisuAlgo
- [Sorting Algorithms](#) - Animations comparing various sorting algorithms

Data Structure

This chapter describes the fundamental data structures and their implementations.

String

String-related problems often appear in interview questions. In actual development, strings are also frequently used. Summarized here are common uses of strings in C++, Java, and Python.

Python

```
s1 = str()
# in python, `` and `` are the same
s2 = "shaunwei" # 'shaunwei'
s2len = len(s2)
# last 3 chars
s2[-3:] # wei
s2[5:8] # wei
s3 = s2[:5] # shaun
s3 += 'wei' # return 'shaunwei'
# list in python is same as ArrayList in java
s2list = list(s3)
# string at index 4
s2[4] # 'n'
# find index at first
s2.index('w') # return 5, if not found, throw ValueError
s2.find('w') # return 5, if not found, return -1
```

In Python, there's no StringBuffer or StringBuilder. However, string manipulations are fairly efficient already.

Java

```
String s1 = new String();
String s2 = "billryan";
int s2len = s2.length();
s2.substring(4, 8); // return "ryan"
StringBuilder s3 = new StringBuilder(s2.substring(4, 8));
s3.append("bill");
String s2New = s3.toString(); // return "ryanbill"
// convert String to char array
char[] s2Char = s2.toCharArray();
// char at index 4
char ch = s2.charAt(4); // return 'r'
// find index at first
int index = s2.indexOf('r'); // return 4. if not found, return -1
```

The difference between StringBuffer and StringBuilder is that the former guarantees thread safety. In a single-threaded environment, StringBuilder is more efficient.

String

String related topics are discussed in this chapter.

In order to re-use most of the memory of an existing data structure, internal implementation of string is immutable in most programming languages(Java, Python). Take care if you want to modify character in place.

strStr

Question

- leetcode: [Implement strStr\(\) | LeetCode OJ](#)
- lintcode: [lintcode - \(13\) strStr](#)

Problem Statement

For a given source string and a target string, you should output the **first** index(from 0) of target string in source string.

If target does not exist in source, just return `-1` .

Example

If source = `"source"` and target = `"target"` , return `-1` .

If source = `"abcdabcdefg"` and target = `"bcd"` , return `1` .

Challenge

$O(n^2)$ is acceptable. Can you implement an $O(n)$ algorithm? (hint: *KMP*)

Clarification

Do I need to implement KMP Algorithm in a real interview?

- Not necessary. When you meet this problem in a real interview, the interviewer may just want to test your basic implementation ability. But make sure your confirm with the interviewer first.

Problem Analysis

It's very straightforward to solve string match problem with nested for loops. Since we must iterate the target string, we can optimize the iteration of source string. It's unnecessary to iterate the source string if the length of remaining part does not exceed the length of target string. We can only iterate the valid part of source string. Apart from this naive algorithm, you can use a more effective algorithm such as KMP.

Python

```
class Solution:
    def strStr(self, source, target):
        if source is None or target is None:
            return -1

        for i in range(len(source) - len(target) + 1):
            for j in range(len(target)):
                if source[i + j] != target[j]:
                    break
            else: # no break
                return i
        return -1
```

C

```
int strStr(char* haystack, char* needle) {
    if (haystack == NULL || needle == NULL) return -1;

    const int len_h = strlen(haystack);
    const int len_n = strlen(needle);
    for (int i = 0; i < len_h - len_n + 1; i++) {
        int j = 0;
        for (; j < len_n; j++) {
            if (haystack[i+j] != needle[j]) {
                break;
            }
        }
        if (j == len_n) return i;
    }

    return -1;
}
```

C++

```
class Solution {
public:
    int strStr(string haystack, string needle) {
        if (haystack.empty() && needle.empty()) return 0;
        if (haystack.empty()) return -1;
        if (needle.empty()) return 0;
        // in case of overflow for negative
        if (haystack.size() < needle.size()) return -1;

        for (int i = 0; i < haystack.size() - needle.size() + 1; i++) {
            string::size_type j = 0;
            for (; j < needle.size(); j++) {
                if (haystack[i + j] != needle[j]) break;
            }
            if (j == needle.size()) return i;
        }

        return -1;
    }
};
```

Java

```
public class Solution {
    public int strStr(String haystack, String needle) {
        if (haystack == null && needle == null) return 0;
        if (haystack == null) return -1;
        if (needle == null) return 0;

        for (int i = 0; i < haystack.length() - needle.length() + 1; i++) {
            int j = 0;
            for (; j < needle.length(); j++) {
                if (haystack.charAt(i+j) != needle.charAt(j)) break;
            }
            if (j == needle.length()) return i;
        }

        return -1;
    }
}
```

Source Code Analysis

1. corner case: `haystack(source)` and `needle(target)` may be empty string.
2. code convention:
 - space is needed for `==`
 - use meaningful variable names
 - put a blank line before declaration `int i, j;`
3. declare `j` outside for loop if and only if you want to use it outside.

Some Pythonic notes: [4. More Control Flow Tools](#) section 4.4 and [if statement - Why does python use 'else' after for and while loops?](#)

Complexity Analysis

nested for loop, $O((n - m)m)$ for worst case.

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