

## Longest Palindromic Subsequence

Given a string  $s$ , find the longest palindromic subsequence's length in  $s$ . You may assume that the maximum length of  $s$  is 1000.

### **Example 1:**

Input:

"bbbab"

Output:

4

One possible longest palindromic subsequence is "bbbb".

### **Example 2:**

Input:

"cbbd"

Output:

2

One possible longest palindromic subsequence is "bb".

## Solution 1

**dp[i][j]** : the longest palindromic subsequence's length of substring(i, j)

**State transition:**

**dp[i][j] = dp[i+1][j-1] + 2** if s.charAt(i) == s.charAt(j)

otherwise, **dp[i][j] = Math.max(dp[i+1][j], dp[i][j-1])**

**Initialization:** **dp[i][i] = 1**

```
public class Solution {
    public int longestPalindromeSubseq(String s) {
        int[][] dp = new int[s.length()][s.length()];

        for (int i = s.length() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
            dp[i][i] = 1;
            for (int j = i+1; j < s.length(); j++) {
                if (s.charAt(i) == s.charAt(j)) {
                    dp[i][j] = dp[i+1][j-1] + 2;
                } else {
                    dp[i][j] = Math.max(dp[i+1][j], dp[i][j-1]);
                }
            }
        }
        return dp[0][s.length()-1];
    }
}
```

## Top bottom recursive method with memoization

```
public class Solution {
    public int longestPalindromeSubseq(String s) {
        return helper(s, 0, s.length() - 1, new Integer[s.length()][s.length()]);
    }

    private int helper(String s, int i, int j, Integer[][] memo) {
        if (memo[i][j] != null) {
            return memo[i][j];
        }
        if (i > j) return 0;
        if (i == j) return 1;

        if (s.charAt(i) == s.charAt(j)) {
            memo[i][j] = helper(s, i + 1, j - 1, memo) + 2;
        } else {
            memo[i][j] = Math.max(helper(s, i + 1, j, memo), helper(s, i, j - 1, memo));
        }
        return memo[i][j];
    }
}
```

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## Solution 2

```
public class Solution {
    public int longestPalindromeSubseq(String s) {
        int len = s.length();
        int[][] dp = new int[len][len];
        for(int i = 0; i < len; i++){
            dp[i][i] = 1;
        }
        //for each interval length
        for(int l = 2; l <= len; l++){
            //for each interval with the same length
            for(int st = 0; st <= len-l; st++){
                int ed = st+l-1;
                //if left end equals to right end or not
                dp[st][ed] = s.charAt(st)==s.charAt(ed)? dp[st+1][ed-1]+2 : Math.
max(dp[st+1][ed], dp[st][ed-1]);
            }
        }
        return dp[0][len-1];
    }
}
```

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## Solution 3

### Idea:

$dp[i][j]$  = longest palindrome subsequence of  $s[i \text{ to } j]$ .

If  $s[i] == s[j]$ ,  $dp[i][j] = 2 + dp[i+1][j-1]$

Else,  $dp[i][j] = \max(dp[i+1][j], dp[i][j-1])$

### Rolling array $O(2n)$ space

```
class Solution(object):
    def longestPalindromeSubseq(self, s):
        """
        :type s: str
        :rtype: int
        """
        n = len(s)
        dp = [[1] * 2 for _ in range(n)]
        for j in xrange(1, len(s)):
            for i in reversed(xrange(0, j)):
                if s[i] == s[j]:
                    dp[i][j%2] = 2 + dp[i + 1][(j - 1)%2] if i + 1 <= j - 1 else
2
                    else:
                        dp[i][j%2] = max(dp[i + 1][j%2], dp[i][(j - 1)%2])
        return dp[0][(n-1)%2]
```

### Further improve space to $O(n)$

```
class Solution(object):
    def longestPalindromeSubseq(self, s):
        """
        :type s: str
        :rtype: int
        """
        n = len(s)
        dp = [1] * n
        for j in xrange(1, len(s)):
            pre = dp[j]
            for i in reversed(xrange(0, j)):
                tmp = dp[i]
                if s[i] == s[j]:
                    dp[i] = 2 + pre if i + 1 <= j - 1 else 2
                else:
                    dp[i] = max(dp[i + 1], dp[i])
            pre = tmp
        return dp[0]
```

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