

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

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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Solution 3

1. $O(2^n)$ Brute force. If the two ends of a string are the same, then they must be included in the longest palindrome subsequence. Otherwise, both ends cannot be included in the longest palindrome subsequence.

```
int longestPalindromeSubseq(string s) {
    return longestPalindromeSubseq(0,s.size()-1,s);
}
int longestPalindromeSubseq(int l, int r, string &s) {
    if(l==r) return 1;
    if(l>r) return 0; //happens after "aa"
    return s[l]==s[r] ? 2 + longestPalindromeSubseq(l+1,r-1, s) :
        max(longestPalindromeSubseq(l+1,r, s),longestPalindromeSubseq(l,r-1,
s));
}
```

2. $O(n^2)$ Memoization

```
int longestPalindromeSubseq(string s) {
    int n = s.size();
    vector<vector<int>> mem(n,vector<int>(n));
    return longestPalindromeSubseq(0,n-1, s,mem);
}
int longestPalindromeSubseq(int l, int r, string &s, vector<vector<int>>& mem)
{
    if(l==r) return 1;
    if(l>r) return 0;
    if(mem[l][r]) return mem[l][r];
    return mem[l][r] = s[l]==s[r] ? 2 + longestPalindromeSubseq(l+1,r-1, s,me
m) :
        max(longestPalindromeSubseq(l+1,r, s,mem),longestPalindromeSubseq(l,r
-1, s,mem));
}
```

3. $O(n^2)$ dp

```
int longestPalindromeSubseq(string s) {
    int n = s.size();
    vector<vector<int>> dp(n+1,vector<int>(n));
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++) dp[1][i]=1;
    for(int i=2;i<=n;i++) //length
        for(int j=0;j<n-i+1;j++) { //start index
            dp[i][j] = s[j]==s[i+j-1]?2+dp[i-2][j+1]:max(dp[i-1][j],dp[i-1][j
+1]);
        }
    return dp[n][0];
}
```

4. $O(n^2)$ time, $O(n)$ space dp. In #3, the current row is computed from the previous 2 rows only. So we don't need to keep all the rows.

```

int longestPalindromeSubseq(string s) {
    int n = s.size();
    vector<int> v0(n), v1(n,1), v(n), *i_2=&v0, *i_1=&v1, *i_=&v;
    for(int i=2;i<=n;i++) {//length
        for(int j=0;j<n-i+1;j++)//start index
            i_->at(j) = s[j]==s[i+j-1]?2+i_2->at(j+1):max(i_1->at(j),i_1->at(
j+1));
            swap(i_1,i_2);
            swap(i_1,i_); //rotate i_2, i_1, i_
        }
        return i_1->at(0);
    }
}

```

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