

Exercise 166:-

6. Given a string *s*, return the longest palindromic substring in *S*.

Program:-def longest\_palindromic\_substring(s):

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n = len(s)
if n == 0:
    return ""
dp = [[False] * n for _ in range(n)]
start = 0
max_length = 1
for i in range(n):
    dp[i][0] = True
for i in range(n - 1):
    if s[i] == s[i + 1]:
        dp[i][i + 1] = True
        start = i
        max_length = 2
for length in range(3, n + 1):
    for i in range(n - length + 1):
        j = i + length - 1
        if s[i] == s[j] and dp[i + 1][j - 1]:
            dp[i][j] = True
            start = i
            max_length = length
return s[start:start + max_length]
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s = "babad"

print(f"The longest palindromic substring is: {longest\_palindromic\_substring(s)}")

Output:-

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C:\Users\afree\PycharmProjects\pythonProject\.venv\Scripts\python.exe C:\Users\afree\PycharmProjects\pythonProject\0.py
The longest palindromic substring is: b

Process finished with exit code 0
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Time complexity:- $O(n^2)$