

In []: Question 1

In []: Easy 1

Given a string `s` consisting of words and spaces, return the length of the last word in `s`.
A word is a maximal substring consisting of non-space characters only.
Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 10^4$
- `s` consists of only English letters and spaces ' '.
- There will be at least one word in `s`.

CODE:

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In [ ]: def length_of_last_word(s):
        words = s.split()
        if not words:
            return 0
        return len(words[-1])
# Example usage:
s = "Hello World"
result = length_of_last_word(s)
print(result)
```

In []: EXPLANATION:

In []: Certainly! Let's break down the logic and algorithm of the code for finding the length of the last word in a string.

1. Split the String:
 - The first step is to split the input string into words. This is done using the `split()` method.
 - The `split()` method without any arguments splits the string based on whitespace by default.
2. Access the Last Word:
 - Once the string is split, we can access the last word in the list.
 - In Python, indexing with `[-1]` refers to the last element in a list.
3. Calculate and Return Length:
 - After obtaining the last word, the code calculates its length using the `len()` function.
 - The length of the last word is the desired result, so the function returns this value.
4. Example:
 - Let's consider the string "Hello World". After splitting, we get the list `['Hello', 'World']`.
 - Accessing the last element with `[-1]` gives us `'World'`.
 - The length of the last word, in this case, is 5, which is then returned by the function.

In []: Medium 1

Given a binary search tree (BST), find the lowest common ancestor (LCA) node of two given nodes in the BST.
According to the definition of LCA on Wikipedia: "The lowest common ancestor is defined between two nodes `p` and `q` as the lowest node in the tree that has both `p` and `q` as descendants (we allow a node to be a descendant of itself)."
Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range $[2, 10^5]$.
- $-10^9 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 10^9$
- All `Node.val` are unique.
- `p != q`
- `p` and `q` will exist in the BST.

CODE:

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In [ ]: class TreeNode:
    def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
        self.val = val
        self.left = left
        self.right = right
    def lowest_common_ancestor(root, p, q):
        if p.val > q.val:
            p, q = q, p
        while root:
            if root.val > q.val:
                root = root.left
            elif root.val < p.val:
                root = root.right
            else:
                return root
# Example usage:
root = TreeNode(5)
root.left = TreeNode(3, TreeNode(2), TreeNode(4))
root.right = TreeNode(6, None, TreeNode(7))
# Find the LCA of nodes with values 2 and 4
p = TreeNode(2)
q = TreeNode(4)
result = lowest_common_ancestor(root, p, q)
print(result.val)
```

In []: EXPLANATION:

In []: To find the lowest common ancestor (LCA) of two nodes in a binary search tree (BST), y

1. Start from the Root:
 - Begin traversing the tree starting from the root.
2. Navigate Down the Tree:
 - At each node, compare the values of the given nodes `p` and `q` with the current node's value.
 - If both `p` and `q` are greater than the current node's value, it means both nodes are in the right subtree.
 - If both `p` and `q` are less than the current node's value, it means both nodes are in the left subtree.
3. LCA Condition:
 - If one of `p` or `q` is smaller and the other is larger than the current node's value, then the current node is the LCA.
 - This is because in a BST, the left subtree of a node contains values smaller than the node's value, and the right subtree contains values larger than the node's value.
4. Repeat Until LCA is Found:
 - Keep traversing down the tree until you find the LCA.

In []: Hard 2

You are given a string `s`. You can convert `s` to a palindrome by adding characters in front of it. Return the shortest palindrome you can find by performing this transformation.

Constraints:

- $0 \leq s.length \leq 5 \times 10^4$
- `s` consists of lowercase English letters only.

CODE:

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In [ ]: def shortest_palindrome(s):
    if not s:
        return s
    extended = s + "#" + s[::-1]
    lps = [0] * len(extended)
    j = 0
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for i in range(1, len(extended)):
    while j > 0 and extended[i] != extended[j]:
        j = lps[j - 1]
    if extended[i] == extended[j]:
        j += 1
    lps[i] = j
    palindrome_length = lps[-1]
    return s[palindrome_length:][::-1] + s
# Example usage:
s = "abcd"
result = shortest_palindrome(s)
print(result)

```

In []: EXPLANATION:

In []: To find the shortest palindrome by adding characters in front of a given string `s`, y

Here's the step-by-step explanation:

1. Create Modified String:
 - Construct a new string `new_s` by concatenating the reversed `s` with a special c
2. Build Prefix Array (KMP):
 - Build the prefix array (also known as the LPS array - Longest Proper Prefix which
3. Find Palindromic Prefix:
 - The value at the last index of the prefix array indicates the length of the longe
4. Construct Result:
 - The characters from index `len_palindrome` to the end in the reversed `s` need to