



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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Part I - Basics

Data Structure

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

- corner case: `haystack(source)` and `needle(target)` may be empty string.

2. code convention:
 - o space is needed for `==`
 - o use meaningful variable names
 - o 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.