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Intuition

The provided code aims to find the length of the longest substring without repeating characters in a given string s. It utilizes a sliding window approach with two pointers, left and right, to dynamically adjust the substring under consideration. The set set_of_char keeps track of unique characters within the current window.

As the right pointer iterates through the string, the code checks for repeating characters. If a repetition is found, the left pointer is moved forward until the substring becomes unique again. At each step, the code updates the result variable with the maximum length of the unique substring encountered so far (right - left + 1).

Approach

1. Initialization:

- Initialize an empty set set_of_char to keep track of unique characters within the current substring.
- Set two pointers, left and right, both initially pointing to the start of the string (left = 0 and right = 0).
- o Initialize a variable result to store the length of the longest substring without repeating characters.

2. Sliding Window Iteration:

- Iterate over the characters of the string using the right pointer.
- Check if the character at the current right position is already in set of char.
- o If it is, remove the character at the left position from set_of_char and increment left until the substring becomes unique again.

3. Updating Result:

- After making the substring unique, add the current character at right to set_of_char.
- Update the result with the maximum length of the substring so far (right left + 1).

4. Final Result:

 After iterating through the entire string, the result variable holds the length of the longest substring without repeating characters.

Complexity

- Time complexity: O(n)
- Space complexity: O(n)

Code

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