

Longest substring without repeating characters

Brute-Force Approach

a b c x y, a z b x

→ a
→ ab
→ abc
→ abcx
→ abcx y

Pseudo code:

```
maxlen = -999999;  
for i = 0 to arr.size() → n  
    string sub = "";  
    hash[255] = {0};  
    for j = i to arr.size() → n  
        if (hash[arr[j]] == 1)  
            break;  
        sub += arr[j];  
        hash[arr[j]] = 1;  
        len = j - i + 1;  
        maxlen = max(maxlen, len);
```

Time Complexity

$$O(n \times n) = O(n^2)$$

Optimized Solution:

Sliding window with 2 pointers:

function substring (string s)

int l = 0, r = 0

max = 0;

hash[256] = -1;

int n = s.size();

while (r < n) → n

if (hash[s[r]] != -1)

if (hash[s[r]] >= l)

l = hash[s[r]] + 1

}

len = r - l + 1

max = max(max, len)

hash[s[r]] = r

r++;

}

Time
Complexity

$$O(n)$$