

EX-1.15

Title :

Find intervals of every large group (3 or more consecutive identical characters) in a string.

Aim:

To design and implement a Python program to identify intervals of large groups of the same character (length ≥ 3) in a given string.

Procedure:

1. Read input string `s`.
2. Initialize variables to track the start index of the current group.
3. Traverse through the string `s`:
 - When the current character changes or the end of the string is reached, determine the length of the current group.
 - If the current group length is 3 or more, save the interval `[start, end]`.
 - Update start index to current position.
4. After traversal, output the list of intervals for all large groups sorted by increasing start index.

Algorithm:

1. Start
2. Read string s.
3. Initialize start = 0, result list res = [].
4. For i in range 1 to length of s:
 - If $s[i] \neq s[i-1]$ or $i == \text{len}(s)$:
 - Compute length $l = i - \text{start}$
 - If $l \geq 3$: append [start, i-1] to res
 - Update start = i
5. Return res.
6. Stop

Input:

abbxxxxzzy

abc

Output:

[[3, 6]]

[]

Program :

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def largeGroupPositions(s):  
    res = []  
    start = 0  
  
    for i in range(1, len(s) + 1):  
        # When character changed or end of string reached  
        if i == len(s) or s[i] != s[i - 1]:  
            length = i - start  
            if length >= 3:  
                res.append([start, i - 1])  
            start = i  
    return res  
  
s = input("Enter the string: ")  
  
result = largeGroupPositions(s)  
print(result)
```

Performance Analysis:

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(k)$

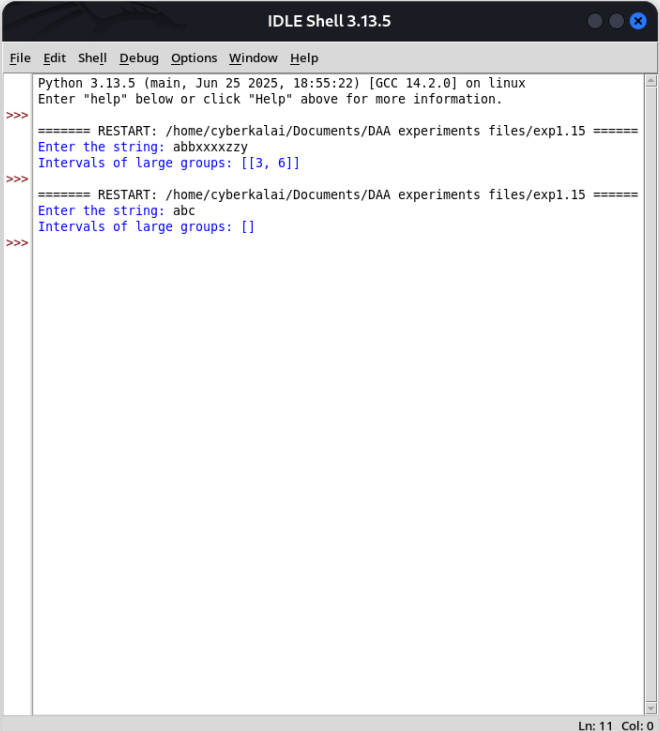
program output:

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def large_group_positions(s):
    result = []
    start = 0
    n = len(s)

    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        if i == n or s[i] != s[i - 1]:
            length = i - start
            if length >= 3:
                result.append([start, i - 1])
            start = i
    return result

s = input("Enter the string: ")

output = large_group_positions(s)
print("Intervals of large groups:", output)
```



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Python 3.13.5 (main, Jun 25 2025, 18:55:22) [GCC 14.2.0] on linux
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Enter the string: abxxxxzy
Intervals of large groups: [[3, 6]]
>>> ===== RESTART: /home/cyberkalai/Documents/DAA experiments files/exp1.15 =====
Enter the string: abc
Intervals of large groups: []
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```

Result :

Thus the given program Large Groups Identification is executed and got output successfully.