

## Problem Statement

Given an integer  $x$ , return **true** if  $x$  is a palindrome, and **false** otherwise.

### Examples

**Input:**  $x = 121$

**Output:** **true**

**Explanation:** 121 reads as 121 from left to right and from right to left.

**Input:**  $x = -121$

**Output:** **false**

**Explanation:** From left to right, it reads -121. From right to left, it becomes 121-. Therefore, it is not a palindrome.

**Input:**  $x = 10$

**Output:** **false**

**Explanation:** Reads 01 from right to left. Therefore, it is not a palindrome.

### Constraints

$$-2^{31} \leq x \leq 2^{31} - 1$$

### What is a Palindrome

A palindrome is a sequence that reads the same forwards and backwards, such as "121" or "racecar".

### Explanation Like You're 16

### Understanding the Problem

You need to figure out if a number looks the same when you read it forwards and backwards. For example,

121 is a palindrome because if you flip it around, it still looks like 121.

-121 is not a palindrome because flipping it around gives -121, which is different.

10 is not a palindrome because flipping it around gives 01, which is different.

## Step-by-Step Solution

### :Negative Numbers .4

Any negative number can't be a palindrome because the  
.minus sign will be at the end when reversed

### :Single Digit Numbers .5

Any single digit number (like 0, 1, 2, ..., 9) is always a  
palindrome because it looks the same forwards and  
.backwards

### :Reversing the Number .6

Instead of converting the number to a string, we can reverse  
its digits and then compare the reversed number to the  
.original

## Reversing the Number

.Start with the original number .7

.Extract the last digit of the number .8

.Add this digit to a new number that we're building (start with 0) .9

.Remove the last digit from the original number .10

.Repeat until the original number is 0 .11

.Compare the reversed number to the original .12

## Code Explanation

:Here's the code that does this

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:class Solution
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:def isPalindrome(self, x: int) -> bool
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    Step 1: Negative numbers are not palindromes #
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        :if x < 0
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            return False
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Step 2: Single digit numbers are always palindromes #

:if 0 <= x < 10

return True

Step 3: Reverse the number #

original = x # Keep the original number

reversed\_num = 0 # This will store the reversed number

:while x != 0

pop = x % 10 # Get the last digit

x //= 10 # Remove the last digit

reversed\_num = reversed\_num \* 10 + pop # Build the reversed  
number

Step 4: Compare the original number to the reversed number #

return original == reversed\_num

### Detailed Steps in the Code

**:Check for Negative Numbers** .13

If  $x$  is negative, return **False** because negative numbers are  
.not palindromes

**:Check for Single Digit Numbers** .14

If `xx` is between 0 and 9, return `True` because single-digit numbers are palindromes

### **:Reverse the Number**

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.Save the original number in a variable called `original`

.Initialize `reversed_num` to 0

:Use a loop to reverse the digits of `xx`

.`pop = x % 10` gets the last digit of `xx`

.`x //= 10` removes the last digit from `xx`

`reversed_num = reversed_num * 10 + pop` builds the reversed number

### **:Compare Original and Reversed Numbers**

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If the reversed number is the same as the original number,

.return `True`; otherwise, return `False`

## **Final Thoughts**

This approach ensures that we correctly determine if a number is a palindrome without converting it to a string, making it efficient and easy to understand