

Recursion and Strings



making a problem small and solving that

Strings :- characters are stored.

"O "

remove z

"dragon ball z" ⇒
'good morning333' ⇒ 'good morning'

str

① Base case

if ($\text{len}(\text{str}) == 0$)
return str

'a b c z'
↓

② recursion work
str[1:]

abc

③ our work

'z a n d z'
' and '

Palindrome

nitin
→
malayalam

$s = \text{nitin}$

$\text{palindrome}(s) = s[0] == s[\text{len}-1]$ and
 $\text{palindrome}(s[1:\text{len}-1])$

① Base case

$(\text{len}(s) \leq 1)$:
return True

"a"
'a'

'ab'

$\text{len}(s) = 5$

nitin
0 1 2 3 4
↑ ↑
iti

$s[1:\text{len}(s)-1]$

③ Your work $s[0]$ $s[\text{len}(s)-1]$

Medium to Hard level

→ don't run behind solution

→ in-depth understanding and intuition

array

subarray

subset

string

substring
(same order
and
continuous)

subsequences
(order maintained
can be
non-continuous)

abc



a b c
abc b c ac
 abc

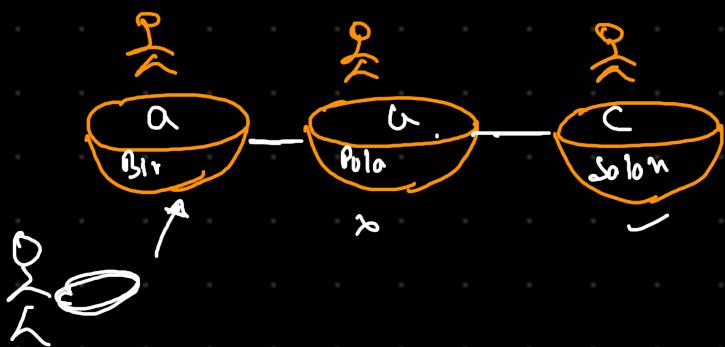
a b c
abc b c ac
abc φ

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

2^n

↙
subset

Hostel



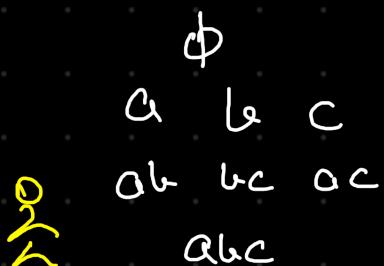
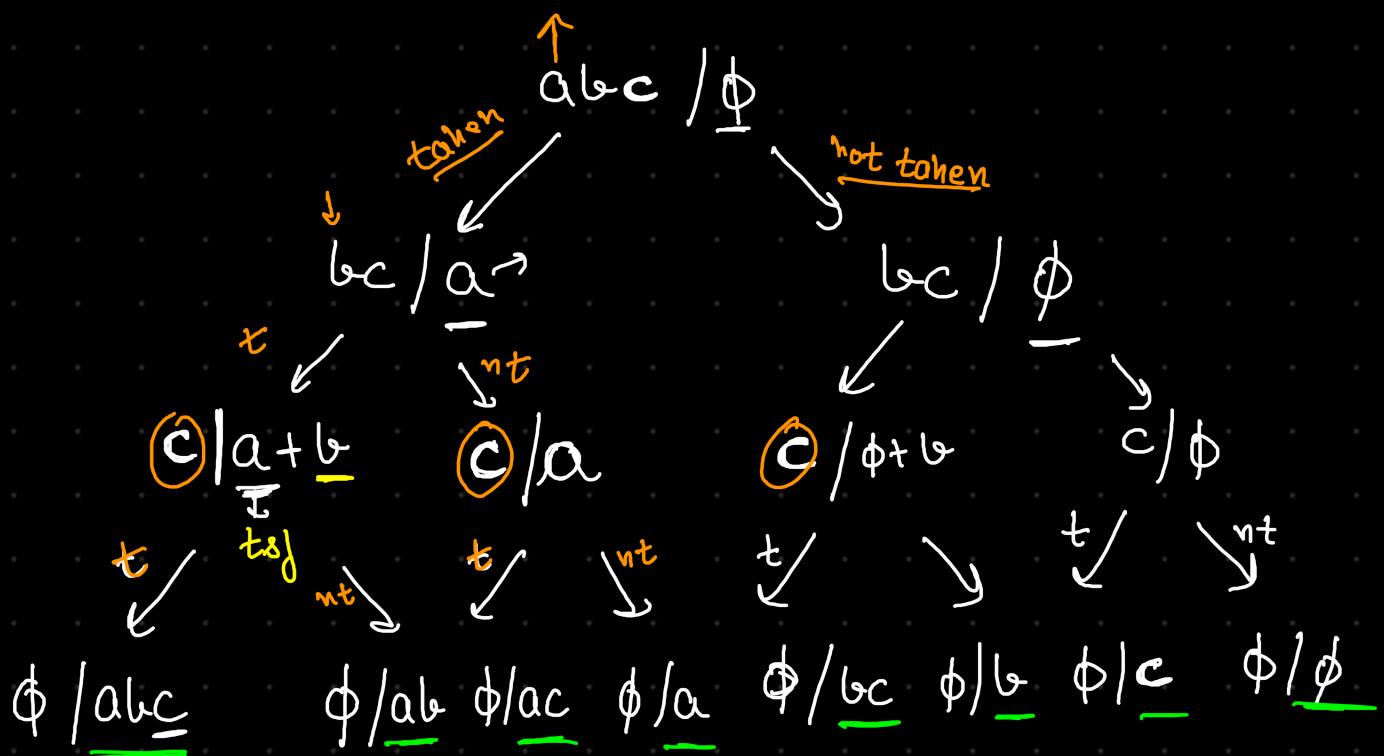
Subsequences of given string

abc → a b c
 ab bca ca
 abc \emptyset

◻ ◻ ◻

taking and not-taking → Subsequence

Point all subsequence

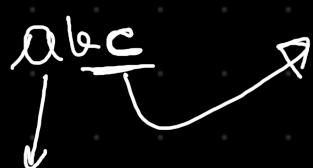


Return as a list

Create an ans = []

extend with other ans returned
from recursion.

" " → " "



Subsequences of bc

" " → " "

a

c → c

abc

ac

bc → b

ab

→ bc

abc

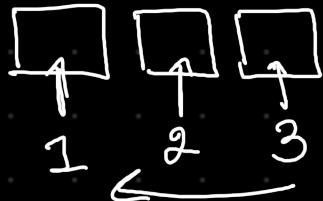
a b c

[" ", b, c, b c]

a ab ac abc

Permutations

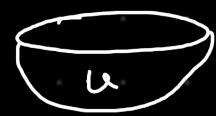
$a b c \rightarrow a b c \quad b a c \quad b c a$
 $c a b \quad c b a \quad a c b$



$$m!$$

$$\text{len}(s) = n$$

$a b c$



$a b c | \phi$
1 ↓

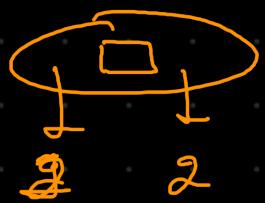
$\underline{-a-}$

$b c | \underline{a}$

$c | \underline{b} \underline{a}$

$c | \underline{a} \underline{b}$

$\phi | \underline{c} \underline{b} \underline{a}$ $\phi | \underline{b} \underline{c} \underline{a}$ $\phi | \underline{b} \underline{a} \underline{c}$ $\phi | \underline{c} \underline{a} \underline{b}$ $\phi | \underline{a} \underline{b} \underline{c}$



a b c

b c ←
← c b ←
— b — c — — c — b —

Point all Combinations

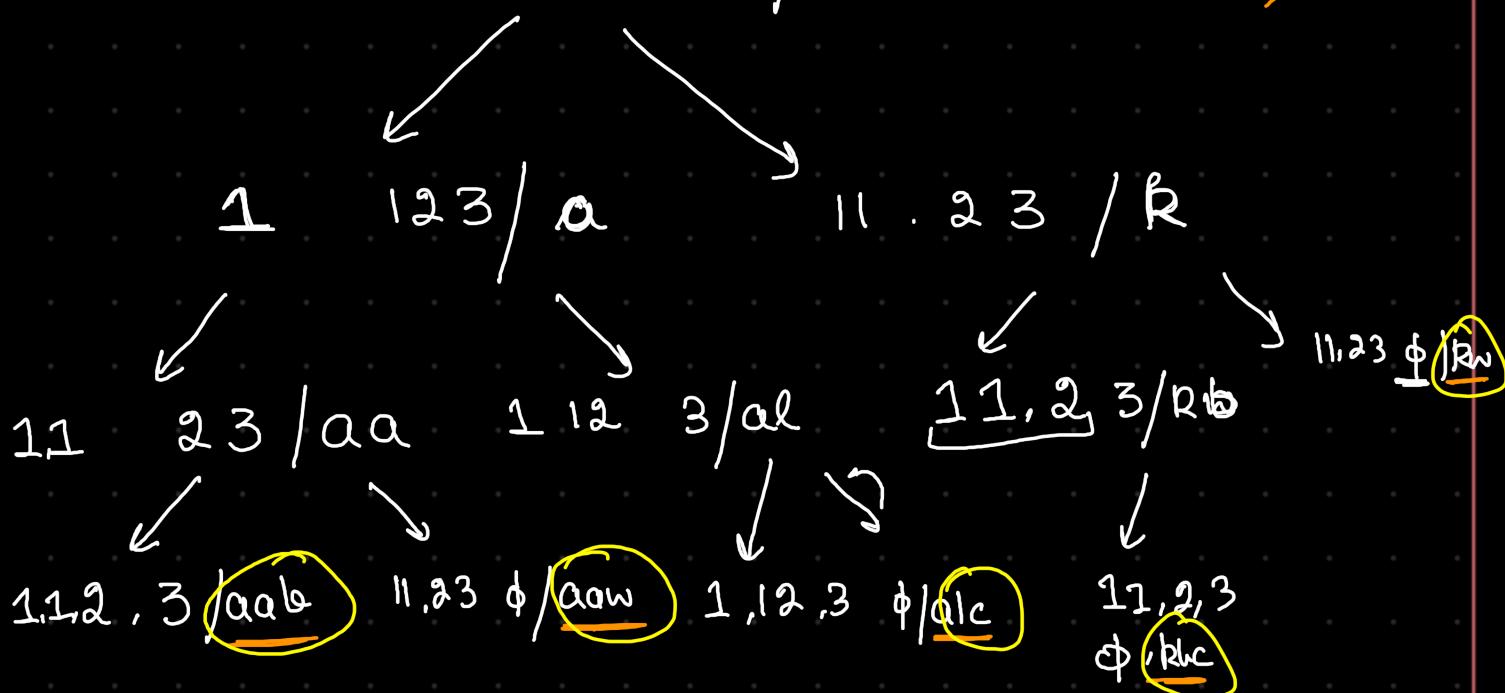
1 → 'a'
2 → 'b'
⋮
26 → 'z'

1 2
a b l

1 1 2 3
a a b c R b c
a l c
R w

2 7 → v g

1 1 2 3, φ → 1 1 2 3 x



$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1 \quad \underline{\underline{1 \ 2 \ 3}} \\ [] \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{c} \overline{1 \ 1} \quad \overline{2 \ 3} \\ \curvearrowleft \quad \curvearrowright \\ [] \end{array}$$

Letter combination of a phone number



2 → 'a'
'b'
'c'

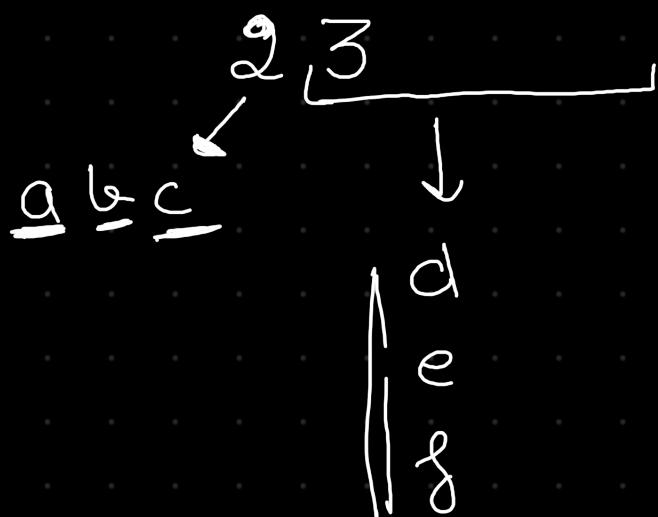
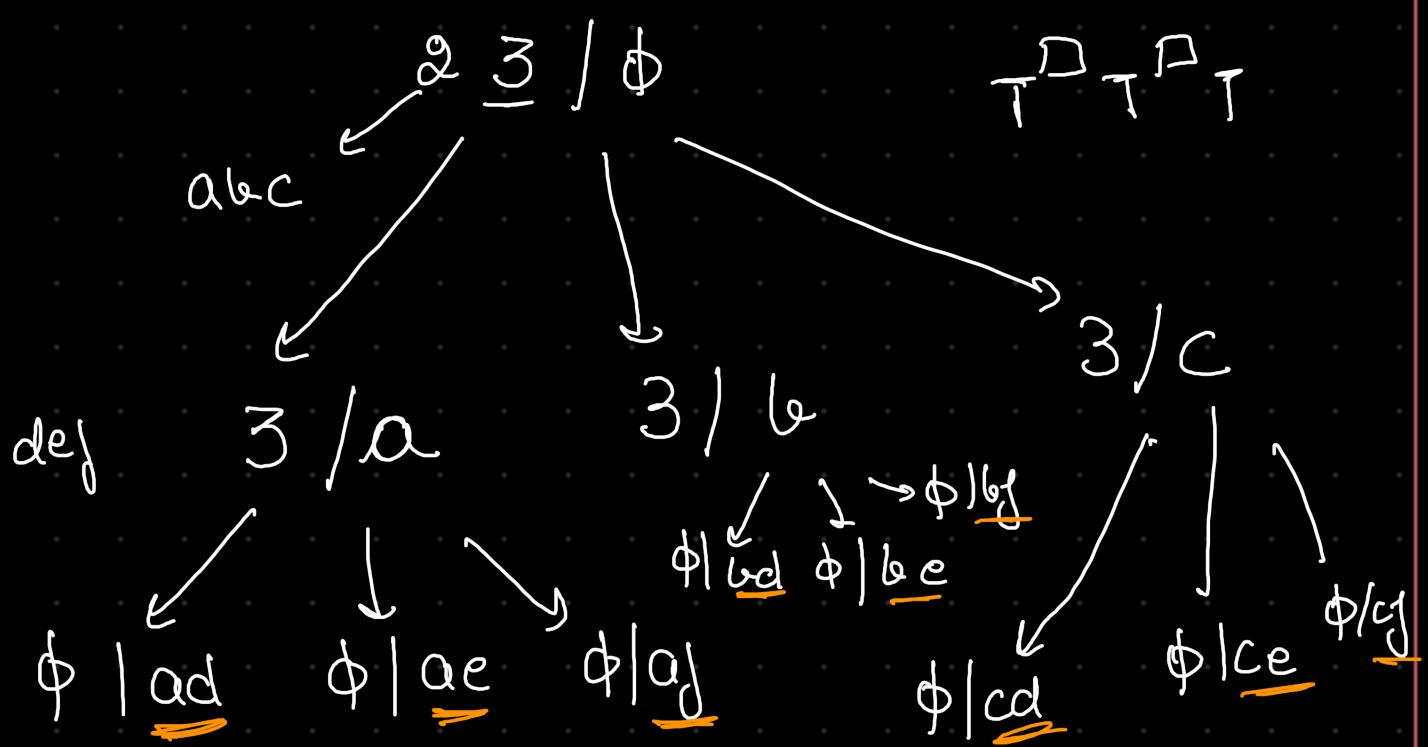
2 3 → 'a' 'd'
'b' 'e'
'c' 'f'

ad bd cd
ae be ce
aj bj cf

2 2 3 / osf

a

o



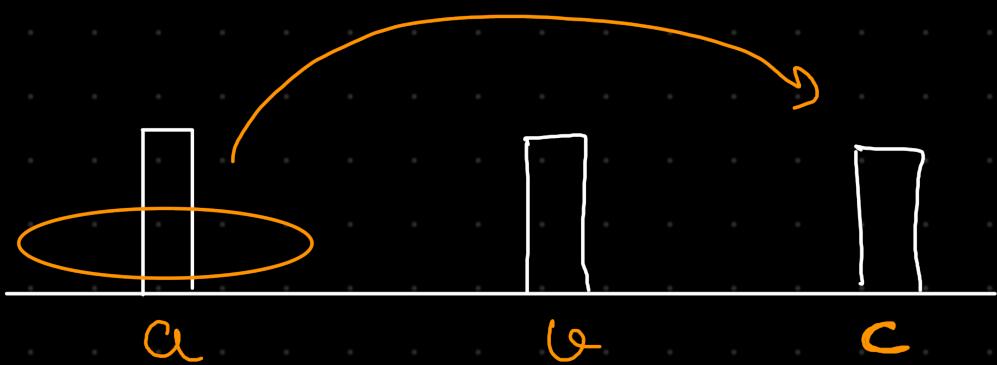
Tower of hanoi



8
A

extra/
aux
B

destino
C



A

B

C

a c

