

Valid Palindrome

For this problem we need to check if a string is a palindrome after:

1. Lowercasing
2. Removing non-alphanumeric characters

Approach: Two Pointers:

- Steps:
1. Use two indices: $left = 0$, $right = s.length() - 1$.
 2. While $left < right$:
 - Skip non-alphanumeric characters.
 - Compare lowercase characters at left and right.
 - If mismatch \rightarrow return false.
 3. Return true.

Complexity:

- Time: $O(n)$ (single scan)
- Space: $O(1)$ (in place check)