

Subsequence

Approach 1: Two Pointers (Simple)

- Iterate through t while checking characters of s in order.
- Increment pointer on s when a matching character is found.

Algorithm:

1. Initialize $i = 0$ (for s) and $j = 0$ (for t)
2. While $j < t.length()$:
 - If $s[i] == t[j]$, increment i .
 - Increment j .
3. If $i == s.length()$, return true, else false.

Complexity:

- Time: $O(|t|)$ - single pass through t
- Space: $O(1)$

Follow-Up: Many Queries (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k):

If we have many s queries and a fixed t :

- Preprocess t :
 - Store positions of each character (a-z) in arrays.
- For each s query:
 - Use binary search to find next valid position in t for each character of s .
- Complexity per query: $O(|s| \cdot \log |t|)$, preprocessing $O(|t|)$.