

## Valid Palindrome II

Given a non-empty string `s`, you may delete **at most** one character. Judge whether you can make it a palindrome.

### Example 1:

**Input:** "aba"

**Output:** True

### Example 2:

**Input:** "abca"

**Output:** True

**Explanation:** You could delete the character 'c'.

### Note:

1. The string will only contain lowercase characters a-z. The maximum length of the string is 50000.

## Solution 1

```
public boolean validPalindrome(String s) {  
    int l = -1, r = s.length();  
    while (++l < --r)  
        if (s.charAt(l) != s.charAt(r)) return isPalindromic(s, l, r+1) || isPalindromic(s, l-1, r);  
    return true;  
}  
  
public boolean isPalindromic(String s, int l, int r) {  
    while (++l < --r)  
        if (s.charAt(l) != s.charAt(r)) return false;  
    return true;  
}
```

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## Solution 2

Follow normal way (two pointers) to check if `s` is palindrome. When two chars are not equal, try to skip (pseudo `delete`) either left one or right one and continue checking.

```
class Solution {
    public boolean validPalindrome(String s) {
        int i = 0, j = s.length() - 1;
        while (i < j && s.charAt(i) == s.charAt(j)) {
            i++; j--;
        }

        if (i >= j) return true;

        if (isPalin(s, i + 1, j) || isPalin(s, i, j - 1)) return true;
        return false;
    }

    private boolean isPalin(String s, int i, int j) {
        while (i < j) {
            if (s.charAt(i) == s.charAt(j)) {
                i++; j--;
            }
            else return false;
        }
        return true;
    }
}
```

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## Solution 3

### Compact

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool validPalindrome(string s) {
        return valid(s, 0, s.length() - 1, 1);
    }

private:
    bool valid(string& s, int i, int j, int d) { // d: num of chars you can delete at most
        return i >= j || (s[i] == s[j] ? valid(s, i + 1, j - 1, d) : d > 0 && (valid(s, i + 1, j, d - 1) || valid(s, i, j - 1, d - 1)));
    }
};
```

### Cozy

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool validPalindrome(string s) {
        return valid(s, 0, s.length() - 1, 1);
    }

private:
    bool valid(string& s, int i, int j, int d) { // d: num of chars you can delete at most
        if (i >= j) return true;
        if (s[i] == s[j])
            return valid(s, i + 1, j - 1, d);
        else
            return d > 0 && (valid(s, i + 1, j, d - 1) || valid(s, i, j - 1, d - 1));
    }
};
```

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