

# 1930. Unique Length-3 Palindromic Subsequences

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 Hint

Given a string `s`, return *the number of **unique palindromes of length three** that are a **subsequence** of `s`*.

Note that even if there are multiple ways to obtain the same subsequence, it is still only counted **once**.

A **palindrome** is a string that reads the same forwards and backwards.

A **subsequence** of a string is a new string generated from the original string with some characters (can be none) deleted without changing the relative order of the remaining characters.

- For example, `"ace"` is a subsequence of `"abcde"`.

## Example 1:

**Input:** `s = "aabca"`

**Output:** 3

**Explanation:** The 3 palindromic subsequences of length 3 are:

- `"aba"` (subsequence of `"aabca"`)
- `"aaa"` (subsequence of `"aabaa"`)
- `"aca"` (subsequence of `"aabca"`)

### Example 2:

**Input:** `s = "adc"`

**Output:** `0`

**Explanation:** There are no palindromic subsequences of length 3 in "adc".

### Example 3:

**Input:** `s = "bbcbaba"`

**Output:** `4`

**Explanation:** The 4 palindromic subsequences of length 3 are:

- "bbb" (subsequence of "bbcbaba")
- "bcb" (subsequence of "bbcbaba")
- "bab" (subsequence of "bbcbaba")
- "aba" (subsequence of "bbcbaba")

### Constraints:

- `3 <= s.length <= 105`
- `s` consists of only lowercase English letters.

## Python:

class Solution:

def countPalindromicSubsequence(self, inputString):

    # Arrays to store the minimum and maximum occurrences of each character in the input string

    min\_exist = [float('inf')] \* 26

    max\_exist = [float('-inf')] \* 26

    # Populate min\_exist and max\_exist arrays

    for i in range(len(inputString)):

        char\_index = ord(inputString[i]) - ord('a')

        min\_exist[char\_index] = min(min\_exist[char\_index], i)

        max\_exist[char\_index] = max(max\_exist[char\_index], i)

    # Variable to store the final count of unique palindromic subsequences

    unique\_count = 0

    # Iterate over each character in the alphabet

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for char_index in range(26):
    # Check if the character has occurred in the input string
    if min_exist[char_index] == float('inf') or max_exist[char_index] == float('-inf'):
        continue # No occurrences, move to the next character

    # Set to store unique characters between the minimum and maximum occurrences
    unique_chars_between = set()

    # Iterate over the characters between the minimum and maximum occurrences
    for j in range(min_exist[char_index] + 1, max_exist[char_index]):
        unique_chars_between.add(inputString[j])

    # Add the count of unique characters between the occurrences to the final count
    unique_count += len(unique_chars_between)

# Return the total count of unique palindromic subsequences
return unique_count

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## JavaScript:

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var countPalindromicSubsequence = function(s) {
    let res = 0;
    const uniq = new Set(s);

    for (const c of uniq) {
        const start = s.indexOf(c);
        const end = s.lastIndexOf(c);

        if (start < end) {
            res += new Set(s.slice(start + 1, end)).size;
        }
    }

    return res;
};

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## Java:

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class Solution {
    public int countPalindromicSubsequence(String inputString) {
        // Arrays to store the minimum and maximum occurrences of each character in the input
        string
        int[] minExist = new int[26];
        int[] maxExist = new int[26];
        for (int i = 0; i < 26; i++) {
            minExist[i] = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
            maxExist[i] = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
        }
    }
}

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    }

    // Populate minExist and maxExist arrays
    for (int i = 0; i < inputString.length(); i++) {
        int charIndex = inputString.charAt(i) - 'a';
        minExist[charIndex] = Math.min(minExist[charIndex], i);
        maxExist[charIndex] = Math.max(maxExist[charIndex], i);
    }

    // Variable to store the final count of unique palindromic subsequences
    int uniqueCount = 0;

    // Iterate over each character in the alphabet
    for (int charIndex = 0; charIndex < 26; charIndex++) {
        // Check if the character has occurred in the input string
        if (minExist[charIndex] == Integer.MAX_VALUE || maxExist[charIndex] ==
Integer.MIN_VALUE) {
            continue; // No occurrences, move to the next character
        }

        // Set to store unique characters between the minimum and maximum occurrences
        HashSet<Character> uniqueCharsBetween = new HashSet<>();

        // Iterate over the characters between the minimum and maximum occurrences
        for (int j = minExist[charIndex] + 1; j < maxExist[charIndex]; j++) {
            uniqueCharsBetween.add(inputString.charAt(j));
        }

        // Add the count of unique characters between the occurrences to the final count
        uniqueCount += uniqueCharsBetween.size();
    }

    // Return the total count of unique palindromic subsequences
    return uniqueCount;
}
}

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