

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 `"aabca"`)
- `"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:

- $3 \leq s.length \leq 10^5$
- 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

```

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;
};

```

Java:

```

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;
}
}

```