

# String

→ Sequence of characters  
OR  
Array of characters

Ex:-

"Hello World"

"Welcome ToScaler!"

Note:- Represented using double quote ""

# Character

→ A symbol that represents a letter, number, special symbol etc.

→ ex:- 'A', '\$', '-', '9'

How do computers store characters  
if all they understand is  
Binary?

→ Every character is mapped to  
a corresponding ASCII value.

'A' → 65

'B' → 66

⋮

'Z' → 90

'a' → 97

'b' → 98

⋮

'z' → 122

'0' → 48

'1' → 49

⋮

'9' → 57

→ Every Special character also has its corresponding ASCII value.

→ ASCII value of space ' ' is 32.

Some Operations:

① `char ch = (char) 65;`  
`print(ch);`  
A

② `char ch = (char) ('a' + 1);`  
`print(ch);`  
b

③ `int x = 'a';`  
`print(x);`

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### Problem 1

Given a string consisting of only alphabets (either lowercase or uppercase).  
Print the string by reversing its each character.  
(L.C  $\rightarrow$  U.C)  
(U.C  $\rightarrow$  L.C)

EX:- "Hello"  
Output:- "hELLO"

### Ques 1

EX:- "aDg bHJe"  
Output:- "AdCbHjE"

## Observations

1. To convert small alphabet to capital alphabet, subtract 32
2. To convert capital alphabet to small alphabet, add 32.

## # Code

String toggle (char s[]) {

for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {

if (s[i] >= 65 && s[i] <= 90) {

s[i] = s[i] + 32;

} else {

s[i] = s[i] - 32;

}

}

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

# Substring

→ Similar to subarray.

→ Continuous sequence of characters within a string.

A single character can also be a substring.  
Full string can also be a substring.

ex :- "a b c"

a                      b                      c  
a b                    b c  
a b c

Quiz 2

0 1 2 3  
" b x c d "

b                      x                      c                      d  
b x                    x c                    c d  
b x c                    x c d  
b x c d

$$\frac{N(N+1)}{2} = \frac{4 \times 5}{2} = 10$$

Problem 2:- Given a substring S. Check if it is a palindrome or not.  
ex:- "NAYAN", "MADAM",  
MALAYALAM

Ex:- S = "a n a m a d a m s p e"  
start = 3  
end = 7  
true

Approach:-

0 1 2 3 4  
N A Y A N

i++  
j--

while(i < j)

A N N A

i

j

N A V E E N

i

≠

j

# Code.

```
boolean isPalindrome (char s[], int s, int e) {
```

```
    while (s < e) {
```

```
        if (s[s] != s[e]) {
```

```
            return false;
```

```
        }
```

```
        else {
```

```
            |
```

```
            s++;
```

```
            e--;
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    return true;
```

$T.C \rightarrow O(N)$

$S.C \rightarrow O(1)$

Problem 3 Given a String S, calculate the length of the longest palindromic sub string in S.

Ex:- " a n a m a d a m m "

ans = 5

Quiz 3

" f e a c a b a c a b g f "

ans = 7.

Quiz 4

" a d a e b c d f d c b e t g g t e "

length = 9



# Brute Force

Check for all possible substrings.

# Code

```
int longestPalindromeSS (char s[]) {
```

```
    int N = s.size();
```

```
    int ans = 0;
```

```
    // Fixing Start Index
```

```
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
```

```
        // Fixing End Index
```

```
        for (int j = i; j < N; j++) {
```

```
            if (isPalindrome(s, i, j)) {
```

```
                ans = max(ans, j - i + 1);
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    return ans;
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N^3)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

# Optimised Solution

$$len = 0$$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
"f e a c a b a c a b g f"

① Odd length

N A y A N

② Even length

l

r

c

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
"f e a c a b a a b a c g f"  
l r

l

r

(l, r)

$$r - l + 1 - 2$$

# Code:

```
int longestPalindromeSS(char s[]) {
```

```
    int maxLength = 0; //
```

```
    int N = s.size();
```

```
    for (c = 0; c < N; c++) {
```

```
        // for odd length S.S.
```

```
        int left = c; int right = c
```

```
        while (left >= 0 && right < N) {
```

```
            if (s[left] != s[right]) {
```

```
                break;
```

```
            }
```

```
            left--;
```

```
            right++;
```

```
        }
```

```
        maxLength = max(maxLength,
```

```
            right - left - 1);
```

```
        // for even length S.S.
```

```
        int left = c; int right = c + 1;
```

```
        while (left >= 0 && right < N) {
```

```
            if (s[left] != s[right]) {
```

```
                break;
```

```
            }
```

```
            left--;
```

```
            right++;
```

```
        }
```

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$\text{maxLeft} = \max(\text{maxLength}$   
 $\text{right} - \text{left} - 1);$

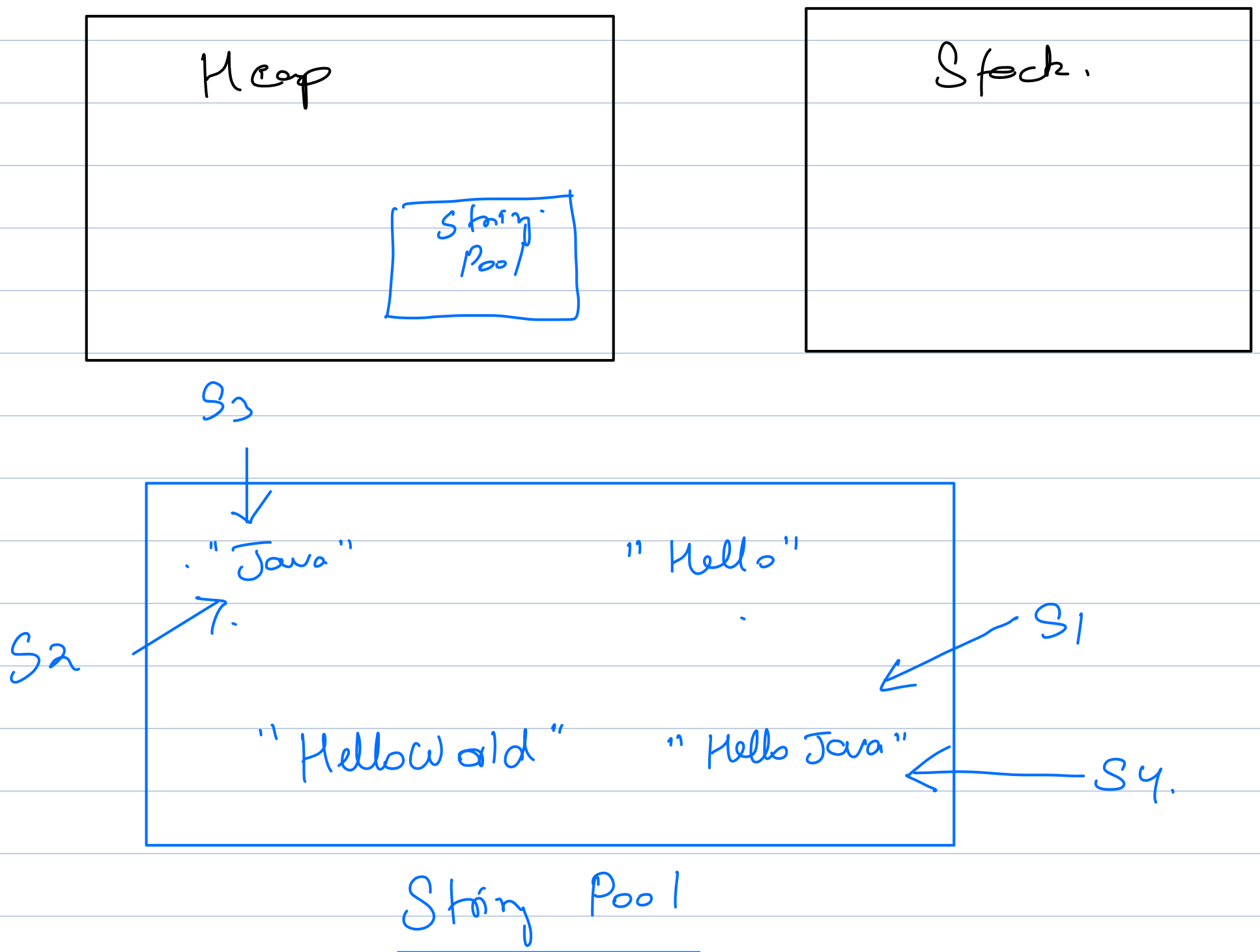
return maxLength;

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N^2)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

# Immutability of Strings

In Java, C#, JavaScript, Python & Go, strings are Immutable which means its value can't be changed.



- ① `S1 = "Java"`
- ② `S2 = "Java"`
- ③ `String S3 = S1;`
- ④ `S1 = "Hello";`
- ⑤ `S1.concat("World")`

⑥ String S<sub>4</sub> = s<sub>1</sub>.concat(s<sub>3</sub>);

⑦ S<sub>1</sub> = S<sub>4</sub>.

char '1'

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