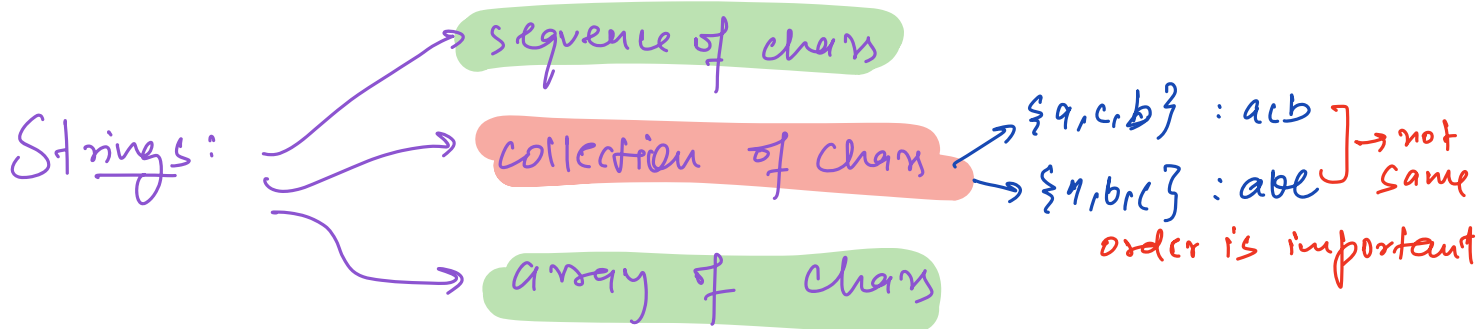


Strings

Content

- Intro
- flip
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- Reverse string
- longest palindromic substring



Character: has ASCII values

'A' - 65 $\xrightarrow{+32}$ 'a' - 97
 $\xleftarrow{-32}$

'0' - 48

'B' - 66 $\xrightarrow{+32}$ 'b' - 98
 $\xleftarrow{-32}$

'1' - 49

'C' - 67 $\xrightarrow{+32}$ 'c' - 99
 $\xleftarrow{-32}$

⋮

|

⋮

|

⋮

'9' - 57

'Z' - 90 $\xrightarrow{+32}$ 'z' - 122
 $\xleftarrow{-32}$

~~'0'~~ → It is not a single char

char → 1 Byte
8 bits

[0, 255] → unsigned

[-128, 127] → signed

char ch = 'q'
1 Byte ASCII = 57

0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

ch = 'q'
ch = ch + 8 | 57 + 8 = 65
print(ch)
↳ 'A'

In python ← print('q' + '8') | 57 + 56 = 113
print(chr(ord('q') + ord('8')))
↳ 'q'

String → array of characters

String s = "adba"
print(s[0]) → 'a'

char s[] = "adba"
print(s[0]) → 'a'

Question 1

Given a char array, toggle every char.

↳ uppercase ↔ lowercase

Note: Input only contains upper/lower case chars.

eg input → AnaConDa

output → aNAcONdA

Code

```
def toggle(char s1) {
```

```
    n = s.length
```

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

```
        if (s[i] >= 65 && s[i] <= 90) // uppercase
```

```
            s[i]^=32
```

OR

```
            s[i]^= (1<<5)
```

```
        else // lowercase
```

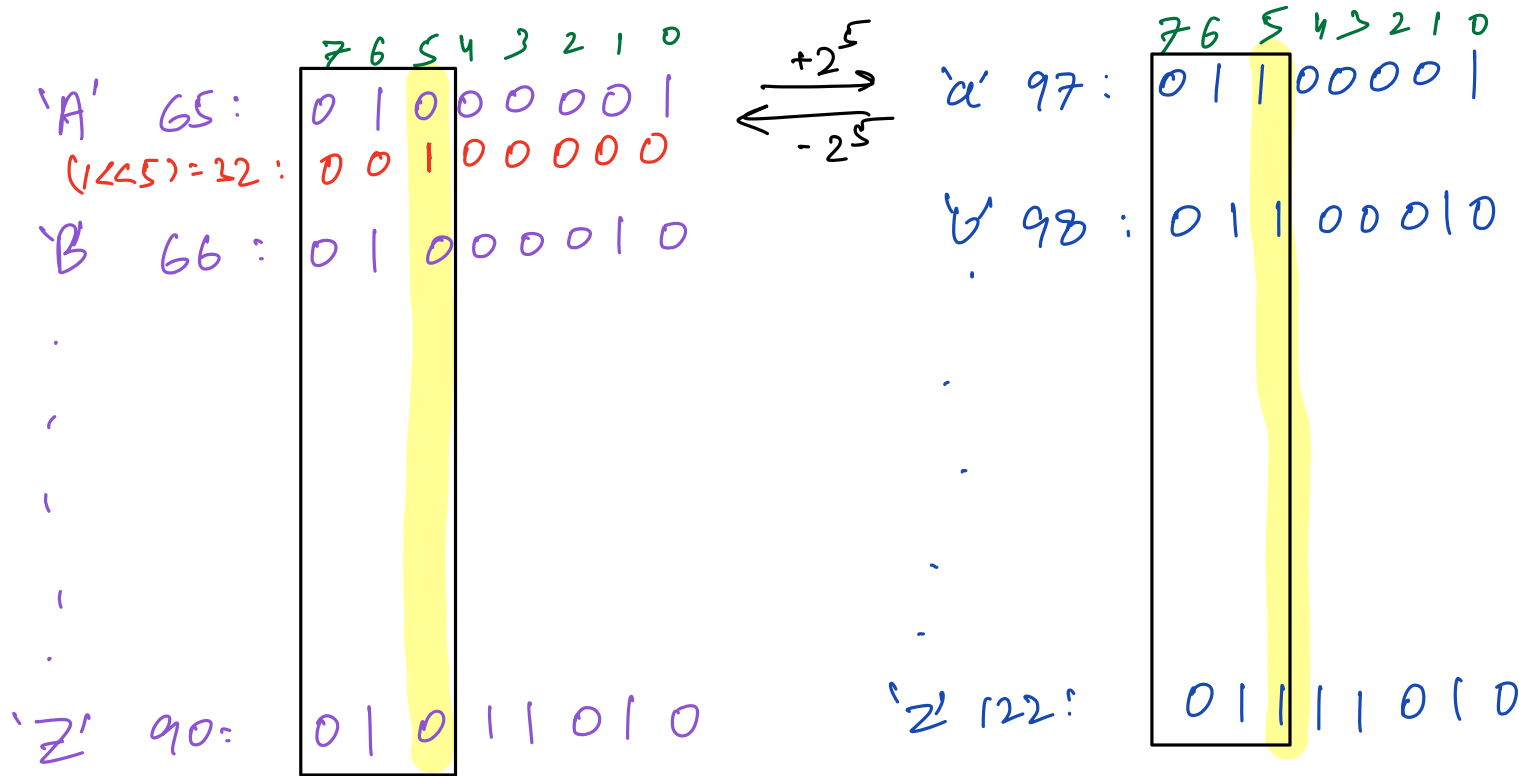
```
            s[i] -= 32
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

TC: O(N)

SC: O(1)



5th bit is toggled from lower \rightleftharpoons upper

Question 2

Given a char array which contains only lowercase letters, sort the array in alphabetical order.

eg $s() = d a b a c d b$

$sort(s) = a a b b c d d$

1. Sort $s()$ with bubble sort

$TC: O(N^2)$ $SC: O(1)$

2. Use inbuilt function (using comparator)

$TC: O(N \log N)$ $SC: O(1)$

Idea: there are only 26 lowercase letters

S1 = d a b a c d b

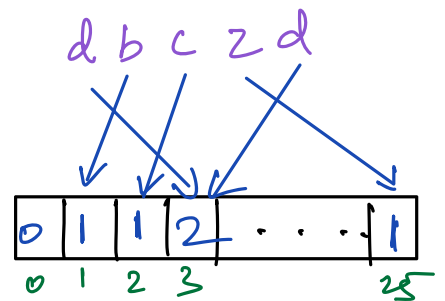
count
occurrence
of each
letter

'a'	- 2
'b'	- 2
'c'	- 1
'd'	- 2
'e'	- 0
⋮	
'z'	→ 0

sort → a a b b c d d

int count[26] = {0}

(ASCII: 97) 'a' → -97, -'a' % 97 → 0 index
'b' → -97, -'a' % 97 → 1 index
⋮
'z' → -97, -'a' % 97 → 25th index



↓
b c d d z

Code

```
sort String (char s[]) {
```

```
    n = s.length
```

```
    count[26] = {0}
```

```
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {  
        index = s[i] - 'a'  
        count[index]++  
    }
```

→ TC: O(N)
SC: O(26)
: O(1)

```
}
```

```
    k=0 // index to update s[]
```

```
    for (i=0; i<26; ++i) {
```

```
        char ch = 'a' + i
```

```
        for (j=0; j<count[i]; ++j) {
```

```
            s[k] = ch
```

```
            k++
```

```
        }
```

→ TC: O(N)
SC: O(1)

Known as
Count Sort

TC: O(N)
SC: O(1)

Dry Run: s[] = e b c b a c e

count[26] =	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	0
	i=0	1	2	3	4	5		.	.	.	.	.	25

s[] =	a	b	b	c	c	e	e
k=0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

↳ Total iterations ?

i	j: [0, c(i)-1]	total
0	[0, c(0)-1]	c(0)
1	[0, c(1)-1]	+ c(1)
2	⋮	+ ⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮
25	[0, c(25)-1]	+ c(25)

total iterations = $c(0) + c(1) + \dots + c(25)$
= total freq. of all chars

= N

Sub-string concept is same as subarray

- ↳
1. continuous part of string
 2. full string can be a substring
 3. single char can also be a substring

Question 3

Check if a given substring is Palindrome or not?
↓
left → right \equiv right → left

eg madam, oppo, mom,
naman, malayalam, abca

char ch[] = a m a m a s p c
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

↑ s ↑ e
 ↑ ↑
 ch[s] = ch[e]
 ch[s+1] = ch[e-1]

Code

bool isPalin (char ch[], int s, int e) {

while (s < e) {

if (ch[s] != ch[e])
 return false

s++, e--

}

return true

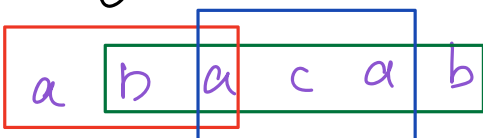
}

TC: $O(N^2)$

SC: $O(1)$

Question 4

Given a string, calculate length of longest palindromic substring.

eg 

ans = 5



ans = 1

Bruteforce

```
int longestPalin (char ch[]) {
```

```
    n = ch.length
```

```
    ans = 1
```

```
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) { // i is start index → N iteration
```

```
        for (j=i+1; j<n; ++j) { // j is end index → N iteration
```

```
            // substring ch[i,j] → TC:  $O(N)$ 
```

```
            if (isPalin(ch, i, j)) {
```

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

```
            }  
        }  
    }
```

```
    return ans
```

```
}
```

TC: $O(N^2)$ $O(N^3)$

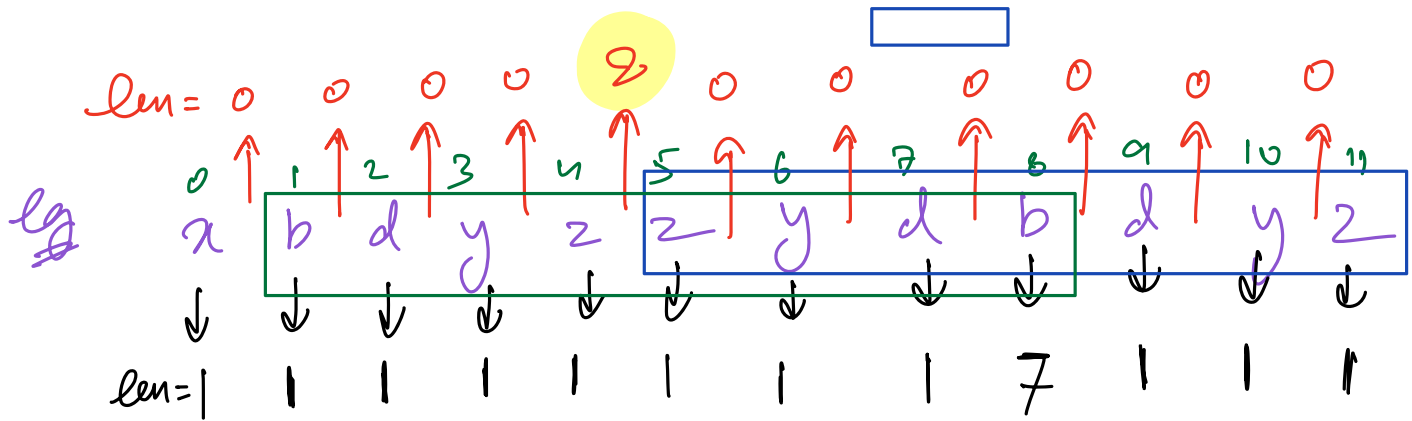
SC: $O(1)$

→ If the center of a palindromic substring is given,
can we find its length? TC: $O(N)$

a b b a
 ↑

→ Since we don't know the center, consider all possible centers : $O(N)$ centers

looks like we can solve in $O(N^2)$



```
int expand(char ch[], c1, c2) { →  $O(N)$ 
```

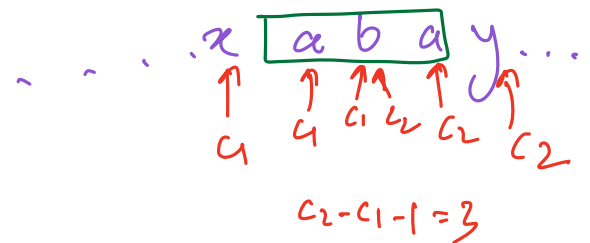
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while (c1 >= 0 && c2 < n && ch[c1] == ch[c2]) {
```

```
--c1, ++c2
```

```
}
```

```
return c2 - c1 - 1
```

```
}
```



```
int longestPalin(char ch[]) {
```

```
n = a.length
```

```
ans = 1
```

```
for (i = 0; i < n; ++i) { // odd length palindrome
```

```
// center: a[i]
```

$c_1 = i, c_2 = i$

$ans = \max(ans, \text{expand}(ch, c_1, c_2))$

}

for ($i=0; i < n-1; i++$) { // even length palindrome

// center: $ch[i], ch[i+1]$

$c_1 = i, c_2 = i+1$

$ans = \max(ans, \text{expand}(ch, c_1, c_2))$

}

return ans

TC: $O(N^2)$

SC: $O(1)$

