*3-Balanced String*

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**pseudocode representation of the (non-recursive) algorithm:**

**algorithm is\_balanced(substr)** \\ for check if string is balanced or not

count <- [0, 0]

for i <- 0 to length(substr)-1 do{

if substr[i] == substr[0] then

count[0]++

else

count[1]++

if (count[0] == count[1]) then return 1

return 0

**algorithm** **longest\_balanced\_substring(s)** \\ for get longest balanced substring

n <- length(s)

max\_length <- 0

for i <- 0 to n-2 do

for j <- i+2 to n do

substr <- s[i:j] // Extract the substring }

if is\_balanced(substr) and length(substr) > max\_length then

max\_length <- length(substr) // Update the maximum length

return max\_length

**Analysis of this algorithm:**

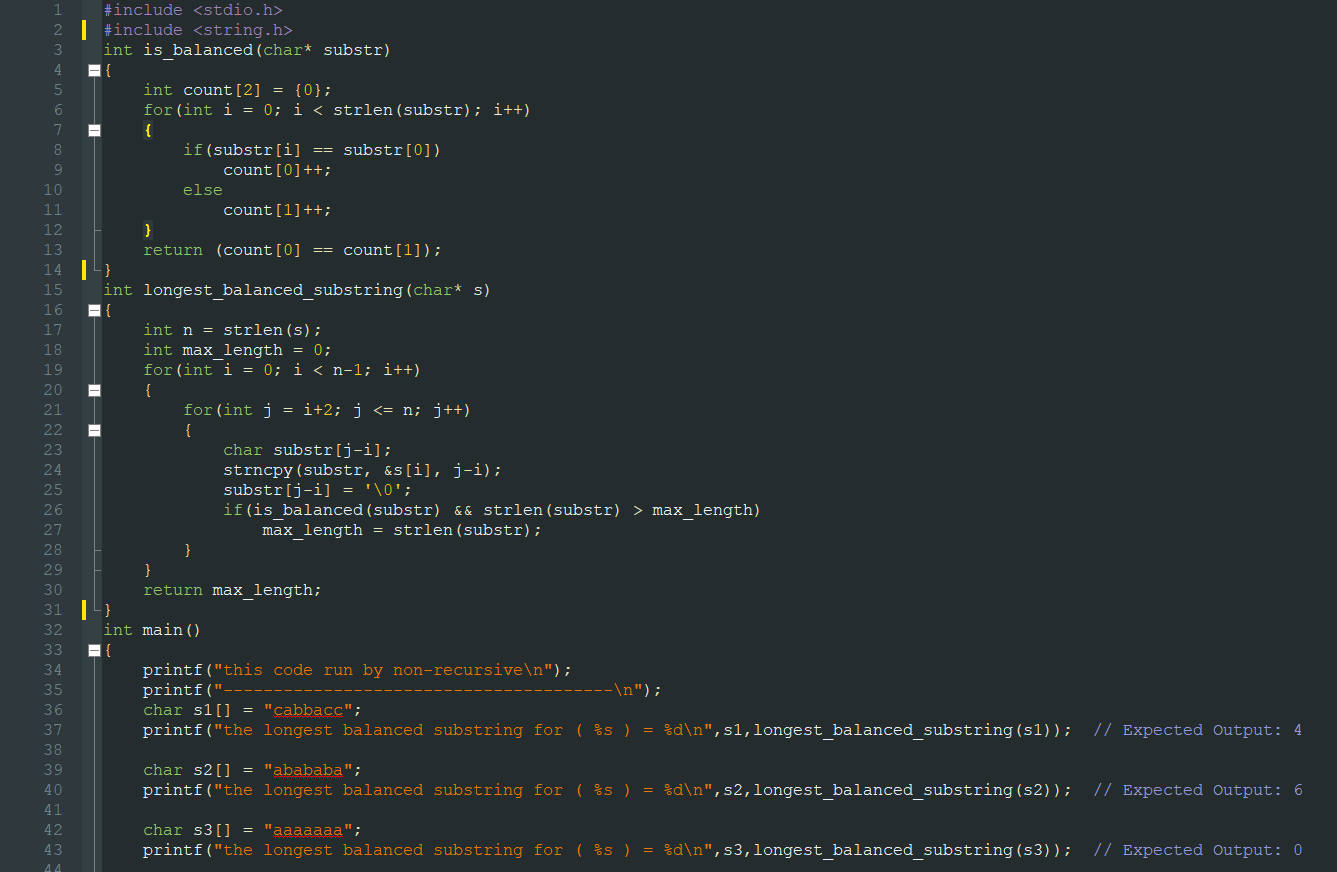
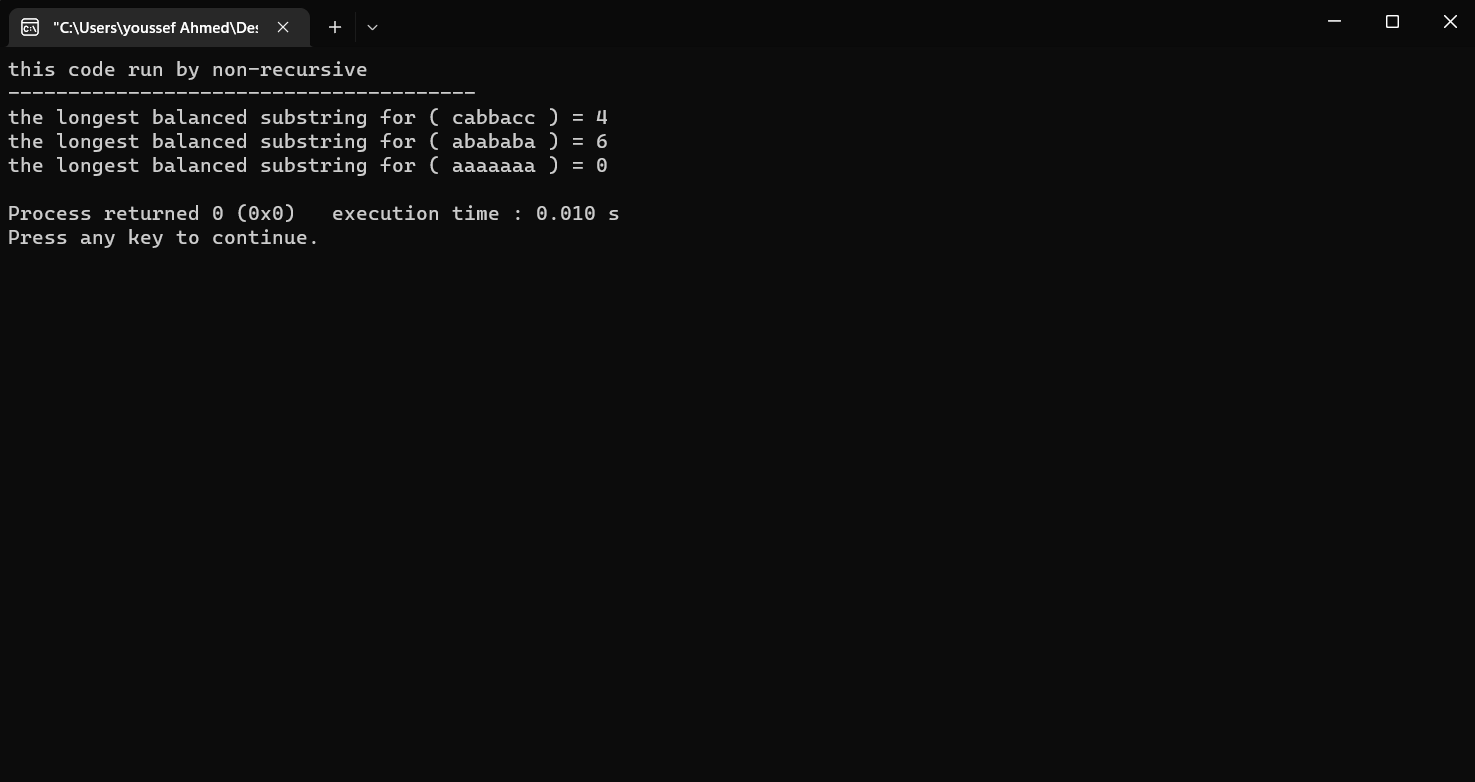
The outer loop of the **longest\_balanced\_substring** algorithm iterates over all possible starting indices **i** in the input string, from 0 to **n-2**. This takes O(n) time.

The inner loop iterates over all possible ending indices **j** in the input string, starting from **i+2** and going up to **n**. This also takes O(n) time.

For each pair of indices **(i, j)**, the algorithm extracts a substring using **strncpy**, which takes O(j-i) time. This is the time required to copy the characters from the input string to the **substr** array. Since there are at most O(n^2) pairs of indices **(i, j)** to consider, the total time taken for all substring extractions is O(n^3).

Finally, the **is\_balanced** algorithm is called on each extracted substring, which takes O(k) time, where **k** is the length of the substring. Since the total length of all extracted substrings is O(n^3), the total time taken by **is\_balanced** is O(n^3) as well.

Adding up these time complexities, we get a total time complexity of O(n^3) for the entire algorithm.



**pseudocode representation of the (Recursive) algorithm:**

**algorithm is\_balanced(freq)**

count <- 0

diff\_chars <- 0

FOR i <- 0 to 25 Do

IF freq[i] > 0 THEN

diff\_chars <- diff\_chars + 1

IF freq[i] <- freq[0] AND freq[i] > 0 THEN

count <- count + 1

IF diff\_chars == 2 AND count == 2 THEN

RETURN 1

ELSE

RETURN 0

**algorithm longest\_balanced\_substring (s, start, end)**

IF end - start + 1 < 2 THEN

RETURN 0

freq [26] <- {0}

FOR i <- start to end Do

freq[s[i] - 'a'] <- freq[s[i] - 'a'] + 1

IF is\_balanced(freq) THEN

RETURN end - start + 1

len1 <-longest\_balanced\_substring (s, start, end - 1)

len2<- longest\_balanced\_substring (s, start + 1, end)

IF len1 > len2 THEN

RETURN len1

ELSE

RETURN len2

**algorithm longest\_balanced\_substring(s)**

RETURN longest\_balanced\_substring (s, 0,length(s) - 1)

**Analysis of this algorithm:**

The time complexity of the **longest\_balanced\_substring** algorithm is O(n log n) because it uses a divide-and-conquer approach that involves recursively dividing the input string into two halves and then combining the results of these subproblems.

At each level of recursion, the algorithm splits the input string into two substrings of length n/2, where n is the length of the original input string. The algorithm then recursively calls itself on each of these substrings, which results in a binary tree of recursive calls with a height of log n.

At each level of recursion, the algorithm computes the frequency of each character in the substring and checks if it is balanced using the **is\_balanced** function, which takes O(n) time in the worst case, where n is the length of the substring. Therefore, the total time complexity of the algorithm is the product of the number of levels in the recursive tree and the time complexity of each level, which is O(log n \* n) = O(n log n).

A screen shot of a computer code

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|  | **Recursive algorithm** | **Non-Recursive algorithm** |
| **Complexity** | O(n log n) | O(n^3) |
| **Understanding** | more challenging to follow because of the recursion. | simpler and easier to understand |

* The recursive algorithm has a lower time complexity than the non-recursive algorithm because the time complexity of the non-recursive is O(n^3) and the recursive is O(n log n). , so it is more efficient in terms of time complexity.