

# STRINGS

"There has never been a meaningful life built on easy street."

~ John Paul Warren



Good  
Morning

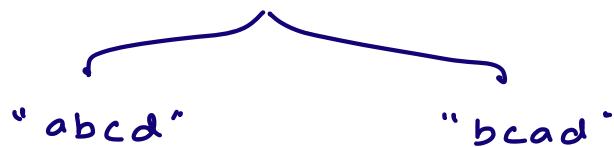


## To do List

- Introduction
- Switch
- Substring
- check if string is palindrome
- Longest Palindromic substring
- Immutability of strings

## String

- Array of characters
- Sequence of characters
- Collection / Group of characters X



String str = "Welcome to Scaler"

Characters → Single symbol that represent a letter, a digit or a special letter  
# @ / ~

ch ⇒ ' A '

char ch<sub>1</sub> = ' b '

char ch<sub>2</sub> = ' \$ '

Each & every character has some decimal associated with it. → ASCII Table

'A' → 65

'a' → 97

'0' → 48

'B' → 66

'b' → 98

'1' → 49

'C' → 67

'c' → 99

'2' → 50

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'Z' → 90

'z' → 122

'9' → 57

## \* Concatenation

'10' → combination of  
chars → string  
 ↓  
enclosed in  
double " ".

01. "a" + 1 ⇒ "a1"

02. "a" + "b" ⇒ "ab"

03. "a" + 'b' ⇒ "ab"

04. "a" +  $\underbrace{2+3}$

"a2" +  $\underbrace{3}$

"a23"

05  $\underbrace{2+3}_{5} + "a"$   
 $5 + "a" \Rightarrow "5a"$

06. char ch = (char) 65

print (ch) → A

07. char ch = (char) ('a' + 1)  
 (char) (98)

print (ch) → b

08. int x = 'a'

print (x) ⇒ 97

## \* Switch Case

Given a `char[ ]`, toggle every character of array



uppercase to lowercase

lowercase to uppercase

Note:- all characters are either in uppercase or lowercase.

`char [ ] = "sCALEr"`



`"SCALeR"`

`[aDg bH Je] → [AdG Bhj E]`

\* Idea →

Check if `ch` is in uppercase

`// ch ≥ 65 && ch ≤ 90`

`// ch ≥ 'A' && ch ≤ 'Z'`

Convert it  
to lowercase

`ch + 32`

`ch - 65 + 97`

`ch - 'A' + 'a'`

`ch`

$$01. \ ch = 'A' \longrightarrow \underbrace{'A' - 'A'}_{0} + 'a' = 'a'$$

$$02. \ ch = 'B' \longrightarrow \underbrace{'B' - 'A'}_{1} + 'a' = \underline{98} \rightarrow 'b'$$

# Lowercase → {TODO}

```

void toggle ( char [ ] str ) {
    for ( i=0 ; i<n ; i++ ) {
        ch = str [ i ];
        if ( ch ≥ 'A' && ch ≤ 'Z' ) {
            str [ i ] = (char) ( ch - 'A' + 'a' );
        }
        else if ( ch ≥ 'a' && ch ≤ 'z' ) {
            str [ i ] = (char) ( ch - 'a' + 'A' );
        }
    }
}

```

TC: O(n)  
SC: O(1)

TODO → { Solve it using Bit Manipulation in O(1) TC }

\* Substring → Continuous part of a string within a string

↳ concepts will be same with subarray

→ Single char is also a substring

→ Entire string is also a substring

String str = "abc"

"a"      "b"      "c"

"ab"      "bc"

"abc"

\* No. of substrings for "bxcd"

"b"      "x"      "c"      "d"

"bx"      "xc"      "cd"

"bxc"      "xcd"

"bxcd"

$$\underbrace{4}_{\text{ }} + \underbrace{3}_{\text{ }} + \underbrace{2}_{\text{ }} + \underbrace{1}_{\text{ }} = 10$$

$$\text{No. of substrings} = \frac{n * (n+1)}{2}$$

\* Check whether the given substring is **palindrome** or not

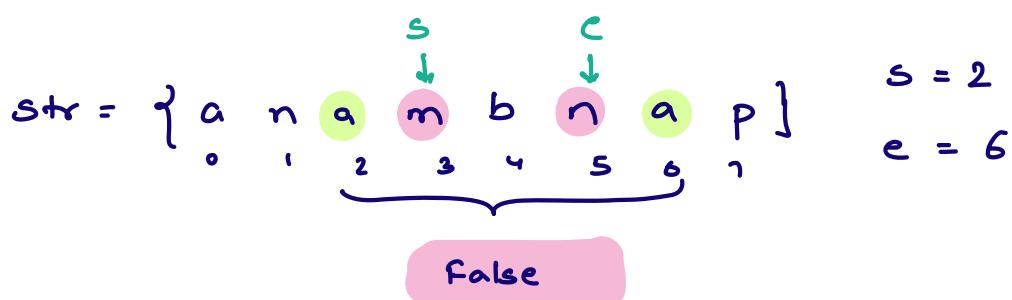
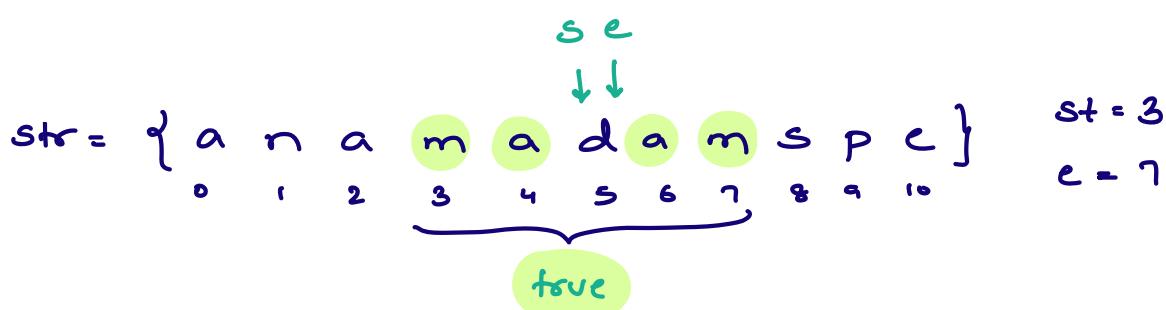
**palindromes** = "level"

= "madam"

- "mom"

- jahaj

= racecar



```
boolean ispalindrome ( String str, int s, int e )
```

```

    while ( s < e ) {
        char ch1 = str [s];
        char ch2 = str [e];
        if ( ch1 != ch2 ) return false;
        s++;
        e = e - 1;
    }

```

```
return true;
```

TC: O(n)  
SC: O(1)

Q Given a string, calculate the length of longest palindromic substring

Constraints

$$1 \leq N \leq 3 * 10^3$$

Eg:-

abacabbd  $\rightarrow$  5

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

For String str

LPS = Entire string

SPS = 1

Eg:-

abcd  $\rightarrow$  1

Eg:-

{ feacabacabg f } = 1

Eg:-

{ adadacebcdcfdccbeftgggtte } = 9

Naive Approach  $\rightarrow$  Get all substrings & check if it is a palindrome or not.

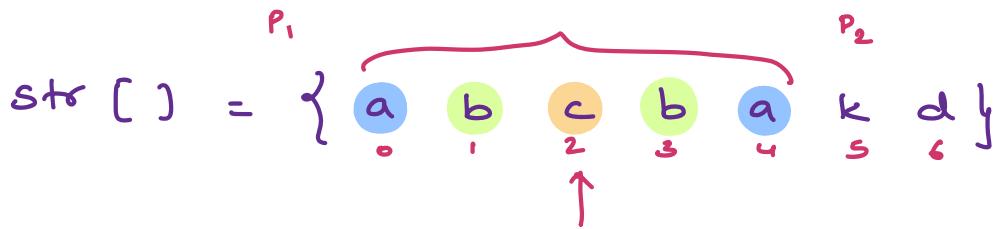
```
int longestpali ( String [] str ) {  
    int ans=0  
    for ( i=0 ; i<n ; i++ ) {  
        for ( j=i ; j<n ; j++ ) { // sub [ i , j ]  
            if ( ispali ( str , i , j ) == True ) {  
                ans = Math. max ( ans , j-i+1 );  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return ans;  
}
```

Tc: O( $N^3$ )

SC: O(1)

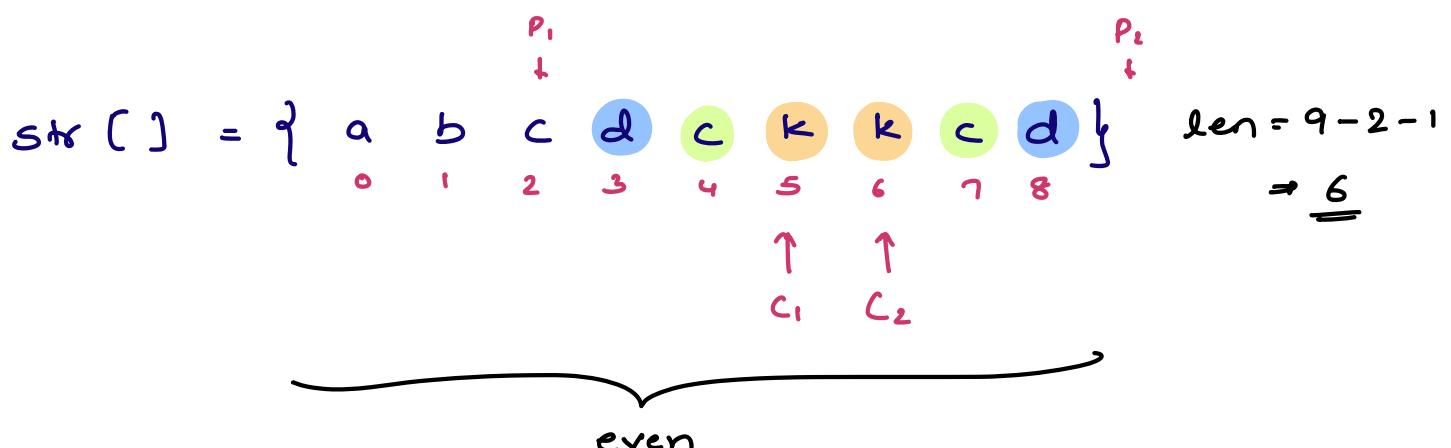
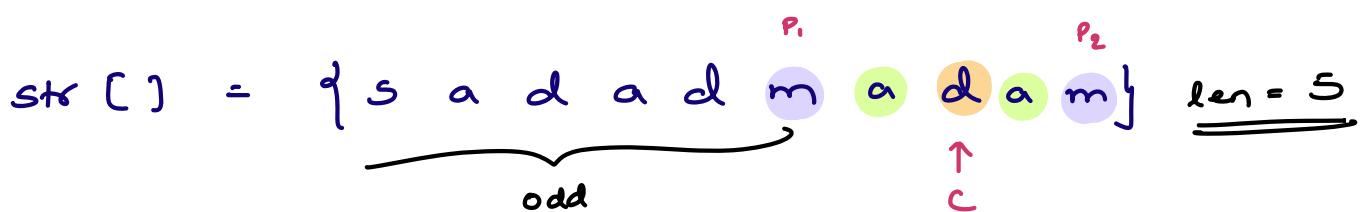
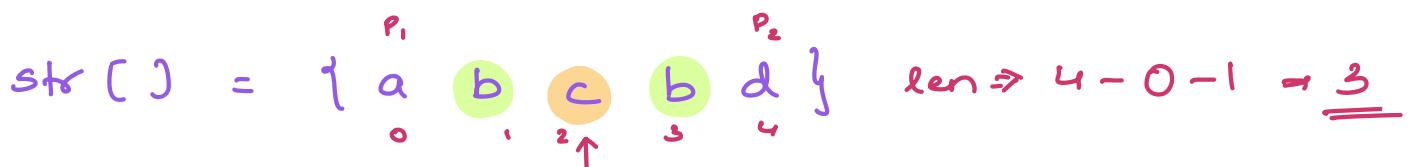
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\* Optimal Approach → Expand the palindromic from center



$$\text{included } [P_1, P_2] \Rightarrow \text{len} = P_2 - P_1 + 1$$

$$\text{excluded } (P_1, P_2) \Rightarrow \text{len} = P_2 - P_1 + 1 - 2 = P_2 - P_1 - 1$$



$$\text{obs} = (P_1, P_2) = \text{len} = P_2 - P_1 - 1$$

\* Palindrome  $\Rightarrow$  odd length  $\rightarrow C_1$

even length  $\rightarrow C_1 \& C_2$

## \* Odd length palindromes

↳ Take every character as center & try to expand window around center & get max possible longest palindromic length

## \* Even length palindromes

↳ Take every two adjacent chars as the center & try to expand the window around  $C_1$  &  $C_2$ . Get max possible palindromic length;

```
int longestpal ( string str )
```

```
    int ans = 0
```

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

// odd len palindromes

```
        // center = i .
```

```
         $P_1 = i$ 
```

```
         $P_2 = i$ 
```

```
        len = Expand ( str ,  $P_1$  ,  $P_2$  );
```

```
        ans = Math.max ( ans , len );
```

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

```
// centers = i & i+1
```

```
P1 = i
```

```
P2 = i+1
```

```
len = Expand ( str , P1 , P2 );
```

```
ans = Math.max ( ans, len );
```

```
}
```

```
return ans;
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```
int expand ( string str , P1 , P2 )
```

```
while ( P1 ≥ 0 && P2 < n && str [ P1 ] == str [ P2 ] )
```

```
P1 = P1 - 1;
```

```
P2 = P2 + 1;
```

TC: O(n)

```
}
```

```
return P2 - P1 - 1;
```

```
,
```

longest Palindromic substring

BF

O(n<sup>3</sup>)

DP

O(n<sup>2</sup>)

Manacher's

Algo

Split from

mid = O(n<sup>2</sup>)

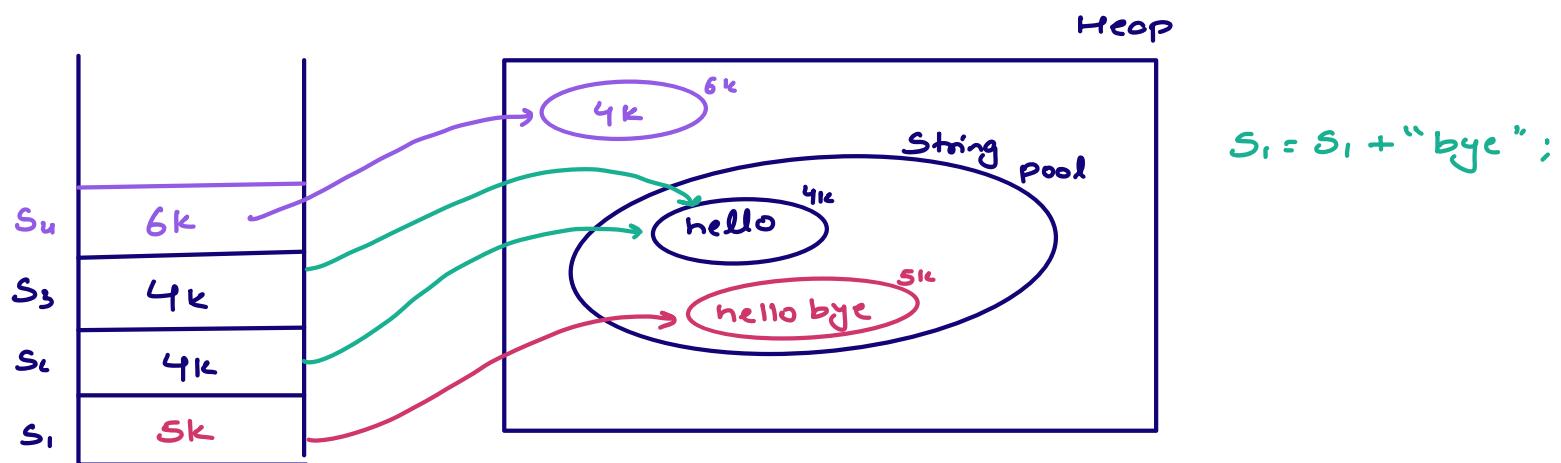
O(n)

## \* Immutability of Strings

→ JS, Java, C#, Python & Go - Strings are **immutable**

values can't be changed.

```
{ String s1 = "hello";  
  String s2 = "hello"  
  String s3 = s1  
  String s4 = new String("hello");
```



- \* To manage the memory inside string pool.
- If a string is already present in string pool, its memory will be shared
- \* Why Immutability → Many references are pointing to the same string, so changing

the string through any reference  
will leads to shock for the  
other references.

print ( $s_2 == s_3$ ) → True  
print ( $s_2 == s_4$ ) → False

} Not correct way  
of comparison

print ( $s_2.equals(s_3)$ ) → True

print ( $s_2.equals(s_4)$ ) → True

\* Doubts \* — \* — \*

$$\textcircled{S_5} = S_4$$

$$\underline{\underline{S_5 = 612}}$$