

Approach 1: append the same string to double the size. Start checking from $i-1$, to $i=n-1$ if the original string is found in the new string from index i to $i+n$, and this returns ~~false~~^{true}, for all iterations, then ~~false~~^{true} is returned and if in any case even 1 case ~~false~~^{passes}, then ~~false~~^{true} is returned.

a b a b a b c a b a b a b a b c a b a b

$$O(n+2n) \rightarrow O(3n) \\ \downarrow \\ O(n)$$

a b a b a b a b a b a b

Approach 2: LPS applied to the original string

↓
($n - (n-x) = 0$?) if the last index value is subtracted from the length of the string and the subtracted value is a factor of the length, then we can say that such a string exists.

⊛ proper prefix which is a proper suffix

c₁ c₂ c₃ c₄ c₅

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 = c_2 \\ c_2 = c_3 \\ c_3 = c_4 \\ c_4 = c_5 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{all characters} \\ \text{same} \\ \text{a b a b a b} \end{array}$$

c₁ c₂ c₃ c₄ c₅ c₆

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} c_1 = c_2 \\ c_2 = c_4 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} c_1 c_2 = c_3 c_4 \\ c_2 c_4 = c_5 c_6 \end{array} \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} c_3 = c_5 \\ c_4 = c_6 \end{array} \right] \quad \therefore c_1 c_2 = c_5 c_6$$

Hence substrings can be said to repeat in the length of 2

abcabcabcabcabc

passes

abcabcabcabc

passes

approach 1

fail abedabcabedabc

test cases

fail 0aaaaadaaaaad

would require
a pattern
matching
algorithm

aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa (passes)

abcadabcad

$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8, c_9, c_{10}$

$c_1 = c_6$

$c_2 = c_7$

$c_3 = c_8$

$c_4 = c_9$

$c_5 = c_{10}$

$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5 = c_6, c_7, c_8, c_9, c_{10}$

if one substring of length $\leq \frac{n}{2}$ = other substrings

then we can say that repeatedly one
substring, we can get the org. string.

* If there exists such a string, then its length should
be a factor of the length of the string.

↓
LPS : longest prefix which is suffix

↓
longest prefix which is
repeated as suffix in the string.

↓
if the length of LPS = 6, for the comp.
string,

then that means that the first 6 characters
are identical to last 6 characters.

Length of LPS $\rightarrow (0, n-1)$, $n-1$ when all characters are same, $n-2$ when they occur in a pair or a pair is repeated.

A B A B A B A B A B, lps = 8

↓
first 2 characters are same
as the last $n-2$ characters.

↓
~~ABCD~~ A B C D A B C D A B C D A B C D

total characters : 20

value of LPS : 16

↓
so the first 16 characters are identical to the last 16 in order. It indicates that the first 4 characters are identical to the next 4 characters.
(because beginning 4 characters are beginning of prefix and next 4 characters are beginning of suffix)

↓
similarly next 4 characters are identical to next 4 characters because they are 5th to 8th characters of prefix and suffix respectively.

* z algorithm

(i) creation of z array

(equivalent of LPS in KMP Array)

$O(m+n)$

(easy to understand)

at every index, the longest substring starting from that index which is also a prefix *

change in direction.

lps gave us the length till that index, whereas z array gives us from that index

✓	↓	✗	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
a	a	b	x	a	a	y	a	a	b
0	1	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0

→ z array

↓	a	a	a	a	a
0	5	4	3	2	1

$O(n+m)$?

naïve approach to construct z array, using the conventional approach for finding the longest matching prefix for each index,

pattern matching:

concatenate

~~append~~ the pattern in front

of the original string using a sentiment element

a	b	c	\$	x	a	b	c	a	b	z	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0

~~for each index~~

for each index, start from 0th index and assign count of same char.

the indexes at which the value == length of the pattern string, then we can claim to have found the pattern in the text.

→ using this approach → pattern can be matched using $O(1)$ space

optimising this to $O(m+n)$

a	a	b	x	a	a	b	x	c	a	a	b	x	a	a	b	x	a	y
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	0



longest string
which is a prefix
of length 4

so the next 3 characters
are same as the next
3 characters of the 0th
character of the prefix,
∴ Their values and these
values would match and
therefore an operation is
not required for these
characters again, and
they can be copied from those
indexes, given they don't
cross the right limit of the
matched substring



if it does, then the match for the
next index character has to be
done beginning from the 0th index

(*)

$$[\text{index} + z(\text{left ptr})] > z$$

This approach
helps us see if any
prefix has been
repeated in our
string anywhere.

ababababab

002020200

abcabcabcabc

000300300300

000000

054321



2 algorithm to solve
the previous problem.

because the
-the end of the
right limit
is okay, but
there could be
more matches
for the three
indexes

↓
O(m+n) Since we are
moving in front only
and not really combining

人 工 工

return 2;

Two
Q. strings containing characters with & w/o
brackets. we need to return, whether both
strings are same or not.

↓
length of characters (variables will be
same)

$(a+b+c)-c$
 $a+b$ } invalid input

$-(a+b+c)$
 $-a-b-c$ } valid input

(i) preprocess both strings to include +
at places ~~where~~ no sign is
present, so make a helper
function for the same

(ii) Now use a stack and a m-count
to create a new string for s1 by
passing the string character by character.
If the ~~next symbol~~ current symbol
is a bracket, and the previous
character is '-', then inc. m-count &
push it to the stack. and for the
following sign, check the m-count
and accordingly append the new character
as '+' and '-'. If a ')' bracket is
encountered pop the top of stack and if it
is '-', then dec. the m-count, otherwise
don't.