



LeetCode Bootcamp

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Session Outline

- 01.** Introduction to Strings ([CheatSheet](#))
- 02.** Problem Sets
- 03.** Debrief & Q/A

Strings

Corner cases:

- Empty string
- String with 1 or 2 characters
- String with repeated characters
- Strings with only distinct characters

Techniques:

- Counting characters
- Anagram
- Palindrome

PART 02

Problem Sets

Steps to approach the question:

Understand the problem

Take time to carefully read through the problem from start to finish is critical in finding the correct and complete solution to the problem in hand.

Code your solution

Map out your solution before you write any code. Avoid too much time trying to find the perfect solution. Validate your solution early and often.

Manage your time

Don't forget, you have multiple questions to complete within a said time. Make sure you allocate enough time to carefully consider all problems.

Problem 1: Valid Palindrome

The screenshot displays the LeetCode interface for the 'Valid Palindrome' problem (125). The problem description states: 'A phrase is a **palindrome** if, after converting all uppercase letters into lowercase letters and removing all non-alphanumeric characters, it reads the same forward and backward. Alphanumeric characters include letters and numbers. Given a string `s`, return `true` if it is a **palindrome**, or `false` otherwise.'

Three examples are provided:

- Example 1:**
Input: `s = "A man, a plan, a canal: Panama"`
Output: `true`
Explanation: "amanaplanacanalpanama" is a palindrome.
- Example 2:**
Input: `s = "race a car"`
Output: `false`
Explanation: "raceacar" is not a palindrome.
- Example 3:**
Input: `s = ""`
Output: `true`
Explanation: `s` is an empty string "" after removing non-alphanumeric characters. Since an empty string reads the same forward and backward, it is a palindrome.

The code editor on the right shows a Python solution:

```
1 class Solution:
2     def isPalindrome(self, s: str) -> bool:
3
```

At the bottom, navigation buttons include 'Problems', 'Pick One', 'Prev', '125/2435', 'Next', 'Console', 'Contribute', 'Run Code', and 'Submit'.

Palindrome

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sequence that reads the same backwards as forwards.

Compare with reverse

Filter out non-alphanumeric characters.

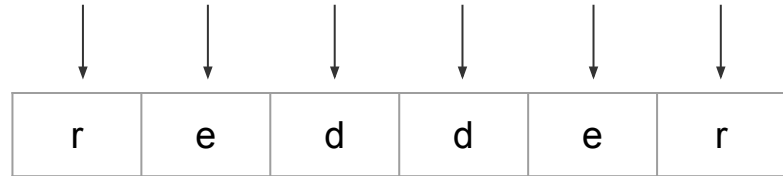
Convert the remaining characters to lower-case.

Compare the original and the reversed strings.

Two pointers

Since the input string contains characters that we need to ignore in our palindromic check, it becomes tedious to figure out the real middle point of our palindromic input.

Instead of going outwards from the middle, we could just go inwards towards the middle!



PROBLEM 1

Approach: Two Pointers

```
def isPalindrome(self, s: str) -> bool:
```

```
    # Define the two pointers on each end
```

```
    i, j = 0, len(s) - 1
```

```
    while i < j:
```

```
        # Increase the left-end pointer if current character is non-alphanumeric
```

```
        while i < j and not s[i].isalnum():
```

```
            i += 1
```

```
        # Decrease the right-end pointer if current character is non-alphanumeric
```

```
        while i < j and not s[j].isalnum():
```

```
            j -= 1
```

```
        # Compare both pointers should point to equivalent character or else break early
```

```
        if s[i].lower() != s[j].lower():
```

```
            return False
```

```
    #Increase the pointers
```

```
    i += 1
```

```
    j -= 1
```

```
    return True
```

Time complexity: $O(n)$, in length n of the string. We traverse over each character at-most once, until the two pointers meet in the middle, or when we break and return early.

Space complexity: $O(1)$, no extra space required, at all.



Problem 2: Unique email addresses

The screenshot shows the LeetCode interface for problem 929, 'Unique Email Addresses'. The problem description explains that a valid email consists of a local name and a domain name, separated by an '@' sign. It details two rules for email normalization: 1) Periods in the local name are ignored (e.g., 'alice.z@leetcode.com' and 'alicez@leetcode.com' forward to the same address). 2) Plus signs in the local name are followed by a filter (e.g., 'm.y+name@email.com' and 'my@email.com' forward to the same address). The task is to count the number of unique email addresses that would actually receive mails from a given array of email strings.

Example 1:

```
Input: emails = ["test.email+alex@leetcode.com","test.e.mail+bob.cathy@leetcode.com","testemail@leetcode.com"]
Output: 2
```

The code editor on the right shows a Python solution:

```
1 class Solution:
2     def numUniqueEmails(self, emails: List[str]) -> int:
3
```

At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: 'Problems', 'Pick One', '< Prev', '929/2435', 'Next >', 'Console', 'Contribute', 'Run Code', and 'Submit'.

Unique email check:

#Rules to clean email

- If there are periods '.' in local name ignore them.
- If there is a plus '+' in local name skip all local name characters till '@'.
- There is only one '@' symbol and the substring after it is our domain name; we will keep the domain name as it is.

Use built-in functions

- Split the string into two parts separated by '@', local name, and domain name.
- Split the local name into parts separated by '+'.
- Since we do not need the part after '+', let the first part be the local name.
- Remove all '.' from the local name and append the domain name to it.
- After cleaning the email, insert it into the hash set.
- Return the size of the hash set.

PROBLEM 2

Approach: String Split method

```
def numUniqueEmails(self, emails: List[str]) -> int:
```

```
    # Hashset to store all the unique emails.
```

```
    uniqueEmails = set()
```

```
    for email in emails:
```

```
        # Split into two parts: local and domain.
```

```
        name, domain = email.split('@')
```

```
        # Split local by '+' and replace all '.' with ''.
```

```
        local = name.split('+')[0].replace('.', '')
```

```
        # Concatenate local, '@', and domain.
```

```
        uniqueEmails.add(local + '@' + domain)
```

```
    return len(uniqueEmails)
```

Let N be the number of the emails and M be the average length of an email.

Time complexity: $O(N \cdot M)$, The split method must iterate over all of the characters in each email and the replace method must iterate over all of the characters in each local name.

Space complexity: $O(N \cdot M)$ In the worst case, when all emails are unique, we will store every email address given to us in the hash set.



Problem 3: Subdomain visit count

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811. Subdomain Visit Count

Medium 1274 1202 Add to List Share

A website domain "discuss.leetcode.com" consists of various subdomains. At the top level, we have "com", at the next level, we have "leetcode.com" and at the lowest level, "discuss.leetcode.com". When we visit a domain like "discuss.leetcode.com", we will also visit the parent domains "leetcode.com" and "com" implicitly.

A **count-paired domain** is a domain that has one of the two formats "rep d1.d2.d3" or "rep d1.d2" where rep is the number of visits to the domain and d1.d2.d3 is the domain itself.

- For example, "9001 discuss.leetcode.com" is a **count-paired domain** that indicates that discuss.leetcode.com was visited 9001 times.

Given an array of **count-paired domains** cpdomains, return an array of the **count-paired domains** of each subdomain in the input. You may return the answer in **any order**.

Example 1:

```

Input: cpdomains = ["9001 discuss.leetcode.com"]
Output: ["9001 leetcode.com","9001 discuss.leetcode.com","9001 com"]
Explanation: We only have one website domain: "discuss.leetcode.com".
As discussed above, the subdomain "leetcode.com" and "com" will also be
visited. So they will all be visited 9001 times.

```

Example 2:

```

Input: cpdomains = ["900 google.mail.com", "50 yahoo.com", "1 intel.mail.com", "5 wiki.org"]
Output: ["901 mail.com","50 yahoo.com","900 google.mail.com","5 wiki.org","5 org","1 intel.mail.com","951 com"]

```

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Subdomain counter:

#Rules to count subdomain

- For an address like a.b.c, we will count a.b.c, b.c, and c.
- For an address like x.y, we will count x.y and y.
- To count these strings, we will use a hash map.
- To split the strings into the required pieces, we will use library split functions.

Use collections.counter

- Counter is a dict subclass for counting hashable objects. (supports multiset, unordered, faster access)
- Elements are stored as dictionary keys and their counts are stored as dictionary values.
- Counts are allowed to be any integer value including zero or negative counts.

PROBLEM 3


Approach: Hash Map

```
def subdomainVisits(self, cpdomains):  
    ans = collections.Counter()  
  
    for domain in cpdomains:  
        count, domain = domain.split() # Separate the domain and its count  
        count = int(count) # Converts count from String to Int  
        fragments = domain.split('.') # Separates the subdomain fragments  
  
        # Combines the count of subdomains  
        for i in range(len(fragments)-1):  
            ans[".".join(fragments[i:])]. += count  
  
    return ["{} {}".format(ct, dom) for dom, ct in ans.items()]
```

Time complexity: $O(N)$, where N is the length of `cpdomains`, and assuming the length of `cpdomains[i]` is fixed.

Space complexity: $O(N)$, the space used in our count.

Problem 4: Find all Anagrams in a String

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Solution

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438. Find All Anagrams in a String

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Given two strings `s` and `p`, return an array of all the start indices of `p`'s anagrams in `s`. You may return the answer in **any order**.

An **Anagram** is a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of a different word or phrase, typically using all the original letters exactly once.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "cbaebabacd", p = "abc"`

Output: `[0,6]`

Explanation:

The substring with start index = 0 is "cba", which is an anagram of "abc".

The substring with start index = 6 is "bac", which is an anagram of "abc".

Example 2:

Input: `s = "abab", p = "ab"`

Output: `[0,1,2]`

Explanation:

The substring with start index = 0 is "ab", which is an anagram of "ab".

The substring with start index = 1 is "ba", which is an anagram of "ab".

The substring with start index = 2 is "ab", which is an anagram of "ab".

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length, p.length <= 3 * 104`

```
1 class Solution:
2     def findAnagrams(self, s: str, p: str) -> List[int]:
3
```

Problems

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Anagrams

Using 26-elements array instead of hashmap:

- Element number 0 contains count of letter a.
 - Element number 1 contains count of letter b.
 - ...
 - Element number 25 contains count of letter z.
- Algorithm

Steps

- Build reference array pCount for string p.
- Move sliding window along the string s.
- Recompute sliding window array sCount at each step by adding one letter on the right and removing one letter on the left.
- If sCount == pCount, update the output list.
- Return output list.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a | b | c |
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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| c | b | a | e | b | a | b | a | c | d |
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PROBLEM 4

Approach: Sliding window with Hashmap

```
def findAnagrams(self, s: str, p: str) -> List[int]:
    ns, np = len(s), len(p)
    if ns < np:
        return []

    p_count = Counter(p)
    s_count = Counter()

    output = []
    # sliding window on the string s
    for i in range(ns):
        # add one more letter on the right side of the window
        s_count[s[i]] += 1
        # remove one letter from the left side of the window
        if i >= np:
            if s_count[s[i - np]] == 1:
                del s_count[s[i - np]]
            else:
                s_count[s[i - np]] -= 1
        # compare array in the sliding window with the reference array
        if p_count == s_count:
            output.append(i - np + 1)

    return output
```

PROBLEM 4

Approach: Sliding window with Array

```
def findAnagrams(self, s: str, p: str) -> List[int]:
    s_length, p_length = len(s), len(p)
    if s_length < p_length:
        return []

    p_count, s_count = [0] * 26, [0] * 26
    # build reference array using string p
    for char in p:
        p_count[ord(char) - ord('a')] += 1

    output = []
    # sliding window on the string s
    for i in range(s_length):
        # add one more letter on the right side of the window
        s_count[ord(s[i]) - ord('a')] += 1
        # remove one letter from the left side of the window
        if i >= p_length:
            s_count[ord(s[i - p_length]) - ord('a')] -= 1
        # compare array in the sliding window with the reference array
        if p_count == s_count:
            output.append(i - p_length + 1)

    return output
```

PART 06

Q/A

Slack Hours

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Office Hours: Tuesday (10AM - 1PM)

Problem Assignments

- 01.** Longest Palindrome (Easy)
- 02.** Valid Parentheses (Easy)
- 03.** Isomorphic Strings (Easy)
- 04.** Zigzag Conversion (Medium)
- 05.** Longest Palindromic Substring (Medium)
- 06.** Longest Substring without repeating characters (Medium)
- 07.** Minimum window substring (Hard)



Thank you!

Upcoming: Linked Lists (19/10)