

1. Largest Palindrome Substring
2. Alternate Subarray.
3. Valid Sudoku.

Q1 Given a string, find the length of largest Palindromic substring.

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Direct

S: a b a c a b  $\Rightarrow$  5

S: a b c d b  $\Rightarrow$  1

Quiz

S: a b a c a b f

Brute Force

→ Iterate over all the substrings  $\Rightarrow O(N^2)$

→ Check if a substring is palindrome or not.  
 $\hookrightarrow O(N)$

TC:  $O(N^3)$

SC:  $O(1)$

Quiz

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
x b d y z z y d b d y z y d x  
i j  
0 4

```
int lengthPalindrome(s, ci, cj)
    i = ci, j = cj;
    while (i >= 0 && j < N) {
        if (s[i] == s[j])
            i--, j++;
        else
            break;
    }
    return j - i - 1;
```

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
x b d y z z y d b d y z y d x  
i j

i=0 → fun(s, 0, 0) ⇒ 1 - (-1) - 1 = 1 ✓  
→ fun(s, 0, 1) ⇒ 1 - 0 - 1 = 0

```

ans = 1;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Odd length palindrome
    ans = max(ans, lengthPalindrome(s, i, i));
    // Even length palindrome
    ans = max(ans, lengthPalindrome(s, i, i+1));
}
return ans;

```

TC:  $O(N^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$

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

→

TC:  $O(N^2)$   
SC:  $O(N^2)$   
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DP  
Soln

→

TC:  $O(N)$   
Manacher's Algo

## Q. Valid Sudoku

Given a partially filled sudoku, check if it's valid or invalid.

9x9

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	1	8	4						6
1				9		7		3	
2					6				
3	8			5			6		
4		1				4			
5			2			3			
6									
7			1		2			8	
8		7					1		

Rules :

- 1) No repetition in any row.
- 2) No repetition in any col.
- 3) No repetition in any 3x3 box

// Rows

```
for ( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ) {  
    HashSet<int> set;  
    for ( j = 0 ; j < 4 ; j++ ) {  
        if ( set.contains ( mat[i][j] ) )  
            return false;  
        else  
            set.add ( mat[i][j] );  
    }  
}
```

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// Cols

```
for ( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ) {  
    HashSet<int> set;  
    for ( j = 0 ; j < 4 ; j++ ) {  
        if ( set.contains ( mat[j][i] ) )  
            return false;  
        else  
            set.add ( mat[j][i] );  
    }  
}
```

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// 3x3 Boxes

```
→ (0,0) (0,3) (0,6)  
→ (3,0) (3,3) (3,6)  
→ (6,0) (6,3) (6,6)
```

```

for(i=0; i<9; i+=3){
    for(j=0; j<9; j+=3){
        // i,j  $\Rightarrow$  start index of 3x3 Box.
        HashSet<int> set;
        for(k=i; k<i+3; k++){
            for(l=j; l<j+3; l++){
                if(set.contains(mat[k][l]))
                    return false;
                else
                    set.add(mat[k][l]);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

$$\begin{aligned}
 \# \text{ of iterations} &= 3 \times (9 \times 9) \\
 &= 3 \times 81 \\
 &= \underline{\underline{243}} \approx \underline{\underline{O(1)}} \quad \underline{\underline{TC}}
 \end{aligned}$$

N=9

$$\begin{aligned}
 \# \text{ of iterations} &= 3 \times N^2 \\
 TC &: \underline{\underline{O(N^2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. Alternate Subarrays.

Given an int array A of size N comprising of only 0's & 1's & an integer B. Find all indices in array A that can act as a centre of a  $2*B+1$  length 0-1 alternate subarray.

A: [1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0]

{1, 0, 1, 0, ...} ✓    {0} ✓    {1 0 1 0 1} ✓  
{0, 1, 0, 1, ...} ✓    {1} ✓

Ex

<sup>0 1 2 3 4</sup>  
[1 0 1 0 1]

B = 1

$$2*1+1 = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

ans: [1, 2, 3]

Ex

<sup>0 1 2 3 4 5 6</sup>  
[0 0 0 1 1 0 1]

B = 0

(1)

ans: [0 1 2 3 4 5 6]

```

bool isAlternate (arr[], s, e) {
    for (i = s+1; i <= e; i++) {
        if (A[i] == A[i-1])
            return false;
    }
    return true;
}

```

$k = 2B + 1$

$s = 0$

$e = k - 1$

while (  $e < N$  ) {

// s, e

// Check if subarray [s, e] is alternate.

if ( isAlternate (arr, s, e) ) {

// Add mid index in ans array.

ans.add(s+B);

}

s++

e++

}

TC:  $O(N^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$



\*  $10^8$  iterations / sec

Time limit : 1 sec

$$N = 10^6 \Rightarrow O(N^2) \approx \underline{10^{12}} > 1 \text{ sec} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{\text{TLE.}}$$

$$N = 10^3 \Rightarrow O(N^2) \Rightarrow \underline{10^6} < 1 \text{ sec} \\ \Rightarrow \checkmark$$

$$N = 20 \Rightarrow O(2^N) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\approx 2^{20}$$

$$\underbrace{2^{10}}_{\downarrow} \cdot \underbrace{2^{10}}_{10^3} \approx \underline{10^6} < 1 \text{ sec}$$

$$\underline{1024} \\ \approx 10^3$$