Find Distance B/W Two Characters

Ex1 str = "Geeks"
0 1 2 3 4

ch1 = 'G' → (0) idx1

ch2 = 'k' → (3) idx2

ans = 2

ans = idx2 - idx1 - 1;

Ex2 str = "geeksforgeeks"
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

10

3 3

ch1 ch2

ch1 = 'g'

ch2 = 's'

ans = 3

CwtR

psudo code

1) iterate a loop from to end

1.1) check if we found ch1 → (i)

1.1.1) iterate a loop from to end

1.1.1.1) check if we found ch2 → (j)

then diff = j - i - 1;

Code

```java
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    String str = scn.nextLine();
    char ch1 = scn.next().charAt(0);
    char ch2 = scn.next().charAt(0);
    int ans = findDiff(str, ch1, ch2);
    System.out.println(ans);
}
public static int findDiff(String str, char ch1, char ch2) {
    int ans = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {
        if ( str.charAt(i) == ch1 ) {
            for (int j = i + 1; j < str.length(); j++) {
                if ( str.charAt(j) == ch2 ) {
                    ans = Math.min(ans, j - i - 1);
                }
            }
        }
    }
    return ans;
}
```

Locate the Target String (V. Imp)

str = "geeksforgeeksta"
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

target = "sta"
0 1 2

ans = 4

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brute force

↳ generate all substrings

↳ check if any of it is equal to target

T.C = $O(2^n)$ ⟶ $O(n)$

issue

str = "geeksta rksta"

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

i

target = "sta"

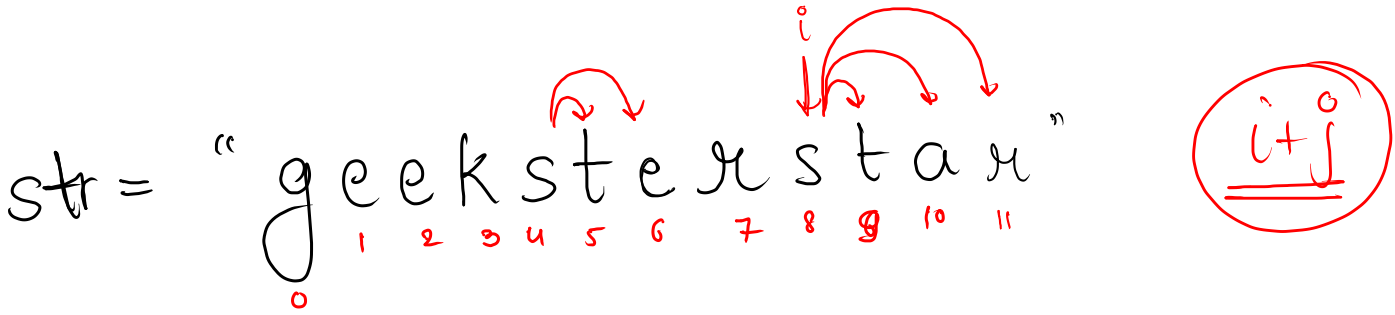
0 1 2

j

(charat i+j == charat j)

't' 't'

'a' 'a'



psudo code

1) make 2 pointers
2) loop until i < n
   2.1) check charAt(j) in target with charAt(i+j) in str is unequal
   break;
   2.2) if (j == tar.len - 1)
   return i

return -1;

code

T.C = O(str.len * tar.len)

≈ O(N)

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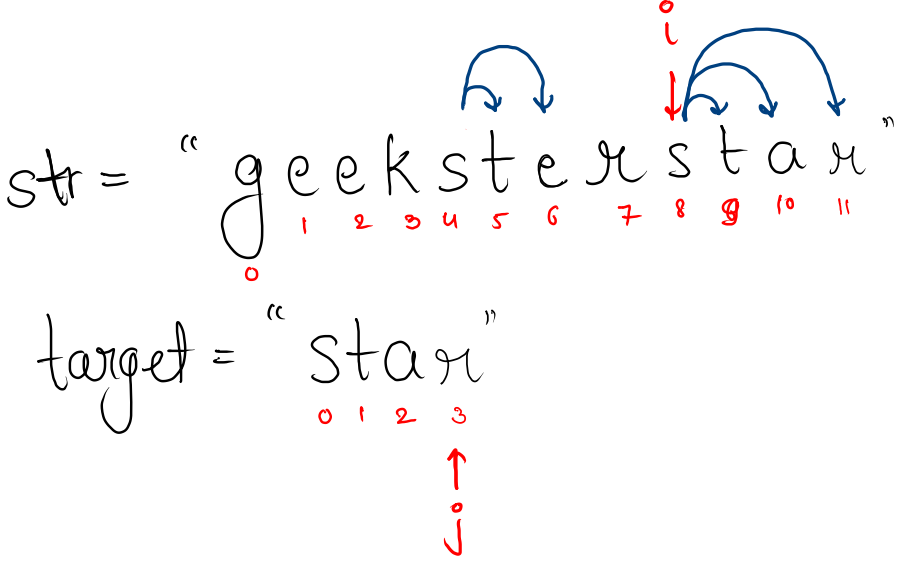
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    String str = scn.nextLine();
    String tar = scn.nextLine();
    int ans = locateTarget(str, tar);
    System.out.println(ans);
}
public static int locateTarget(String str, String tar) {
    for (int i = 0; i <= str.length() - tar.length(); i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < tar.length(); j++) {
            if ( tar.charAt(j) != str.charAt(i + j) ) {
                break;
            }
            if (j == tar.length() - 1) {
                return i;
            }
        }
    }
    return -1;
}
```



s != g
s != e
s != e
s != k
s != s x → t != t x
a != e ✓

s != t
s != e
s != r
s != s x → t != t
a != a
r != r

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⇒ Substring

inbuilt

str = "abcd"
0 1 2 3

syntax

str.substring(stard, end+1);

str.substring(1, 3); // bc

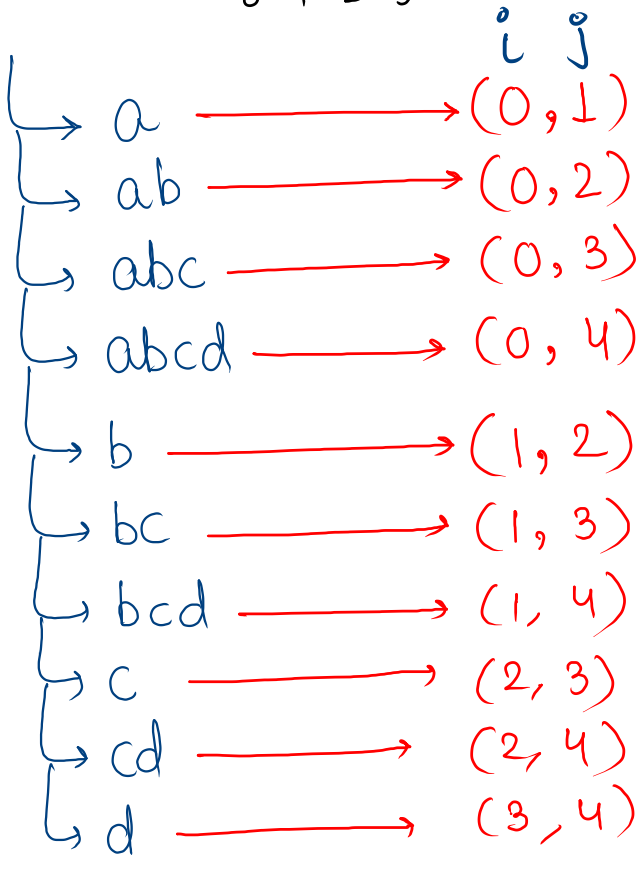
str.substring(2); // cd

Ques Generate all possible substrings

str = "abcd"; 4 n=4

0 1 2 3

all substring



Code

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for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
    for (int j=i+1; j<=n; j++) {
        print str.substring(i,j);
    }
}
```

code

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public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    String str = scn.nextLine();
    print(str);
}
public static void print(String str) {
    for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {
        for (int j = i + 1; j <= str.length(); j++) {
            System.out.println(str.substring(i, j));
        }
    }
}
```

O(N)

N = str.length

O(N*N*N)