

Long Pressed Name

str = "alex"
0 1 2 3

target = "aaleex"
0 1 2 3 4 5

ans = true

str = "alex"
0 1 2 3

target = "aaaaaleabc"
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

ans = false

Observation:-

- each character of str should be present in target only
- And all chars should be in same order

Ex 1

str = "alex"

target = "aaalleaxxx"

false

Ex 2

str = "alex"

target = "aaleexabc"

false

Ex 3

str = "alex"

target = "leeex"

false

Ex 4

str = ""

target = "a"

false

pseudo
code

str = "alex"
0 1 2 3

target = "aaleex"
0 1 2 3 4 5

str = "aaa"
target = "aaaleeaa"

false

1) declare $i=0, j=0$

2) while loop until $(j < n)$

2.1) if char at $i ==$ char at j

$i++$;

2.2) else if (target.charAt(j) != target.charAt(j-1))

return false;

$j++$;

if ($i ==$ str.length())

return true;

else

return false;

str = "alex"
target = "aaleex";

$$T, C = \underline{\underline{O(\text{str.len} + \text{tar.len})}}$$

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public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    String str = scn.nextLine();
    String target = scn.nextLine();
    boolean ans = longPressed(str, target);
    System.out.println(ans);
}

public static boolean longPressed(String str, String target) {
    int i = 0;
    int j = 0;
    while ( j < target.length() ) {
        if ( i < str.length() && str.charAt(i) == target.charAt(j) ) {
            i++;
        } else if ( j == 0 || target.charAt(j) != target.charAt(j - 1) ) {
            return false;
        }
        j++;
    }

    if ( i == str.length() ) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
    }
}

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i
 \downarrow
 str = "alex"abc"

 tar = "aalex"

 j
 \uparrow

⇒ Binary Search (searching algorithm)

→ $O(\log(n))$: T.C

→ Binary search can only work in a sorted array

Note :- Divide and conquer

working

(pre-req. :- array should be sorted)

arr =

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	3	4	5	7	9	11	12	13	20	50	75

↑↑
si ei
↑
mid

t = 7

loop

int mid = (si+ei)/2 ;

if(arr[mid] == target){

return mid;

} else if(arr[mid] > target){
ei = mid-1;

} else if(arr[mid] < target){
si = mid+1;

}