

Problem 4. A palindromic number reads the same both ways. The largest palindrome made from the product of two 2-digit numbers is $9009 = 91 \times 99$. Find the largest palindrome made from the product of two 3-digit numbers.

Programming Knowledge required: How to write nested for loops. How to check a number is a palindrome

Solution Outline: This is an implementation problem where you are needed to find two *three* digit numbers, whose product is a palindrome. The smallest three digit number is 100, and the largest is 999. We initialize the variable `max_palin_prod` to 0, then we run nested for loop, calculating product of two numbers and checking if it is a palindrome. If it is then we update the `max_palin_prod`. Finally, `max_palin_prod` will contain the final answer.

Python Solution

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1 def reverse(n):
2     ret = 0
3     while n:
4         ret = ret * 10 + n % 10
5         n //= 10
6     return ret
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9 def check_palindrome(n):
10     rev_n = reverse(n)
11     return n == rev_n
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14 max_palin_prod = 0
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16 for i in range(100, 1000):
17     for j in range(100, 1000):
18         prod = i * j
19         if check_palindrome(prod):
20             max_palin_prod = max(max_palin_prod, prod)
21
22 print(max_palin_prod)
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