

3. Longest substring without repeating characters:

I/P: $s = \text{"abcabcbb"}$

O/P: 3

Explanation: The answer is "abc", with length of 3. Need to find the longest substring that has no repeated characters.

A substring means characters must be continuous (not skipping in between).

Brute force:

1. Use two loops to generate all substrings
2. For each substring, check if all characters are unique.
3. Track the maximum length.

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class Solution {
    public int lengthOfLongestSubstring (string s) {
        int maxlen = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
            boolean[] seen = new boolean[256];
            int currentlen = 0;
            for (int j = i; j < s.length(); j++) {
                char ch = s.charAt(j);
                if (seen[ch]) {
                    break;
                } else {
                    seen[ch] = true;
                    currentlen++;
                    maxlen = Math.max(maxlen, currentlen);
                }
            }
        }
        return maxlen;
    }
}

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Time $\rightarrow O(n^2)$ space $\rightarrow O(1)$.

optimized:

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import java.util.HashSet;
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class Solution {
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    public int lengthOfLongestSubstring (string s) {
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        HashSet<character> set = new HashSet<>();
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        int left = 0, maxlen = 0;
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        for (int right = 0; right < s.length(); right++) {
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            char ch = s.charAt(right);
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            while (set.contains(ch)) {
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                set.remove(s.charAt(left));
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                left++;
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            }
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            set.add(ch);
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            maxlen = Math.max(maxlen, right - left + 1);
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        }
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        return maxlen;
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    }
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}
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Time $\rightarrow O(n)$ space $\rightarrow O(1)$.