

Strings

- Array of characters
- Sequence of characters

Contest

90 min

3 ques

E M H

"omansh" { 'o', 'm', 'a', ... } 22/23rd

How are characters stored? ASCII

A - 65	$\xrightarrow{+32}$	a - 97	O - 48
B - 66	$\xrightarrow{+32}$	b - 98	1 - 49
C - 67		c - 99	2 - 50
...	
Z - 90		z - 122	j - 57

Obs: Between capital & small letters, ASCII value difference is 32

char ch = 'b' 98

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if (ch > 22) {  
    print "yes"  
}
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"abc123"

Q1) Given a char s[], **Toggle** every character.
uppercase & small case \rightarrow capital \rightarrow small
small \rightarrow capital.

Eg: AnaConDa \rightarrow aNAcONdA

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for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    if (s[i] > 65 && s[i] < 90)  
        s[i] = s[i] + 32  
    else  
        s[i] = s[i] - 32  
}  
return s  
TC: O(N)          SC: O(1)
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array \rightarrow subarray
string \rightarrow substring

"bxc d"

$$\frac{4 \times 5}{2} \quad \frac{20}{2} \quad 10$$

array length $n \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

string length $n \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

0 1 2 3
"a m a n"

$$s = 1 \quad e = 2$$

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Q2 Given char s[], check palindrome lowercase alphabets.

same forward & backward

WOW

MAM

MADAM

NAMAN

MOM

LIRIL

RADAR

AMMA

MALAYALAM

Idea \Rightarrow what about 0^{th} & $n-1^{\text{th}}$ char?

1^{st} & $n-2^{\text{th}}$

2^{nd} & $n-3^{\text{rd}}$ all same

Check from 2 ends

M A L A Y A L A M
↑ ↑

i, j

start = 0 end = n-1

while (start < end) {

 if (s[start] != s[end])

 return false

 start ++

 end --

}

return true

Tc: $O(n)$

Sc: $O(1)$

M A D A M

↑↑

a[173]

a[173]

3, 7

a n a m a d a m m

f e a c a b a c a b g f

a d a e b c d f d c b e t g g t e

y z a n n a z y

Q3 Given a string. Find length of longest palindrome substring.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
a b c d e f g h

$s[4:6]$: efg $len = 6 - 4 + 1$

Palindrome: String that reads the same forward & backward.

NAMAN
NAMAN

isPalin (s, start, end) {

 i = start
 j = end

 while (i < j) {
 if (s[i] != s[j])
 return false;

 i++
 j--

 return true

TC: $O(N)$

ans = 0

for (i=0; i<n; i++) {

for (j=i; j<n; j++) {

if (isPalin(s, i, j))

ans = max(ans, j-i+1)

}

}

TC: $O(N^3)$

x b d y z z y d b d y z y d x

a x x a
b c y y c b

a a b b a a

a x a
p q r q p

Take all possible centers & expand.

2 types of centers

2 char

$i, i+1$

1 char.

i, i

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
x b d j 3 3 y d b d
↑ ↑

left = 0
right = 9

What is actual length?

palin left + 1 1
 right - 1 8

$[left + 1, right - 1]$

$b - a + 1$

$right - left - 1$

$r - l + 1 - 2 = r - l - 1$

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int extend (char s[], int i, int j) {
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    while ( s[i] == s[j] && i > 0  
           && j < n )
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        i-- ;      j++
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    return j - i - 1
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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
x	b	d	j	3	3	y	d	b	d
↑								↑	

0	1	2	3	4	5
b	a	b	a	b	c

int largest-pal-substring (char s[]) {

int ans = 0

for (i=0 ; i<n ; i++) {

 // take s[i] as center.

 len = expand(s, i, i)

 ans = max(ans, len)

}

single char center ans

for (i=0 ; i<n-1 ; i++) {

 // take s[i], s[i+1] as center.

 len = expand(s, i, i+1)

 ans = max(ans, len)

}

return ans;

TC: $O(N^2)$

SC: $O(1)$

Java Specific

String: Cannot change {Immutable}

char s[] : Can change any index.

String Builder : Can change any index
class in Strings

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String name = "omansh"
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name[0] = 'O'
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