

## Strings

Q-2 String is a palindrome or not.

i/p  $\rightarrow$  abcba

o/p  $\rightarrow$  Yes

A palindrome can be defined as if on reading from <sup>back</sup> is giving the same string as reading from the start / front. For example  $\rightarrow$  aba is same if we read from back or front.

Here we will be using the 2 pointer approach. If while traversing, we find any equal value we will return false. After traversing, if false was not returned, then we simply can return true.

### Dry run

1) "abcba" } s

$i \uparrow \quad \downarrow j$

$i = 0, j = s.length() - 1$

$i = 0, j = 4$

$i \leq j \Rightarrow \text{True}$

$s[i] == s[j]$  also hence simply increment  $i$  & decrement  $j$ .

2) "abcba"

$i \uparrow \quad \uparrow j$

$i = 1, j = 3$

$i \leq j \Rightarrow \text{True}$

$s[i] == s[j]$  also hence increment the value of  $i$  & decrement the value of  $j$ .



3) "abcba"

$i \nearrow \nwarrow j$

$i = 2, j = 2$

$i \leq j \Rightarrow \text{True}$

$s[i] == s[j]$  also hence increment  $i$  & decrement  $j$ .

Now  $i > j$  and hence return false was not encountered and hence true will be returned.

### Code

```
bool isPalindrome (string &s) {  
    // 2 pointers are maintained  
    int i = 0;  
    int j = s.length() - 1;  
    // Run while loop  
    while (i <= j) {  
        if (s[i] != s[j]) {  
            return false; // Not Palindrome  
        }  
        i++; // Increment i  
        j--; // Decrement j  
    }  
    return true; // Palindrome  
}
```

Time complexity =  $O(n)$

Space complexity =  $O(1)$