

## Strings & Arrays Interview Questions

First two questions with solutions from the class.

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//Q1: Write an algorithm to check if a string has all unique characters.
boolean isUnique(String str) {
    //ASCII (128), unicode () //O(1) , constant
    if (str.length() > 128) return false;
    boolean[] chars = new boolean[128];

    // [0,1,2,3...127] , str= "Today is a nice day"
    // [0, 0,0, 1,...1,0,0,1,1 ]
    for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {
        int val = str.charAt(i);
        if (chars[val]) {
            return false;
        }
        chars[val] = true;
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    { System.out.println(chars[i]); }
    return true;
}

//Q2: Write an algorithm to check if a string is palindrome.
boolean isPalin(String str) {
    int i = 0;
    int j = str.length()-1;
    while(i<j) {
        if(str.charAt(i) != str.charAt(j))
            return false;
        i ++;
        j--;
    }
    return true;
}
```

1. We have two strings, write a function to check if one is a permutation of the other.
2. Write a function to check if the given input string is a permutation of a palindrome.
3. Write a function to return the reverse string of the input string.
4. Write a function to count the number of words & spaces in the input string.

Int countWords&Spaces(String str) { }

5. Write a function to count the number of times a word occurs in an input string.

int countOccurence(String str, String word) { }

*Hint:*

- i. First split the string by spaces in an array. (use, str.split(" "))
- ii. Next, take a variable count = 0. For every true condition we increment the count by 1
- iii. Now run a loop from 0 to 'length of string' and check if our string is equal to the word

iv. *If condition true -> increment the value of count by 1 & in the end we return the count.*

6. Write a function to left rotate the input string by 't' times. ( $t \leq \text{str.length}()$ )

Ex: Input : str = "SunnyDay"  
t = 2  
Output : Left Rotation : "nnyDaysu"

*Hint: Use a temporary string to do rotations. For left rotation, first copy last n-t characters, then copy first t characters in order to the temporary string.*

7. Write a function to right rotate the input string by 't' times. ( $t \leq \text{str.length}()$ )

Ex: Input : str = "SunnyDay"  
t = 2  
Output : Left Rotation : "aySunnyD"

*Hint: Use a temporary string to do rotations. For right rotation, first copy last t characters, then copy n-t characters.*

8. Given two input strings s1 and s2, find if s1 can be converted to s2 with exactly one edit.

*An edit between two strings is one of the following changes:*

**Add a character OR Delete a character OR Change a character**

Ex:

Input: s1 = "Donny", s2 = "Donn"  
Output: yes  
Number of edits is 1

Input: s1 = "Donny", s2 = "Donny"  
Output: no  
Number of edits is 0

*Hint:*

Let the input strings be **s1** and **s2** and lengths of input strings be **m** and **n** respectively.

- 1) If difference between m and n is more than 1, return false.
- 2) Initialize count of edits as 0.
- 3) Start traversing both strings from first character.
  - a. If current characters don't match, then
    - (i) Increment count of edits
    - (ii) If count becomes more than 1, return false
    - (iii) If length of one string is more, then only possible edit is to remove a character. Therefore, move ahead in larger string.
    - (iv) If length is same, then only possible edit is to change a character. Therefore, move ahead in both strings.
  - b. Else, move ahead in both strings.

9. Given two strings `s1` and `s2`, find if `s1` is a substring of `s2`. If yes, return the index of the first occurrence, else return -1.
10. Write a function to perform basic string compression. For example, the string `"aabbbbccca"` would become `"a2b4c3a1"`. (Can be solved by using Stack, but think about the possible solutions)