

Check Substring: Given two strings, write a method to decide if one is a substring of the other.

Example:

str1: car

str1Len = 3

str2: racecar

str2Len = 7

initial idea:

- 1) Find the first instance of the shorter string's first letter in the longer string (if both string's lengths are the same this doesn't matter).
- 2) Have a counter to keep track of the number of consecutive matching letters between the two.
- 3) Reset the counter if the letters don't match.
- 4) When the counter is the length of the shorter string, return true.

Implementation:

```
isSubstring (str1, str2) {
```

```
    let shortStr, longStr;
```

```
    if (str1.length < str2.length) {
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```
        shortStr = str1;
```

```
        longStr = str2;
```

```
    } else if (str1.length > str2.length) {
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```
        shortStr = str2;
```

```
        longStr = str1;
```

```
    } else if (str1 === str2) {
```

```
        return true;
```

```
    } else {
```

```
    return false;
```

```
}
```

```
let subCounter = 0;
```

```
for (let i=0; i < longStr.length; i++) {
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```
    if (longStr[i] === shortStr[subCounter]) {  
        subCounter++;
```

```
        if (subCounter === shortStr.length) {  
            return true;
```

```
        }
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        subCounter = 0;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
return false;
```

```
}
```

Complexity:

Time: $O(n)$, where n is the length of the longer input string

Space: $O(m+n)$, the combined lengths of the input strings. Ideally this should be constant...