

Exercise from last time: "subset sum":

For a collection of integers V , and target t ,
 $\exists S \subseteq V$ s.t. $\sum_{x \in S} x = t$?

What if $|S| = 2$?

E.g. if $V = \{-3, 7, 19, 4, 5\}$

and $t = 16$, then the answer is "yes":

$$-3 + 19 = t.$$

However if $t = 100$, the answer would be "no".

Hint: just use "brute force"...

(Semi-) new topic: std::string.

Behind the scenes, $\text{string} \approx \text{vector} \langle \text{char} \rangle$.

However strings have a slightly different interface (e.g. $s.\text{length}()$ gives the size, rather than $v.\text{size}()$, as you would for a vector.)

Also provides useful functions like "find":

```
String s = "abcdef";
```

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s.find("def") would give 3, as the
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First match starts @ index 3:

abc def
0 1 2 3 4 5

`s.find("def")` would give `-1` to indicate "def" was not found.

How to write our own find function?

```
size_t find(const string& s, const string& t);  
// return index of match if t is a substring  
// of s; -1 otherwise.
```

`s =`

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | b | c | d | e | f |
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`t =`

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| d | e | f |
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Strategy: "brute force" — look for `t` at all possible offsets in `s`.

Possible offsets: `0, 1, ..., s.length() - t.length()`

Adding some detail:

```
for (i = 0; i <= s.length() - t.length(); i++) {  
    // check if t matches @ offset i  
    // i.e., t[0] == s[i], t[1] == s[i+1]...
```