

Alg getLongestBalancedSubstringRecursive(String S, int startIndex)

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maxLength <- 0
if startIndex >= s.length()
    return 0

count1 <- 0
count2 <- 0

a <- S[startIndex]
b = ''

for i <- startIndex to s.length()
    char c = s[i]
    if c == a
        count1 = count1 + 1
        if count1 == count2 and maxLength < count1 * 2
            maxLength <- count1 * 2
    else
        if b == ''
            b <- c
            count2 = count2 + 1
            if count1 == count2 and maxLength < count1 * 2
                maxLength <- count1 * 2
        else if c == b
            count2++
            if count1 == count2 and maxLength < count1 * 2
                maxLength = count1 * 2
        else
            break
    recursiveMaxLength <- getLongestBalancedSubstringRecursive(S, startIndex + 1)
    if maxLength < recursiveMaxLength
        maxLength <- recursiveMaxLength
return maxLength
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algorithm analysis:

the first loop iterates over all the element of the string starting from the startIndex to the end, in worst case it will loop over all the characters in the string,
the assignment and comparasons inside the loop are constant time $O(1)$
so time complexity of the for loop is $O(n)$

the recursive call takes the starIndex+1 and same string so its time complexity is $T(n-1)$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n)$$

using iteration method

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n-1) + O(n) \\ T(n-1) &= T(n-2) + O(n-1) \\ T(n-2) &= T(n-3) + O(n-2) \end{aligned}$$

base case: $T(1) = O(1)$

$$T(n) = O(n) + O(n-1) + O(n-2) + \dots + O(1) + T(1)$$

this form is similar to the arithmetic sequence so:

$$\begin{aligned} O((n*(n+1))/2) \\ T(n) &= T(1) + O((n*(n+1))/2) \\ T(n) &= T(1) + O((n^2+n)/2) \end{aligned}$$

so time complexity of this algorithm is $O(n^2)$