

CS2010 (HT) Assignment 2: Largest Palindrome

Problem:

A palindromic number reads the same both ways. The largest palindromic number made from the product of two 2-digit numbers is $9009 = 91 \times 99$.

Develop an algorithm, which will be able to calculate the largest palindromic number, which is a product of two n-digit numbers. In order to achieve important optimisations, you can assume that n is odd.

Download the attached skeleton classes.

1. Implement reverse method.
This method takes in an integer and returns its reverse representation, e.g. `reverse(12345) = 54321`.
You shouldn't convert the number into string and use String APIs.
2. Implement the `isPalindrome` method.
3. Look at the naive implementation of `largestPalindromeThreeDigitNumberProduct` method.
This method calculates the largest palindrome number, which is a product of 3 digit numbers.
4. Once you understand the `largestPalindromeThreeDigitNumberProduct` method, think of how you could generalise this approach so that it works for products of different number sizes
 - a. `largestPalindromeNDigitProduct(3)`
should return largest palindrome which is a product of two, 3 digit numbers
 - b. `largestPalindromeNDigitProduct(5)`
should return largest palindrome which is a product of two, 5 digit numbers
5. Optimise the method so that it runs in reasonable amount of time (~1s-2s) even for products of 7 digit numbers
6. Test your code by providing additional tests in the `NumberPalindromeTest` class.

Your implementation should be an efficient solution of the problem as discussed in the lectures. The algorithm should execute on the Web-CAT server in less than 5 seconds.