

# STRINGS



"There has never been a meaningful life built on easy street."

~ John Paul Warren



Good  
Evening

Welcome to easiest class of Intermediate class

Today's content → Introduction

- Flip
- Sort ch[]
- check if string is palindrome
- Longest Palindromic substring

String - → Array of characters  
→ Series of characters  
→ Group of characters

“abc”                  “acb”

Character → Assigned with a decimal value

{ ASCII TABLE }

‘A’ → 65

‘a’ → 97

‘0’ → 48

‘B’ → 66

‘b’ → 98

‘1’ → 49

‘C’ → 67

‘c’ → 99

‘2’ → 50

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‘3’ → 51

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.

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‘Z’ → 90

‘z’ → 122

‘9’ → 57

“a” + 1 → “a1”

‘10’ → Combination of char

Point (char)('a' + 1)

Point (char) (97 + 1)

String → Array of characters

String  $s = "abcd"$   
       $\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix}$

$s[] = \boxed{a|b|c|d}$   
       $\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix}$

Print ( $s[0]$ ) → a

Print ( $s[0]$ ) → a

- Q1. Given a char  $ch[]$ , **toggle** every character of array  
↓  
uppercase to lowercase  
lowercase to uppercase

Note :- char [] only contains lowercase or uppercase characters.

Eg :- scALeR → SCALEr

Eg :- aBcdE → ABCDe

Idea → Check if a character is in uppercase

$\left. \begin{array}{l} // ch \geq 65 \& \& ch \leq 90 \\ // ch \geq 'A' \& \& ch \leq 'Z' \end{array} \right\} \text{check}$

Convert to  
lowercase

$\boxed{ch + 32}$

$\boxed{ch - 65 + 97}$

$\boxed{\underline{ch - 'A' + 'a'}}$

Q1.  $'A' - 'A' + 'a' \Rightarrow 'a'$

Q2.  $'C' - 'A' + 'a'$

$$\underbrace{67 - 65 + 97}_{2 + 97} = \boxed{99} \quad 'c'$$

→ Check if a character is in lowercase

//  $ch \geq 'a'$  &&  $ch \leq 'z'$  } check  
 //  $ch \geq 97$  &&  $ch \leq 122$

conversion

$ch - 32$

$ch - 97 + 65$

$ch - 'a' + 'A'$

Toggle (char [] str)

for ( $i=0$ ;  $i < n$ ;  $i++$ )

TC: O(n)

SC: O(1)

    char ch = str[i];

    if ( $ch \geq 'A'$  &&  $ch \leq 'Z'$ ) {

        str[i] = (char) (str[i] + 32);

    }

    else {

        str[i] = (char) (str[i] - 32);

**Constraint** → You can't use if & else or ternary op

**Hint** → Think in direction of bit manipulation {TODO}

Q2. Given a char ch[], which contains only lower case alphabets. Sort given ch[], in alphabetical order.

Constraints:  $1 \leq N \leq 10^5$

Expected sc: O(1)

'a' ≤ ch[i] ≤ 'z'

Eg:- a abcaazd → aaabcdz

b caed → abcde

Brute force → Use inbuilt sorting function

Tc:  $O(n \log n)$

$$\text{max } n = 10^5$$

$$= 10^5 * \log_{10}(10^5)$$

$$= 10^5 * 5$$

$$= 5 * 10^5$$

Work

Q2. Optimised Approach

- Count the freq of each & every character
- Use the freq arr or freqmap to fill the given arr

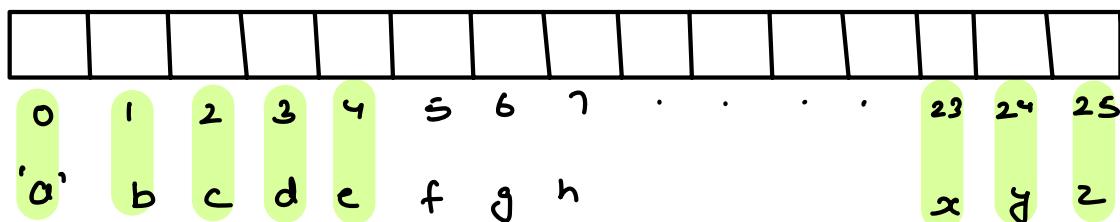
Eg:- ch[] = {z d a b c a z}

a → 2
b → 1
c → 1
d → 1
e → 0
f → 0
:
z → 2

ch = {a a b c d z z}

→ Array of size 26 which is going to store freq of each & every distinct char

int [ ] count = new int [26]



$$'a'(97) \xrightarrow{-97} 0$$

$$'b'(98) \xrightarrow{-97} 1$$

$$'c' (99) \xrightarrow{-97} 2$$

Eg:-  $ch[] = \{ \text{a c b a d} \}$

sorted

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$\text{char}[] \text{ sortStr} (\text{char}[] \text{str})$

$\text{int}[] \text{ count} = \text{new int}[26];$   $\# \text{count sort}$

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for ( $i=0$ ;  $i < n$ ;  $i++$ ) {
    int idx = str[i] - 'a';
    count[idx]++;
}
```

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// iterate on count arr & fill given arr with  
the frequencies of each & every character

$idx = 0$

$\text{for } (i=0; i < 26; i++)$

//  $\text{count}[i] \rightarrow$  frequency of  $(97 + i)$  character

$\text{int freq} = \text{count}[i];$

$\text{for } (j=1; j \leq freq; j++) \{ \rightarrow$  run for freq times

$\text{str}[idx] = (\text{char})(97 + i)$

$idx++;$

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$i$	$j = [i \rightarrow \text{freq of } i]$	no. of iterations
0	$j : [i - c[0]]$	$c[0]$
1	$j : [i - c[1]]$	$c[1]$
2	$j : [i - c[2]]$	$c[2]$
.	.	.
.	.	.
.	.	.
25	$j : [i - c[25]]$	$c[25]$

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length of  $chE$ )  
 $= O(n)$

Total TC:  $O(n)$

Total SC:  $O(26) = O(1)$

With the change in string size, will our  
 26 sized count array change?

Substring → Concept is same as subarray

- ↳ continuous part of string
- ↳ Full string is a substring
- ↳ single char of string is a substring

Q → check if given substring is **palindrome** or not.

Eg:- madam

nayan      }  
racecar      }  
a

P<sub>1</sub>P<sub>2</sub>  
↓↓  
char [] = { a n a m a d o m s p e }  
          0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

st = 3

end = 7

Idea → Use two pointers at st & end &  
check characters

```
boolean ispalindrome (char [] str, int st, int e)
```

```
while (st < e)
```

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    if (str [st] != str [e]) return false;
```

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    st ++;
```

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    e --;
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```
return true;
```

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3
```

TC: O(n)

SC: O(1)

Q Given a string, calculate length of longest palindromic substring

Constraint :-  $1 \leq N \leq 3 * 10^3$

Eg :- abacab d Ans = 5  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Eg :- abcd Ans = 1

char [] = { a n a m a d a m s p e } Ans = 5  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

BF Approach → Generate all the substrings & check if the substring is palindrome & then update the max length

$\Rightarrow$  # no. of substring \* check if the substring is palindrome

$$\left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] * n$$

$\approx n^2 * n$

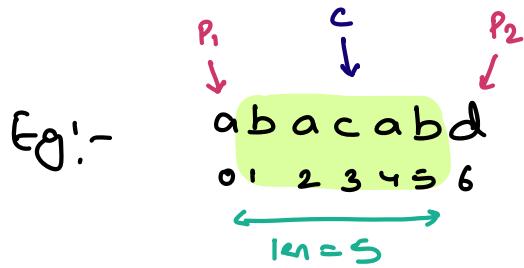
$$TC = O(n^3)$$

## Bruteforce

```
int longpal ( char[ ] str )  
    int ans=0  
    for ( i=0; i<n; i++ )           i=st  
        for( j=i ; j<n ; j++ ) {     j=end  
            // substring [i:j]  
            if ( ispalindrome ( str, i, j ) == true ) {  
                ans = Math.max ( ans, j-i+1 );  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return ans
```

TC:  $O(n^3)$   
SC:  $O(1)$

## Optimised Idea

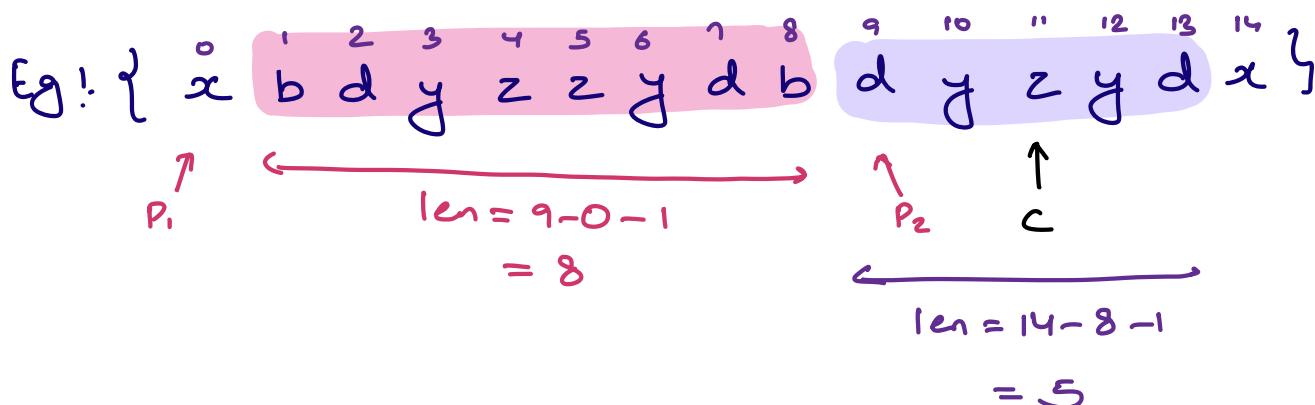


$(P_1, P_2) = \text{both included}$

$$\text{len} = P_2 - P_1 + 1$$

$(P_1, P_2) = \text{both excluded}$

$$\text{len} = P_2 - P_1 - 1$$



TC for expansion =  $O(n)$

Each character as possible center =  $n$

Idea 2 → Take every character as center & expand  
 Odd len palindromes { in both the direction & update our max length;  $TC \approx O(n^2)$

Even len palindromes { Take every adjacent pair as centers & expand around centers in both direction & update your max palindromic length:

TC for expansion =  $O(n)$

# Center =  $(n-1)$

For even TC  $\approx O(n^2)$   
len palindra

\* Overall  $TC = O(n^2 + n^2) \approx O(n^2)$

```
int longpal ( char [] str )
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int ans = 0
```

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for ( i=0; i<n; i++ ) { // odd length palindrome
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```
// center = i
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P1 = i , P2 = i
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int len = expand ( str, P1, P2 )
```

```
ans = Math.max ( ans, len );
```

```
}
```

```
for ( i=0; i<n-1; i++ ) { // even length palindrome
```

```
// center = i & i+1
```

```
P1 = i P2 = i+1
```

```
int len = expand ( str, P1, P2 )
```

```
ans = Math.max ( ans, len );
```

```
}
```

TC:  $O(n^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$

```
int expand ( char [ ] str, int P1 , int P2 )
```

```
while ( P1 ≥ 0 && P2 < n && str[ P1 ] == str[ P2 ] ) {
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    P1 = P1 - 1
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    P2 = P2 + 1
```

TC: O(n)

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```
return P2 - P1 - 1 ;
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Longest Palindromic substring

Brute force

O(n<sup>3</sup>)

Expand on

center  
O(n<sup>2</sup>)

DP

O(n<sup>2</sup>)

Manacher's Algo

O(n)

## Doubts

Eg :-  $n = 101$

$$n >> 1 = 010$$

$$\& n = 101$$

$$n = 101010$$

$$n >> 1 = 010101$$

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$\rightarrow$  n is containing alternating zeros

$$n = 10000$$

$$n >> 1 = 01000$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10000 \\ \hline 00000 \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow X$

Sachin = If ( $n \& 1 == (n >> 1) \& 1$ )

Sailent = val = 1

ans & val == 1

return 1

else return 0