

1.4 Palindrome Permutation - Given a string write a function to check if it is a permutation of a palindrome.

Parameters  $\rightarrow$  (String: palin)  $\rightarrow$  Can I always trust it's a string?

Return  $\rightarrow$  True if str is a palin permutation else false.

Simplest Problem

IN - "a"  $\rightarrow$  "ab"

OUT - True

IN - "abc"

OUT - False

IN - "cbc"

OUT - ~~False~~ True

IN - "bcc"

OUT - True

IN - "abcd"

OUT - False

IN - "adda"

OUT - True

IN - "ab b b a"

Edge Cases

$\rightarrow$  No chars

$\rightarrow$  All spaces

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Tool box

- Sorting

- Hash map / big array

Solutions

- Hash map of  
ints to hold counts  
make sure  
if odd there is  
one 1

- Sorting  
then  
checking  
count

Complexity

$O(n)$  - time

$O(1)$  - space

$O(n \log(n))$

Patterns

- ignore spaces

- if odd  $\rightarrow$  all chars should have even count except 1

- if even  $\rightarrow$  all chars should have even count

Code

def palinPerm(str):

dic = {}

for elem in str:

dic[elem] = dic.get(elem, 0) + 1

for val in dic.values():

if (val % 2 != 0 or (val % 2 == 1 and odd and notFound)):

else:  
return False

return True

$\rightarrow$  str = str.replace(' ', '')

if len(str) % 2 == 0

odd = True  
notFound = False