

A phrase is a palindrome if, after <sup>①</sup> converting all uppercase letters into lowercase letters and <sup>②</sup> removing all non-alphanumeric characters, it <sup>③</sup> reads the same forward and backward.

Ex)

① Input: s: "A man, a plan, a canal: Panama"

Output: True

Explanation: "amanaplanacanalpanama"

② Input: s: "race a car"

Output: False

Explanation: "raceacar"  $e \neq a$

① Solution

- Create reversed string (Memory usage  $O(n)$ ) and compare original and reversed (time complexity:  $O(n)$ )

1) Removing non-alphanumeric characters by using filter

$s = \text{filter}(\lambda x: x.isalnum(), s)$

$s = " ".join(s)$

2) Convert uppercase into lowercase

$s = s.lower()$

3) Create reversed string

$r = s[::-1]$

4) check

*or Only need to check half of strings*

for  $i$  in range(0, len(s)//2):

if  $s[i] \neq r[i]$ :

return False

return True