

# SHORT NOTES:-

## **STRING PATTERNS CHEAT SHEET**

✓ Goal / Problem Type	✓ Core Idea / Pointer Use
✓ Check Palindrome	Move inward comparing characters (2 pointers)
✓ Reverse String	Swap start/end, move pointers inward
✓ Reverse Words in Sentence	Reverse whole string, then reverse each word (2 pointers)
✓ Longest Palindromic Substring	Expand around center with 2 pointers
✓ Remove Outermost Parentheses	Track depth count with stack
✓ Remove Adjacent Duplicates	Stack → remove pairs
✓ Valid Parentheses	Stack → match opens/closes
✓ Longest Substring Without Repeat	Sliding window → grow/shrink to keep unique
✓ Longest Substring with at most K distinct	Sliding window → count distinct, shrink if > k
✓ Check Anagram	Sort or frequency array/map → compare counts
✓ Isomorphic Strings	HashMap → map s[i] to t[i] and vice versa
✓ Sort Characters by Frequency	Count freq in map → sort by freq
✓ Longest Common Prefix	Sort array → compare first and last string
✓ Largest Odd Number in String	Observation → find last odd digit
✓ Maximum Nesting Depth	Observation → count depth levels
✓ Roman to Integer	Observation → add/subtract based on next value
✓ Implement Atoi	Observation + parsing rules → convert string to integer

### ✓✓★ Mini Legend:

- ✓ *Two Pointers* → compare or reverse from ends
- ✓ *Stack* → matching pairs, nesting
- ✓ *Sliding Window* → move start/end to maintain condition

- ✓ *HashMap* → counting, mapping
- ✓ *Sort* → ordering or prefix compare
- ✓ *Observation* → direct property / rule