

(Not optimized)



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left
(to contract window)

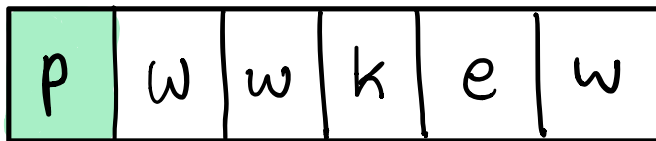
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right
(to extend window)

check for duplicates with:

- array

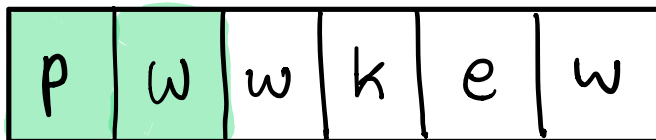
[
arr[ord(char)] += 1
]

- hashmap/Counter
Key: count



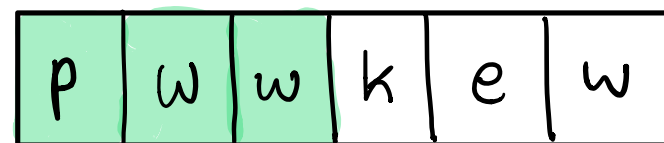
↑ ↑
left right

p:1 no duplicates of p, move right



↑ ↑
left right

p:1
w:1 no duplicates of w, move right

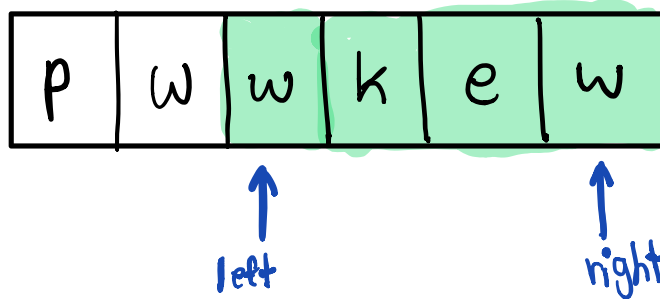
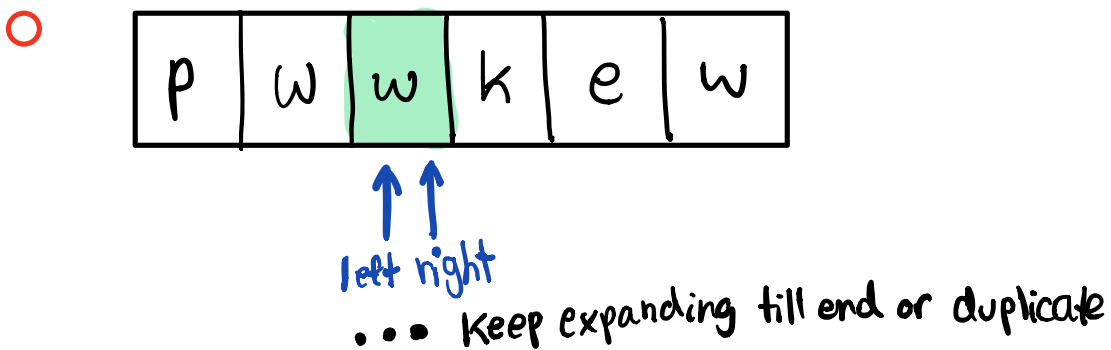
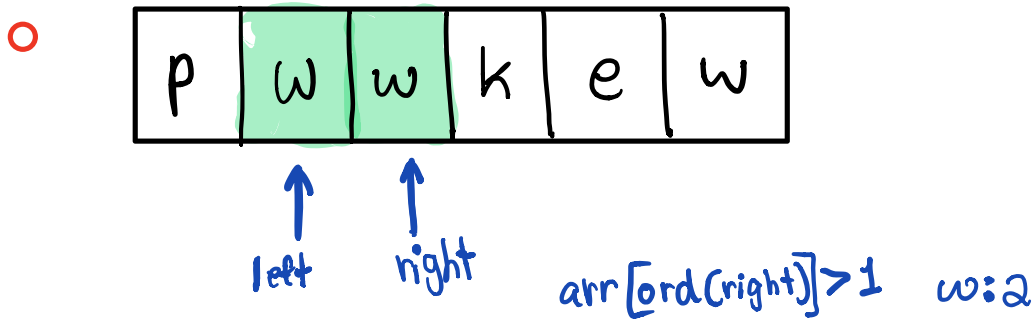


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left right

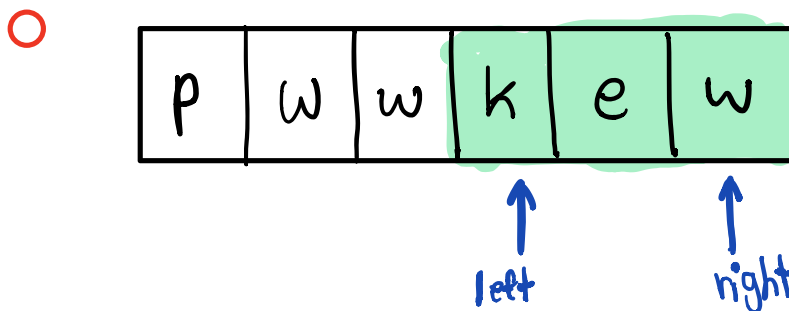
★ at the end of each loop, update max

res = max(res, right - left + 1)

p:1 ! duplicate of w!
w:2 while it's >1, keep moving the left

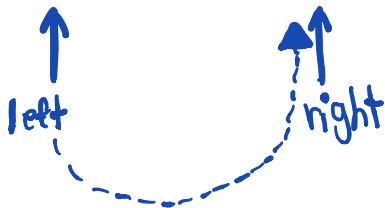
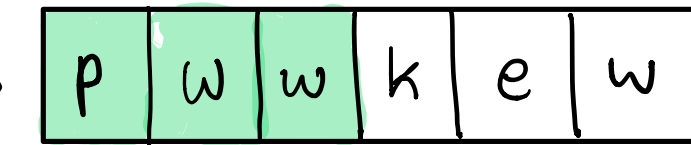


! duplicate, contract until no duplicates



while right < len(s):
 move right
 contract while duplicates
 update max

[a a a a a] → takes $O(2n) = O(n)$
space: $O(n)$



instead of one by one, move left to one
after the previous w. AKA record previous

$O(n)$ time, $O(m)$ space