

## Recursion - II

### Print String in Reverse

Objective: To print the string in reverse.

Base Case: If the string is empty:

return;

Reverse print the remaining string using recursion, and print then print the current character.

Time Complexity:  $O(N^2)$  [IMP]

Space Complexity:  $O(N^2)$  [IMP]

Time complexity will be  $O(N^2)$  because `s.substr(i)` takes  $O(N)$  times and it is called  $O(N)$  times.

Space complexity will be  $O(N^2)$  because `s.substr(i)` gives a string of  $O(N)$  size and it is called  $O(N)$  times.

**FollowUp:** Try to do this in  $O(N)$  time and space. Hint: Pass by reference and indices.

```
void reverse(string s) {  
    if (s.length() == 0) {  
        return;  
    }  
  
    string ros = s.substr(1);  
    reverse(ros);  
    cout << s[0];  
}
```

### Move all 'x' to the end of the string

Base Case: If the string is empty:

return "";

If the current character `ch` is 'x', we add the resultant string + `ch`,

Else we return `ch` + resultant string

Time Complexity:  $O(N^2)$  [IMP]

Space Complexity:  $O(N^2)$  [IMP]

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```
string moveallX(string s) {  
    if (s.length() == 0) {  
        return "";  
    }  
    char ch = s[0];  
    string ans = moveallX(s.substr(1));  
  
    if (ch == 'x') {  
        return ans + ch;  
    }  
    return ch + ans;  
}
```

## Remove Duplicates

Base Case: If the string is empty: //no duplicates

return "";

If the current character ch is 'x', we return resultant string + ch,

Else we return ch + resultant string

Time Complexity:  $O(N^2)$

Space Complexity:  $O(N^2)$

Time complexity will be  $O(N^2)$  because s.substr(i) takes  $O(N)$  times and it is called  $O(N)$  times.

Space complexity will be  $O(N^2)$  because s.substr(i) gives a string of  $O(N)$  size and it is called  $O(N)$  times.

```
string removeDup(string s) {  
    if (s.length() == 0) {  
        return "";  
    }  
    char ch = s[0];  
    string ans = removeDup(s.substr(1));  
  
    if (ch == ans[0]) {  
        return ans;  
    }  
    return (ch + ans);  
}
```

## Replace Pi

Base Case: If the string is empty:

return "";

If  $s[0] == 'p'$  and  $s[1] == 'i'$  :

print("3.14")

else:

print(s[0])

Time Complexity:  $O(N^2)$

Space Complexity:  $O(N^2)$

**FollowUp:** Try to do this in  $O(N)$  time and space. Hint: Pass by reference and indices.

```
void replacePi(string s) {  
  
    if (s.length() == 0) { //base case  
        return;  
    }  
  
    if (s[0] == 'p' && s[1] == 'i') {  
        cout << "3.14";  
        replacePi(s.substr(2));  
    }  
    else {  
        cout << s[0];  
        replacePi(s.substr(1));  
    }  
}
```

### Print all the subsequences

Objective: For each character, we have two choices, either we include it or not.

Time Complexity:  $O(2^n)$

Space Complexity:  $O(2^n)$

```
void subseq(string s, string ans = "") {  
  
    if (s.length() == 0) {  
        cout << ans << endl;  
        return;  
    }  
  
    char ch = s[0];  
    string ros = s.substr(1);  
  
    subseq(ros, ans);  
    subseq(ros, ans + ch);  
}
```

## Tower of Hanoi

Tower of Hanoi is a mathematical puzzle where we have three rods and  $n$  disks. The objective of the puzzle is to move the entire stack to another rod, obeying the following simple rules:

- 1) Only one disk can be moved at a time.
- 2) Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one of the stacks and placing it on top of another stack i.e. a disk can only be moved if it is the uppermost disk on a stack.
- 3) No disk may be placed on top of a smaller disk.

Idea: move all the  $n-1$  tiles to helper, and then place the remaining tile to dest and then place those  $n-1$  tiles back from helper to dest.

Time Complexity:  $O(2^n)$

Space Complexity:  $O(1)$

```
void towerofHanoi(int n, char src, char dest, char helper) {  
  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return; //base case  
    }  
  
    towerofHanoi(n - 1, src, helper, dest);  
    cout << "Move from " << src << " to " << dest << endl;  
    towerofHanoi(n - 1, helper, dest, src);  
}
```

Code for follow-ups:

1. [Reverse](#)
2. [Replace PI](#)