

# Strings

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Personal Goal → as close to 100%

## Basics

String



array of characters

~~group of characters~~

~~collection of characters~~

b  
a c

bac

a  
b c

abc

order is important in a string.

sequence of characters.

"eat" ≠ "ate"

"Hello"



double quotes  
for string

'a' 'b' → single quote for character

To denote characters we use equivalent int values.  
ASCII values.

character	'A'	to	'Z'	'a'	to	'z'	'0'	'9'
	↓		↓	↓		↓	↓	↓
ASCII	65		90	97		122	48	57

```
char ch = (char) 65
```

```
print(ch) // A
```

```
char ch = (char) ('a' + 1)
```

```
print(ch) // b
```

implicit typecast  
from char to int

explicit typecast

Note → Smaller data type to larger data type conversion is implicit.

```
int x = 'a'
```

```
print(x) // 97
```

ASCII

right functions to convert to

HW → Do the above in your language and find the

## Switch Case

Given a string **S**. Convert lowercase  $\rightleftharpoons$  uppercase

Input only contains alphabet.

Eg      Input = "Hello"  
          Output = "hELLO"

Input = "aDgbHJe"

Output = "AdGbHjE"

Input = "aBcD"

Output = "AbCd"

How to figure out if a character is lowercase?

given char ch

// condition of lowercase

if (ch >= 97 && ch <= 122)

↓

if (ch >= 'a' && ch <= 'z')

## Pseudocode

Given string  $s$

```
for  $i \rightarrow 0$  to  $N-1$  { //  $N = \text{length of } s$   
     $ch = s[i]$   
    // condition of lowercase  
    if ( $ch \geq 'a' \ \&\& \ ch \leq 'z'$ ) {  
         $s[i] = (\text{char}) (ch - 32)$   $'A'$   
↓  
65  
    }  
    else {  
         $s[i] = (\text{char}) (ch + 32)$   $'a'$   
↓  
97  
    }  
}
```

TC:  $O(N)$   
SC:  $O(1)$

If you forgot 32

$\text{int diff} = \text{abs}('a' - 'A')$

absolute value.

## Substring

→ similar to subarray.

→ a part of a string.

→ entire string can be a substring

→ a single character is also a substring

"" empty string is not a substring.

$s = \text{"abc"}$

"a"

"b"

"c"

"ab"

"bc"

"abc"

} 6  
substrings

$s = \text{"bxcd"}$

b

bx

bxc

bxcd

4

x

xc

xcd

3

c

cd

2

d

1

$$\text{No. of substrings} = \text{no. of subarrays} = \frac{n*(n+1)}{2}$$

## check palindrome

aa, noon

check if the given string  $s$  is a **palindrome** or not.

Eg : mom  $\rightarrow$  T  
dad  $\rightarrow$  T  
madam  $\rightarrow$  T  
eye  $\rightarrow$  T  
subham  $\rightarrow$  F

Reads same from left to right & right to left

reverse of  $s == s$

Bruteforce create a new string which is reverse of  $s$   
and now  $s == \text{reverse of } s$

Tc:  $O(N)$

Sc:  $O(N)$   $\rightarrow$  creation of reverse of  $s$

a b b a

a b b a

$l$   $r$

$\rightarrow$  stop when  $l \geq r$

## Pseudocode

$l = 0$

$r = N - 1$

a b b a  
 $l$   $r$

while ( $l < r$ ) {

if ( $s[l] \neq s[r]$ ) return false

$l++$  //  $l++$

$r--$  //  $r--$  Tc:  $O(N)$

Sc:  $O(1)$

}  
return true

How to find if a substring is a palindrome ?

start      end

Eg      a a m a d a m c c  
start      end

boolean checkPalindrome ( s, start, end)

l = start    r = end

a a a b b a b b  
l                      r

while ( l < r ) {

if ( s[l] != s[r] ) return false

l ++      // l++

r --      // r--      TC: O(N)

}

SC: O(1)

return true

}

TC: O(N)

SC: O(1)

Given a string  $s$ . Find the length of the longest **odd** length palindromic substring. \*\*\*\*

Eg  $a b c b c b x b$  Output 5

$a n a m a d a m$  Output 5

$f e a c a b a c a b g f$  Output 7

$a d a e b c d f d c b e t g g t e$  output - 9

Bruteforce — check all odd length substring for palindrome and return max length.

### Pseudocode

$ans = 0$

```
for i → 0 to N-1 {
  for j → i to N-1 {
    len = j - i + 1

    if (len % 2 == 1 && checkpalindrome(s, i, j))
      ans = max(ans, len)
  }
}
```

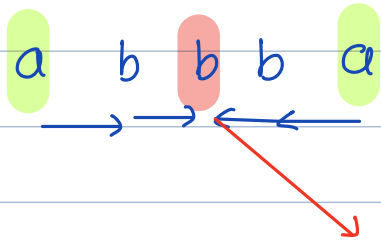
TC :  $O(N^3)$

SC :  $O(1)$

Break 10:37



## Observation



for odd length we will always meet at a single char

a n a m a d a m

ans = ~~1~~ ~~3~~ 5

For every index consider it as the centre of the palindrome and expand around it,

## Pseudocode

ans = 0

for  $i \rightarrow 0$  to  $N-1$  {

    len = 1

    l = i - 1

    r = i + 1

    while (  $l \geq 0$  &&  $r < N$  ) {

        if (  $s[l] \neq s[r]$  ) break

        l -= 1

        r += 1

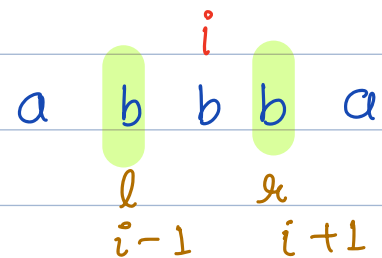
        len += 2

    }

    ans = max (ans, len)

}

print (ans)



TC:  $O(N^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$

Follow up find the even length palindrome

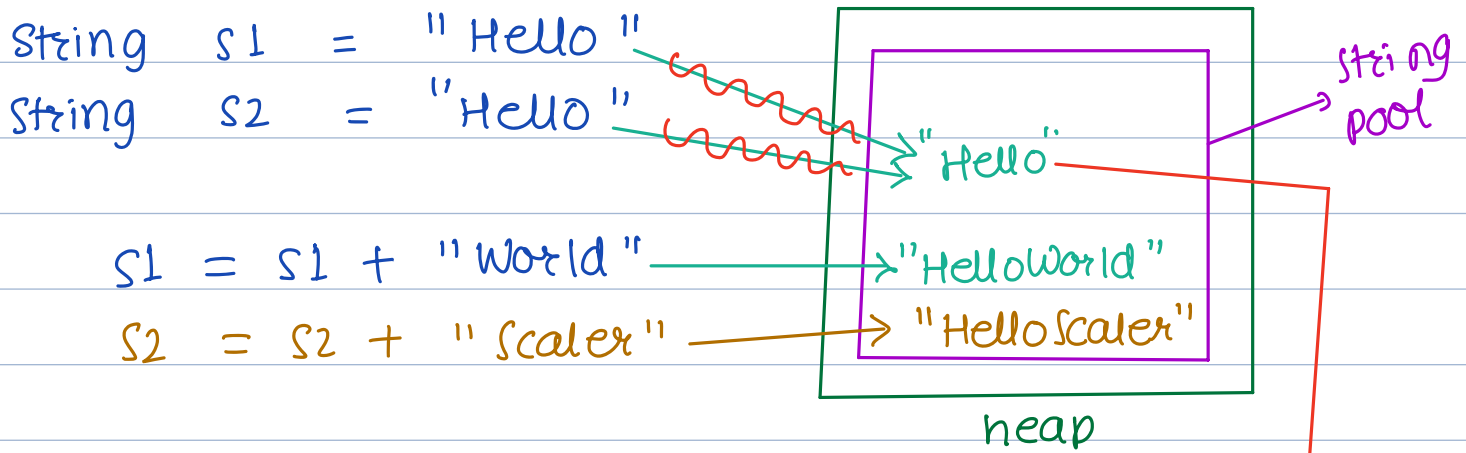
HW  $\rightarrow$  similar to above

$$l = i \quad r = i + 1$$

**Immutability**

{ In general we have finite no. of meaningful words }

Once created it cannot be changed



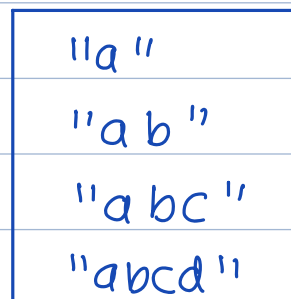
String is immutable C++, Java, Python

String s = "a"

s = s + "b"

s = s + "c"

s = s + "d"



Given a list of words. Form a sentence adding all the words. word length is at max 10

Input = ["a", "b", "c", "d", "efg"]    A[]  
Output = "abcdefg"

```
string s = ""  
for i → 0 to N-1 {  
    string word = A[i]  
    s = s + word  
}  
print(s)
```

TC :  $O(N^2)$

~~TC :  $O(N)$~~

$O(N)$  operation  
 $O(\text{length of } s)$

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String → Immutable

String Builder → Mutable

HW →

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Next class Interview problems.

`s = "abc"`

abc

`s = s + "def"`

abcdef

A =    1   2    3    4   5

for  $i \rightarrow 0 \text{ to } N-1$  {

|  
3

`val = A[i]`

`print(val)`

→

for (int val : A) {

|  
3

`print(val)`