

5. Longest Palindromic Substring



Given a string `s`, return *the longest palindromic substring* in `s`.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "babad"`

Output: `"bab"`

Explanation: `"aba"` is also a valid answer.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "cbbd"`

Output: `"bb"`

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 1000`
- `s` consist of only digits and English letters.

```
# Find better approach
class Solution:
    def longestPalindrome(self, s: str) -> str:
        total = 0
        c = 0
        ans = ""
        for i in range(len(s)):
            for j in range(i+1, len(s)+1):
                if total < j-i and s[i:j] == s[i:j][::-1]:
                    ans = s[i:j]
                    total = j-i
        return ans
```

8. String to Integer (atoi)



Implement the `myAtoi(string s)` function, which converts a string to a 32-bit signed integer.

The algorithm for `myAtoi(string s)` is as follows:

1. **Whitespace:** Ignore any leading whitespace (" ").
2. **Sign:** Determine the sign by checking if the next character is '-' or '+', assuming positivity if neither present.
3. **Conversion:** Read the integer by skipping leading zeros until a non-digit character is encountered or the end of the string is reached. If no digits were read, then the result is 0.
4. **Rounding:** If the integer is out of the 32-bit signed integer range $[-2^{31}, 2^{31} - 1]$, then round the integer to remain in the range. Specifically, integers less than -2^{31} should be rounded to -2^{31} , and integers greater than $2^{31} - 1$ should be rounded to $2^{31} - 1$.

Return the integer as the final result.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "42"`

Output: 42

Explanation:

The underlined characters are what is read in and the caret is the current reader position.

Step 1: "42" (no characters read because there is no leading whitespace)
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Step 2: "42" (no characters read because there is neither a '-' nor '+')
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Step 3: "42" ("42" is read in)
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Example 2:

Input: `s = "-042"`

Output: -42

Explanation:

Step 1: "___-042" (leading whitespace is read and ignored)
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Step 2: " _042" ('-' is read, so the result should be negative)
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Step 3: " -042" ("042" is read in, leading zeros ignored in the result)
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Example 3:

Input: `s = "1337c0d3"`

Output: 1337

Explanation:

Step 1: "1337c0d3" (no characters read because there is no leading whitespace)

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Step 2: "1337c0d3" (no characters read because there is neither a '-' nor '+')

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Step 3: "1337c0d3" ("1337" is read in; reading stops because the next character is a

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Example 4:

Input: s = "0-1"

Output: 0

Explanation:

Step 1: "0-1" (no characters read because there is no leading whitespace)

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Step 2: "0-1" (no characters read because there is neither a '-' nor '+')

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Step 3: "0-1" ("0" is read in; reading stops because the next character is a non-digit)

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Example 5:

Input: s = "words and 987"

Output: 0

Explanation:

Reading stops at the first non-digit character 'w'.

Constraints:

- $0 \leq s.length \leq 200$
- s consists of English letters (lower-case and upper-case), digits (0-9), '-', '+', and '.'.

```
# find optimized version
class Solution:
    def myAtoi(self, s: str) -> int:
        res = 1
        i = 0
        if not s: return 0
        while i < len(s) and s[i] == " ":
            i+=1
        if i < len(s):
            if s[i] == "+":
                i+=1
            elif s[i] == "-":
                res = -1
                i+=1
        while i < len(s) and s[i] == "0":
            i+=1

        temp = ""
        while i < len(s):
            if not ("0" <= s[i] <= "9"):
                break
            temp += s[i]
            i+=1
        if temp:
            res *= int(temp)
        else:
            return 0
        if res in range(-2**31, 2**31-1+1):
            return res
        elif res < -2**31:
            return -2**31
        else:
            return 2**31-1
        return 0
```

13. Roman to Integer



Roman numerals are represented by seven different symbols: I , V , X , L , C , D and M .

Symbol	Value
I	1
V	5
X	10
L	50
C	100
D	500
M	1000

For example, 2 is written as II in Roman numeral, just two ones added together. 12 is written as XII, which is simply X + II. The number 27 is written as XXVII, which is XX + V + II.

Roman numerals are usually written largest to smallest from left to right. However, the numeral for four is not IIII. Instead, the number four is written as IV. Because the one is before the five we subtract it making four. The same principle applies to the number nine, which is written as IX. There are six instances where subtraction is used:

- I can be placed before V (5) and X (10) to make 4 and 9.
- X can be placed before L (50) and C (100) to make 40 and 90.
- C can be placed before D (500) and M (1000) to make 400 and 900.

Given a roman numeral, convert it to an integer.

Example 1:

Input: s = "III"

Output: 3

Explanation: III = 3.

Example 2:

Input: s = "LVIII"

Output: 58

Explanation: L = 50, V = 5, III = 3.

Example 3:

Input: s = "MCMXCIV"

Output: 1994

Explanation: M = 1000, CM = 900, XC = 90 and IV = 4.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 15$
- s contains only the characters ('I', 'V', 'X', 'L', 'C', 'D', 'M').
- It is **guaranteed** that s is a valid roman numeral in the range $[1, 3999]$.

```
class Solution:
    def romanToInt(self, s: str) -> int:
        hashmap = {
            "I": 1,
            "V": 5,
            "X": 10,
            "L": 50,
            "C": 100,
            "D": 500,
            "M": 1000,
        }
        total = 0
        for i in range(len(s)):
            cur = hashmap.get(s[i])
            if i != len(s)-1 and cur < hashmap.get(s[i+1]):
                total -= cur
            else:
                total += cur
        return total
```

14. Longest Common Prefix



Write a function to find the longest common prefix string amongst an array of strings.

If there is no common prefix, return an empty string `""`.

Example 1:

Input: `strs = ["flower", "flow", "flight"]`
Output: `"fl"`

Example 2:

Input: `strs = ["dog", "racecar", "car"]`
Output: `""`
Explanation: There is no common prefix among the input strings.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{strs.length} \leq 200$
- $0 \leq \text{strs}[i].\text{length} \leq 200$
- $\text{strs}[i]$ consists of only lowercase English letters if it is non-empty.

```
class Solution:
    def longestCommonPrefix(self, strs: List[str]) -> str:
        n = len(strs)
        m = float("inf")
        for arr in strs:
            m = min(m, len(arr))
        ans = ""
        for i in range(m):
            ele = strs[0][i]
            for j in range(n):
                if ele != strs[j][i]:
                    return ans
            else:
                ans += ele
        return ans
```

151. Reverse Words in a String



Given an input string s , reverse the order of the **words**.

A **word** is defined as a sequence of non-space characters. The **words** in s will be separated by at least one space.

Return *a string of the words in reverse order concatenated by a single space*.

Note that s may contain leading or trailing spaces or multiple spaces between two words. The returned string should only have a single space separating the words. Do not include any extra spaces.

Example 1:

Input: $s = \text{"the sky is blue"}$
Output: "blue is sky the"

Example 2:

Input: `s = " hello world "`

Output: `"world hello"`

Explanation: Your reversed string should not contain leading or trailing spaces.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "a good example"`

Output: `"example good a"`

Explanation: You need to reduce multiple spaces between two words to a single space.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 10^4$
- `s` contains English letters (upper-case and lower-case), digits, and spaces ' '.
- There is **at least one** word in `s`.

Follow-up: If the string data type is mutable in your language, can you solve it **in-place** with $O(1)$ extra space?

```
class Solution:
    def reverseWords(self, s: str) -> str:
        result = []
        temp = ""
        n = len(s) - 1
        for i in range(len(s)):
            if s[i] != " ":
                temp += s[i]
            elif s[i] == " " and temp != "":
                result.append(temp)
                temp = ""
            if i == n and temp != "":
                result.append(temp)
        return " ".join(result[::-1])
```

205. Isomorphic Strings



Given two strings s and t , *determine if they are isomorphic*.

Two strings s and t are isomorphic if the characters in s can be replaced to get t .

All occurrences of a character must be replaced with another character while preserving the order of characters. No two characters may map to the same character, but a character may map to itself.

Example 1:

Input: $s = \text{"egg"}, t = \text{"add"}$

Output: true

Explanation:

The strings s and t can be made identical by:

- Mapping 'e' to 'a'.
- Mapping 'g' to 'd'.

Example 2:

Input: $s = \text{"foo"}, t = \text{"bar"}$

Output: false

Explanation:

The strings s and t can not be made identical as 'o' needs to be mapped to both 'a' and 'r'.

Example 3:

Input: $s = \text{"paper"}, t = \text{"title"}$

Output: true

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 5 * 10^4$
 - $t.length == s.length$
 - s and t consist of any valid ascii character.
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```
class Solution:
    def isIsomorphic(self, s: str, t: str) -> bool:
        char_index_s = {}
        char_index_t = {}

        for i in range(len(s)):
            if s[i] not in char_index_s:
                char_index_s[s[i]] = i

            if t[i] not in char_index_t:
                char_index_t[t[i]] = i

            if char_index_s[s[i]] != char_index_t[t[i]]:
                return False

        return True
```

242. Valid Anagram



Given two strings `s` and `t`, return `true` if `t` is an anagram of `s`, and `false` otherwise.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "anagram", t = "nagaram"`

Output: `true`

Example 2:

Input: `s = "rat", t = "car"`

Output: `false`

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length, t.length \leq 5 * 10^4$
- `s` and `t` consist of lowercase English letters.

Follow up: What if the inputs contain Unicode characters? How would you adapt your solution to such a case?

```
from collections import Counter

class Solution:
    def isAnagram(self, s: str, t: str) -> bool:
        cnt_s = Counter(s)
        cnt_t = Counter(t)
        if len(s) != len(t):
            return False
        for key, val in cnt_s.items():
            if cnt_s.get(key) != cnt_t.get(key):
                return False
        return True
```

451. Sort Characters By Frequency



Given a string `s`, sort it in **decreasing order** based on the **frequency** of the characters. The **frequency** of a character is the number of times it appears in the string.

Return *the sorted string*. If there are multiple answers, return *any of them*.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "tree"`

Output: `"eert"`

Explanation: 'e' appears twice while 'r' and 't' both appear once.

So 'e' must appear before both 'r' and 't'. Therefore "eetr" is also a valid answer.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "cccaaa"`

Output: `"aaaccc"`

Explanation: Both 'c' and 'a' appear three times, so both "cccaaa" and "aaaccc" are valid. Note that "cacaca" is incorrect, as the same characters must be together.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "Aabb"`

Output: `"bbAa"`

Explanation: "bbaA" is also a valid answer, but "Aabb" is incorrect.

Note that 'A' and 'a' are treated as two different characters.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 5 * 10^5$
- s consists of uppercase and lowercase English letters and digits.

```
# Use heap for better time complexity
from collections import Counter
class Solution:
    def frequencySort(self, s: str) -> str:
        cnt_s = Counter(s)
        res = ""
        for key, val in sorted(cnt_s.items(), key = lambda x: x[1], reverse = True):
            res += key * val
        return res
```

796. Rotate String



Given two strings s and $goal$, return `true` *if and only if* s can become $goal$ after some number of **shifts** on s .

A **shift** on s consists of moving the leftmost character of s to the rightmost position.

- For example, if $s = "abcde"$, then it will be `"bcdea"` after one shift.

Example 1:

```
Input: s = "abcde", goal = "cdeab"
Output: true
```

Example 2:

```
Input: s = "abcde", goal = "abced"
Output: false
```

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length, goal.length \leq 100$

- `s` and `goal` consist of lowercase English letters.

```
class Solution:
    def rotateString(self, s: str, goal: str) -> bool:
        if len(s) != len(goal): return False
        for i in range(len(goal)):
            if goal == s[i:] + s[:i]:
                return True
        return False
```

1021. Remove Outermost Parentheses



A valid parentheses string is either empty `""`, `"(" + A + ")"`, or `A + B`, where `A` and `B` are valid parentheses strings, and `+` represents string concatenation.

- For example, `""`, `"()"`, `"(()())"`, and `"(()(()))"` are all valid parentheses strings.

A valid parentheses string `s` is primitive if it is nonempty, and there does not exist a way to split it into `s = A + B`, with `A` and `B` nonempty valid parentheses strings.

Given a valid parentheses string `s`, consider its primitive decomposition: `s = P1 + P2 + ... + Pk`, where `Pi` are primitive valid parentheses strings.

Return `s` after removing the outermost parentheses of every primitive string in the primitive decomposition of `s`.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "(()())(())"`

Output: `"()()()"`

Explanation:

The input string is `"(()())(())"`, with primitive decomposition `"(()())" + "(())"`. After removing outer parentheses of each part, this is `"()()" + "()" = "()()()"`.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "(()())(()())"`

Output: `"()()()()"`

Explanation:

The input string is `"(()())(()())"`, with primitive decomposition `"(()())" + "(()())"`. After removing outer parentheses of each part, this is `"()()" + "()" + "()()"` = `"()()()()"`.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "()()"`

Output: `""`

Explanation:

The input string is `"()()"`, with primitive decomposition `"()" + "()"`. After removing outer parentheses of each part, this is `"" + ""` = `""`.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 10^5$
- `s[i]` is either `'('` or `')'`.
- `s` is a valid parentheses string.

```
class Solution:
    def removeOuterParentheses(self, s: str) -> str:
        ans = ""
        c = 0
        ind = 0
        for i in range(len(s)):
            if s[i] == "(":
                c+=1
            else:
                c-=1
                if c==0:
                    ans += s[ind+1:i]
                    ind = i+1
        return ans
```

1539. Kth Missing Positive Number



Given an array `arr` of positive integers sorted in a **strictly increasing order**, and an integer `k`.

Return the k^{th} **positive** integer that is **missing** from this array.

Example 1:

Input: `arr = [2,3,4,7,11]`, `k = 5`

Output: 9

Explanation: The missing positive integers are `[1,5,6,8,9,10,12,13,...]`. The 5th missing positive integer is 9.

Example 2:

Input: `arr = [1,2,3,4]`, `k = 2`

Output: 6

Explanation: The missing positive integers are `[5,6,7,...]`. The 2nd missing positive integer is 6.

Constraints:

- `1 <= arr.length <= 1000`
- `1 <= arr[i] <= 1000`
- `1 <= k <= 1000`
- `arr[i] < arr[j]` for `1 <= i < j <= arr.length`

Follow up:

Could you solve this problem in less than $O(n)$ complexity?

1614. Maximum Nesting Depth of the Parentheses

Given a **valid parentheses string** `s`, return the **nesting depth** of `s`. The nesting depth is the **maximum** number of nested parentheses.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "(1+(2*3)+((8)/4))+1"`

Output: 3

Explanation:

Digit 8 is inside of 3 nested parentheses in the string.

Example 2:**Input:** $s = "(1)+((2))+(((3)))"$ **Output:** 3**Explanation:**

Digit 3 is inside of 3 nested parentheses in the string.

Example 3:**Input:** $s = "()()((()()))"$ **Output:** 3**Constraints:**

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 100$
- s consists of digits 0-9 and characters '+', '-', '*', '/', '(', and ')'. It is guaranteed that parentheses expression s is a VPS.

```
class Solution:
    def maxDepth(self, s: str) -> int:
        total = 0
        c = 0
        for i in s:
            if i == "(":
                c+=1
            elif i == ")":
                c-=1
            total = max(total,c)
        return total
```

1781. Sum of Beauty of All Substrings



The **beauty** of a string is the difference in frequencies between the most frequent and least frequent characters.

- For example, the beauty of "abaacc" is $3 - 1 = 2$.

Given a string s , return the sum of **beauty** of all of its substrings.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "aabcb"`

Output: 5

Explanation: The substrings with non-zero beauty are ["aab", "aabc", "aabcb", "abcb", "bcb"]

Example 2:

Input: `s = "aabcbaa"`

Output: 17

Constraints:

- `1 <= s.length <= 500`
- `s` consists of only lowercase English letters.

```
class Solution:
    def beautySum(self, s: str) -> int:
        beutysum = 0
        n = len(s)

        for i in range(n):
            freq = defaultdict(int)
            for j in range(i, n):
                freq[s[j]] += 1
                max_freq = max(freq.values())
                min_freq = min(freq.values())
                beutysum += (max_freq - min_freq)
        return beutysum
```

1903. Largest Odd Number in String



You are given a string `num`, representing a large integer. Return the ***largest-valued odd*** integer (as a string) that is a ***non-empty substring*** of `num`, or an empty string `""` if no odd integer exists.

A **substring** is a contiguous sequence of characters within a string.

Example 1:

Input: num = "52"

Output: "5"

Explanation: The only non-empty substrings are "5", "2", and "52". "5" is the only odd number.

Example 2:

Input: num = "4206"

Output: ""

Explanation: There are no odd numbers in "4206".

Example 3:

Input: num = "35427"

Output: "35427"

Explanation: "35427" is already an odd number.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{num.length} \leq 10^5$
- num only consists of digits and does not contain any leading zeros.

```
import sys
sys.set_int_max_str_digits(55555555)
class Solution:
    def largestOddNumber(self, nums: str) -> str:
        ans = ""
        lenn = 0
        for i in range(len(nums)-1,-1,-1):
            if int(nums[i]) % 2 == 1:
                return nums[:i+1]
        return ans
```