

402. Remove K Digits

Solved

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Topics

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Given string `num` representing a non-negative integer `num`, and an integer `k`, return the smallest possible integer after removing `k` digits from `num`.

Example 1:

Input: `num = "1432219"`, `k = 3`

Output: `"1219"`

Explanation: Remove the three digits 4, 3, and 2 to form the new number 1219 which is the smallest.

Example 2:

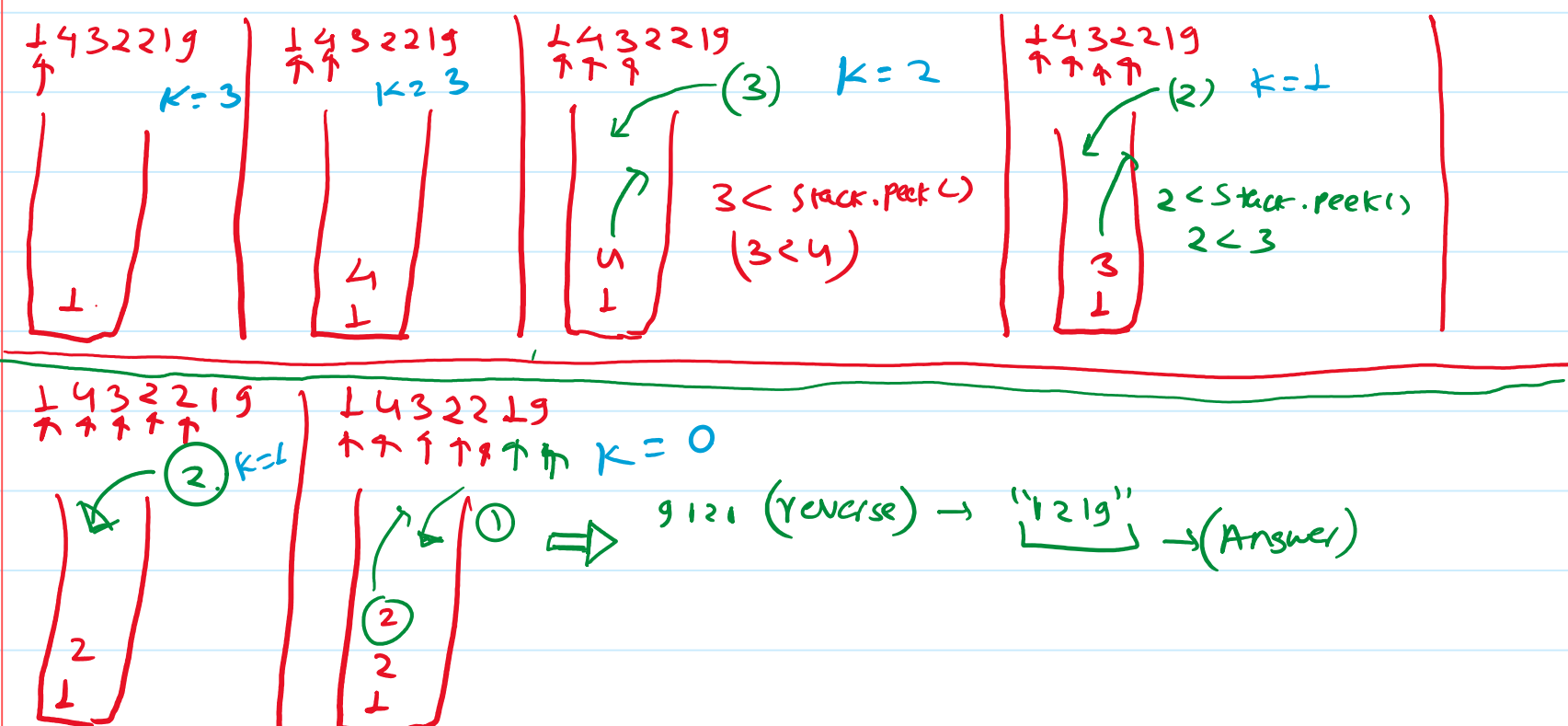
Input: `num = "10200"`, `k = 1`

Output: `"200"`

Example 3:

Input: `num = "10"`, `k = 2`

Output: `"0"`



Logic - if Number is arranged in increases then it is the smallest element

i.e. 1234567 this is the smallest Number...

Edge Case for k .

$k \leq n$

$k = n$

Direct return "0"

→ Because All digit remove

"00100"

"100"

→ eliminate the excess "0"

$k=3$ And All element are fix order

Suppose

"123456"

Stack (still $k=3$)
Then eliminate the

last k digits for smallest

i.e. 123456

→ "123" (Ans)

Code -

Way 1. If stack is full then pop out from there

Code -

fun (String s)

// Create Stack

Stack < Char > st

for (i = 0 → n - 1)

{ // insert into stack with condition check

while (!st.isEmpty() && k > 0 && st.peek() > s[i])

{ st.pop();

k = k - 1;

}

// And insert it

st.push(s[i]);

}

// if 9 se Order Case

while (k > 0) st.pop(), k--

// if empty return "0"

if (st.isEmpty()) return "0";

// pop out each thing from stack

res = " ";

while (!st.isEmpty())

{

res = res + st.pop();

}

// 3rd Back to 0 ke eta dete

while (res.size != 0 && res.back() != '0')

res.pop_back();

// reverse it
reverse(res);

// if empty return —

if (res.empty()) return "0";

return res;

}

2nd way — only put only k Element On stack

```
public String removeKdigits(String num, int k) {
    if(k >= num.length()) return "0";
    Stack<Character> stack = new Stack<>();

    int i = 0, n = num.length();
    while(i < n && k > 0){
        while(!stack.isEmpty() && num.charAt(i) < stack.peek() && k > 0)
            {stack.pop(); k--;}
        stack.push(num.charAt(i)); i++;
    }
    while(!stack.isEmpty() && k > 0){
        stack.pop(); k--;
    }

    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("");

    while(!stack.isEmpty()){
        sb.append(stack.pop());
    }

    sb.reverse();
    sb.append(num.substring(i, num.length()));
    while(sb.length() > 0 && sb.charAt(0) == '0')
        sb = new StringBuilder(sb.substring(1));
    if(sb.length() == 0) return "0";

    return sb.toString();
}
```

TC -- $O(3N) + O(k)$

space complexity : $O(N)$ due to using the stack

NOTE

in dry run

