

24. You are given a string *s*. Consider performing the following operation until *s* becomes empty: For every alphabet character from 'a' to 'z', remove the first occurrence of that character in *s* (if it exists). For example, let initially *s* = "aabcbbca". We do the following operations: Remove the underlined characters *s* = "aabcbbca". The resulting string is *s* = "abbca". Remove the underlined characters *s* = "abbca". The resulting string is *s* = "ba". Remove the underlined characters *s* = "ba". The resulting string is *s* = "". Return the value of the string *s* right before applying the last operation. In the example above, answer is "ba".

Code:

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def remove_characters_until_empty(s):  
    import string  
  
    while s:  
        prev_s = s  
        for char in string.ascii_lowercase:  
            s = s.replace(char, '', 1)  
        if not s:  
            return prev_s  
  
s = "aabcbbca"  
result = remove_characters_until_empty(s)  
print(result)
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Output:



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ba
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Time Complexity:

- $T(n) = O(n \cdot m)$