

Lab 5

Problem Description:

Write a program that receive two strings namely “str” and “letters” and finds the minimum window in “str” which will contain all the characters in “letters”. Input string “str” can take alphabets, numbers, spaces, commas and periods. It cannot exceed column 70 (max length of “str” \leq 70). The second line of the input “letters” will not be greater than the size of string “str”. The search is case-sensitive.

Input:

First line of the input is string “str” which needs to be searched in. Second line of the input takes the string “letters” which need to be searched for.

Output:

The minimum window in “str” which will contain all the characters in “letters”.

Hint:

Naïve approach will be to generate all possible substrings of “str” and then print the smallest substring that contains all the characters from “letters”.

Efficient approach will involve storing occurrences of each character in “letters” present in “str”. Loop through string “str” and increment a counter every time a character from “letters” is found. Once all characters are found, slide the window to find the substring with smallest length.

SR	Input	Output
1	qploresinazxrhqk nhoil erthf lion	nhoil
2	MKWPLNHNNKLASOPQ LRHLI HILL	LRHLI
3	1qnkyp098fSkkmnQry S9pkYn0Qd7 mksy0fRW0a7Sxzc Sky07	yS9pkYn0Qd7