

## 2.Medium\01.Sort\_characters\_by\_frequency.cpp

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1  /*
2  Question:
3  Given a string s, sort it in decreasing order based on the frequency of the characters.
4  The frequency of a character is the number of times it appears in the string.
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6  Approach:
7  1. Create a frequency map to count the occurrences of each character in the string.
8  2. Use a priority queue to sort the characters based on their frequencies in decreasing
   order.
9  3. Iterate through the priority queue and append the characters to a new string according to
   their frequencies.
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11 Code:
12 */
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14 string frequencySort(string s) {
15     unordered_map<char, int> mp;
16     for (auto c : s) {
17         mp[c]++;
18     }
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20     priority_queue<pair<int, char>> pq;
21     for (auto it : mp) {
22         pq.push({ it.second, it.first });
23     }
24
25     string ans = "";
26     while (!pq.empty()) {
27         auto curr = pq.top();
28         pq.pop();
29         ans.append(curr.first, curr.second);
30     }
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32     return ans;
33 }
34
35 /*
36 Time Complexity:  $O(n \log n)$ , where  $n$  is the length of the string. Building the frequency map
   takes  $O(n)$  time, and the priority queue operations take  $O(n \log n)$  time.
37 Space Complexity:  $O(n)$ , where  $n$  is the length of the string. The space is used to store the
   frequency map and the priority queue.
38 */
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