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## Question: Word Compression A student decides to perform some operatio...

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### Word Compression

A student decides to perform some operations on big words to compress them, so they become easy to remember. Please answer in Python 3.

## 2. Word Compression

A student decides to perform some operations on big words to compress them, so they become easy to remember. An operation consists of choosing a group of  $K$  consecutive equal characters and removing them. The student keeps performing this operation as long as it is possible. Determine the final word after the operation is performed.

### Example

*word* = "abbcccb"

*k* = 3

- Remove  $k = 3$  characters 'c', now *word* = "abbb".
- Remove 3 characters 'b', so the final word is "a".

It can be easily proven that the final word will be unique. Also, it is guaranteed that the final word consists of at least one character.

### Function Description

Complete the function *compressWord* in the editor below.

*compressWord* has the following parameter(s):  
 string *word*: a string of lowercase English letters  
 int *k*: the number of consecutive equal characters

Returns:  
 string : denotes the final word.

### Constraints

- $1 \leq |word| \leq 10^5$
- $1 < k \leq |word|$

### ▼ Input Format For Custom Testing

The first line contains a string, *word*, that denotes the word that needs to be shortened.

The second line contains a single integer, *k*, that denotes the number of consecutive characters that can be removed in one operation.

### ▼ Sample Case 0

#### Sample Input For Custom Testing

STDIN	Function
aba	→ <i>word</i> = "aba"
2	→ <i>k</i> = 2

#### Sample Output

aba

### Explanation

There are no consecutive equal characters to be removed. So, the final word stays intact "aba".

### ▼ Sample Case 1

#### Sample Input For Custom Testing

STDIN	Function
baac	→ <i>word</i> = "baac"
2	→ <i>k</i> = 2

#### Sample Output

bc

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### Explanation

Remove k=2 characters 'a' and the final word = "bc".

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## Expert Answer



Praveen Kumar Reddy answered this  
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def compressWord(word, k):
    # Take an empty list
    my_list = []

    for character in word:
        # Check if mylist is empty or not and last character is same
        if my_list and my_list[-1][0] == character:
            my_list[-1][1] += 1
            # Check for count equals to k
            if my_list[-1][1] == k:
                # Remove the last character from stack
                my_list.pop()
            else:
                # add it to end
                my_list.append([character, 1])

    output = ""
    # Find the result here
    for character, count in my_list:
        output += character * count

    # return the result
    return output

# Test the function here. This is not needed to copy, but just to test it.
print(f'compressWord("abbcccb", 3) ==> {compressWord("abbcccb", 3)}')
print(f'compressWord("aba", 2) ==> {compressWord("aba", 2)}')
print(f'compressWord("baac", 2) ==> {compressWord("baac", 2)}')
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22    # return the result
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#### TEST

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28 print(f'compressWord("aba", 2) ==> {compressWord("aba", 2)}')
29 print(f'compressWord("baac", 2) ==> {compressWord("baac", 2)}')
30
compressWord()
Run: rem duplicates
/home/hasheer/PycharmProjects/2020-Nov/venv/bin/python "/home/hasheer/PycharmProjects/
compressWord("abbcccb", 3) ==> a
compressWord("aba", 2) ==> aba
compressWord("baac", 2) ==> bc
Process finished with exit code 0
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### Task Description

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