

Custom Sort String

`S` and `T` are strings composed of lowercase letters. In `S`, no letter occurs more than once.

`S` was sorted in some custom order previously. We want to permute the characters of `T` so that they match the order that `S` was sorted. More specifically, if `x` occurs before `y` in `S`, then `x` should occur before `y` in the returned string.

Return any permutation of `T` (as a string) that satisfies this property.

Example :

Input:

`S = "cba"`

`T = "abcd"`

Output: `"cbad"`

Explanation:

"a", "b", "c" appear in `S`, so the order of "a", "b", "c" should be "c", "b", and "a".

Since "d" does not appear in `S`, it can be at any position in `T`. "dcba", "cdba", "cbda" are also valid outputs.

Note:

- `S` has length at most 26, and no character is repeated in `S`.
- `T` has length at most 200.
- `S` and `T` consist of lowercase letters only.

Solution 1

```
public String customSortString(String S, String T) {  
    int[] count = new int[26];  
    for (char c : T.toCharArray()) { ++count[c - 'a']; } // count each char in  
T.  
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();  
    for (char c : S.toCharArray()) {  
        while (count[c - 'a']-- > 0) { sb.append(c); } // sort chars both in  
T and S by the order of S.  
    }  
    for (char c = 'a'; c <= 'z'; ++c) {  
        while (count[c - 'a']-- > 0) { sb.append(c); } // group chars in T bu  
t not in S.  
    }  
    return sb.toString();  
}  
...
```

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Solution 2

```
class Solution {
public:
    string customSortString(string S, string T) {
        sort(T.begin(), T.end(),
            [&](char a, char b) { return S.find(a) < S.find(b); });
        return T;
    }
};
```

The second Edition. It is easier to understand.

```
class Solution {
public:
    string customSortString(string S, string T) {
        unordered_map<char, int> dir;
        for (int i = 0; i < S.size(); i++) {
            dir[S[i]] = i + 1;
        }
        sort(T.begin(), T.end(),
            [&](char a, char b) { return dir[a] < dir[b]; });
        return T;
    }
};
```

we also can use stl

```
class Solution {
public:
    string customSortString(string S, string T) {
        unordered_map<char, int> dir;
        int i = 0;
        transform(S.begin(), S.end(), inserter(dir, dir.end()),
            [&](char &a) { return make_pair(a, ++i); });
        sort(T.begin(), T.end(),
            [&](char a, char b) { return dir[a] < dir[b]; });
        return T;
    }
};
```

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Solution 3

Use bucket sort to achieve linear time.

1. Put string T into bucket;
2. Scan each character of S and construct the result string using bucket;
3. Scan bucket again to append the rest of characters which are not existing in string S.

Actually, this problem has two follow up questions:

Follow up 1: If the custom order S is too large, how to solve it efficiently?

Follow up 2: If the string T is too large, how to solve it efficiently?

```
class Solution {
    public String customSortString(String S, String T) {
        int[] bucket = new int[26];
        for (char c : T.toCharArray()) {
            bucket[c - 'a']++;
        }

        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        for (char c : S.toCharArray()) {
            for (int i = 0; i < bucket[c - 'a']; i++) {
                sb.append(c);
            }
            bucket[c - 'a'] = 0;
        }

        for (int i = 0; i < 26; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < bucket[i]; j++) {
                sb.append((char) (i + 'a'));
            }
        }

        return sb.toString();
    }
}
```

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