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(Priority Queue)

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(2 Approaches)

Reorganise String

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767. Reorganize String

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Given a string `s`, rearrange the characters of `s` so that any two adjacent characters are not the same.

Return any possible rearrangement of `s` or return `""` if not possible.

Examples :- "aabb" → abba

"aaab" →

Approach-1

Why heap?

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(*) The most I am worried about = char with max freq.

a a a b b b c d d

a → ~~3~~ ~~2~~ ~~1~~ 0

b → ~~3~~ ~~2~~ ~~1~~ 0

c → ~~1~~ 0

d → ~~2~~ ~~1~~ 0

result = 'a b a b d
a b c d'

(*) Store frequency. → (if freq > (n+1)/2 return "");

(*) max-heap (freq, char)



"a a b"

, n = 3

a b a

= 2

3/2 = ⌈1.5⌉ = 2



"aab"

$$, \underline{n=3}$$

a b a

$$\underline{=2}$$

$$3/2 = \lceil 1.5 \rceil = \textcircled{2}$$

$$\underline{\lceil n/2 \rceil = (n+1)/2}$$

"aaa"

$$n=3$$

$$\underline{a=3} \checkmark$$

$$(n+1)/2 = 2$$

---X

"aaab"

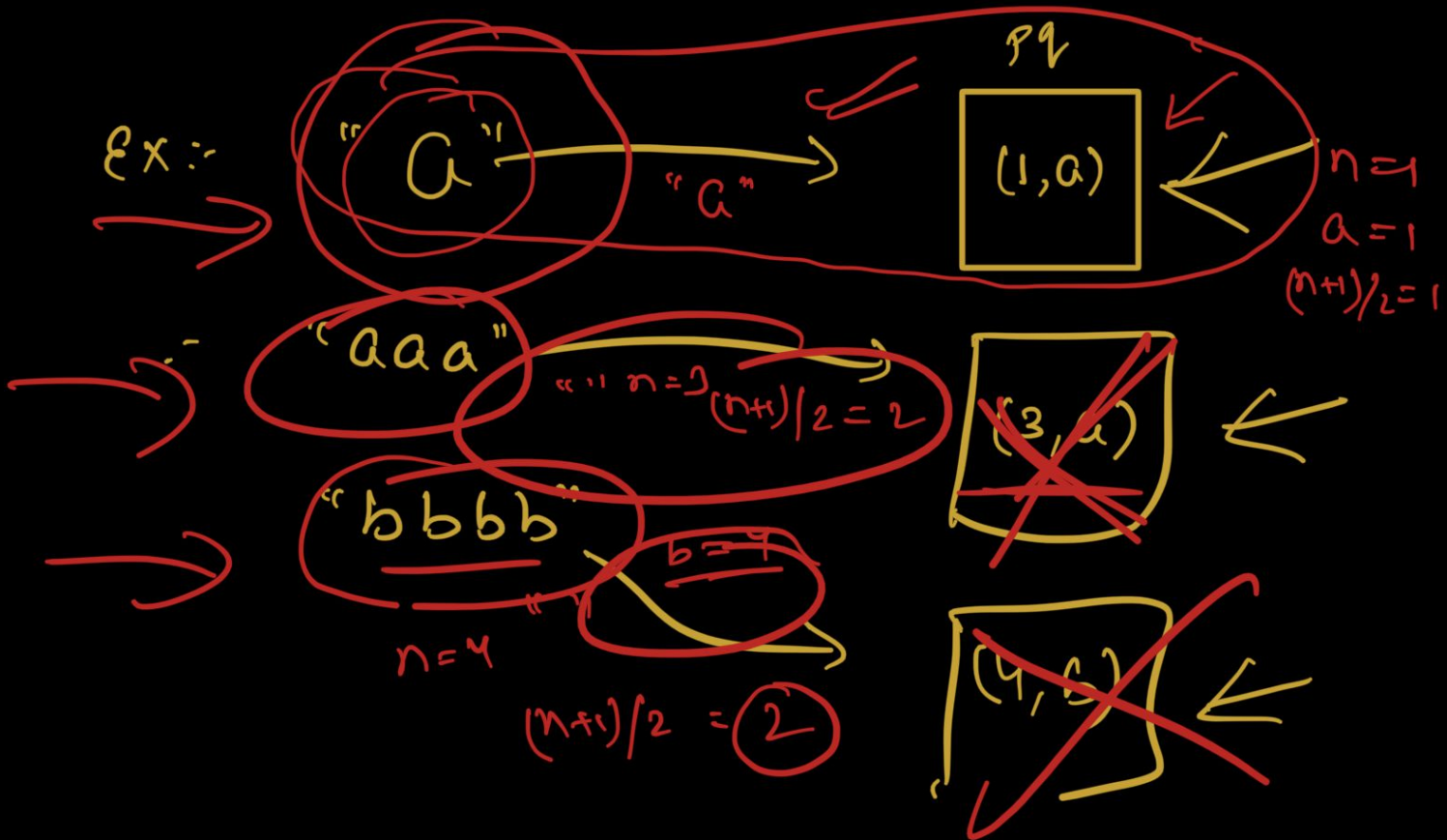
$$n=4$$

$$(n+1)/2 = 5/2 = 2$$

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while (pq.size() >= 2) {

→

}

Ex:- "a"

(1,a)

if (!pq.empty()) {

result = pq.top().second;

}

(1, a)
↑

Ex:- "a"

Story:-

① Store frequency of chars.

↳ if any char freq. $> (n+1)/2$
return " " ; ←

② Max-heap { (freq, char) }

③ while (pq.size() $>= 2$)

⇒ form your string

④

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if (!Pq.empty()) {  
    res = Pq.top().second ;  
}
```

"aaa bbb c d d" , n = 9

a → 3 }
b → 3 }

c → 1

d → 2

result = "badbad
cba"

(1, a)

max-heap

Approach - 2

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max



"aab"

a → ~~2~~ 1

a a
i=0 i=2

maxfre = 'a'
ce = 2

"aaa bbb c dd"

a b a c a d b d b
i=0 i=1 i=2 i=3 i=4 i=5 i=6 i=7 i=8

a = 0
~~b = 2~~ 0
~~c = 1~~ 0
~~d = 2~~ 0



"a a a b b b c d d"

a b a c a d b d b
i=0 i=1 i=2 i=3 i=4 i=5 i=6 i=7 i=8

~~a = 0~~
~~b = 2~~ 0
~~c = 1~~ 0
~~d = 2~~ 0



E.i.

Alternate.