Problem: Reverse Words with Delimiters

Company: Facebook

Scenario

Facebook asked this problem to test **string manipulation** and **delimiter handling**. The challenge is to reverse the words in a string while **preserving the delimiters in their original positions**.

Problem Statement

You are given a string s consisting of words and delimiters. You need to reverse the **words** in the string while keeping the relative order of the **delimiters** intact.

For example:

- Input: "hello/world:here"Output: "here/world:hello"
- Example 1:

Input:

"hello/world:here"

Output:

"here/world:hello"

Example 2:

Input:

"hello/world:here/"

Output:

"here/world:hello/"

Example 3:

Input:

"hello//world:here"

Output:

Constraints

- The input string may contain multiple delimiters (/, :, etc.)
- Words consist only of lowercase alphabets.
- Delimiters must remain in the same relative order.

Approaches

1. Split + Reconstruct (Simple)

- Use regex or manual parsing to separate words and delimiters.
- Reverse only the words.
- o Rebuild the string by placing reversed words back with original delimiters.

2. Two-Pointer Approach

- Traverse string and identify words.
- o Collect delimiters as they appear.
- o Reverse the list of words and merge with delimiters list.

3. Stack-based Approach

- o Push all words into a stack.
- Traverse the string again, placing delimiters as-is and popping words from stack in reverse order.

Practice Links

- LeetCode Discuss Similar Problem
- GeeksforGeeks String Reverse with Delimiters

Task for Students

- 1. Solve this problem in **multiple approaches** (at least 2).
- 2. Maintain your **GitHub repository** with:
 - o README.md (problem statement, explanation, approaches)
 - o Code files with multiple solutions.
 - Test cases.
- 3. Be ready to **explain your thought process** in the next session.