**Problem:** 

Joey likes to play with strings. He loves asking others for letters and making new words (by shuffling the letters

as he wishes) out of them which he then adds to his personal dictionary. And as with everything involving Joey, his

dictionary is special too of course. It only contains words that are Palindrome in nature (If the string is not palindrome in

nature, it is discarded and is not used in his dictionary).

Now Ross seeing this, decides to take on a tougher challenge and decides to help Joey by using all the

letters that are given to him and adding it to Joey's dictionary if its a palindrome & if its not a palindrome, to add

extra alphabets (assigned as - -modified) to the string to make a word that's palindrome in nature.

Now, it being Ross, as it is with most of his cases, he fumbles over his task & so requires our help to provide

new words for Joey by adding minimum number of alphabets & adding the alphabet in lexicographical order.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Prior Knowledge:** 

This requires a basic knowledge of **String manipulation** and how a **palindrome** is formed.

**Approach:** 

Here, we utilise the common logic of how many letters of a certain alphabet should be there for a string

to be palindrome. Here 2 cases arise:

Case 1: For EVEN Length of string. In such a case, the count of all alphabets in the string must be even.

Case 2: For ODD Length of string. In such a case, the count of all alphabets in the string must be even

except for the character in middle of the palindrome which has an Odd character count.

So, using these rules, we ensure that any string given to us can be converted into a palindrome. The

process to do this mainly comprise of 3 Steps:

**Step 1**: We get a **count** of how many times each *Alphabet* occurs in the string by taking index **0** in an array (of size 26 as we only have lower case letters as input) as **char 'a'**, **1** as **char 'b'** and so on and so forth.

**Step 2**: Keeping the last one alphabet that is Odd as it is, we convert any other alphabet that has Odd count to **Even** by **adding 1** to it.

The reason we keep one alphabet *Odd* is to maintain the smallest string possible and that happens to be odd length string in this case

**Step 3**: **Print** the characters from Array 0 to 26 one by one depending upon the count each one has. This takes care of the Lexicological Ordering too.

## CODE:

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string s,ch;
cin>>t;
for(w=0;w<t;w++)
{
  count=0;
                                    //<stdio.h>
  fflush(stdin);
  cin>>s;
  n=s.length();
          //Initalise the character count for all 26 Alphabets as 0
  for(i=0;i<26;i++)
      a[i]=0;
  //Find out count of each alphabet in string
  for(i=0;i<n;i++)
  {
      k=int(s[i])-int('a');
     a[k]++;
  }
 //Adjust no. of alphabets count - Going from 'z' to 'a'
  f=0;
               //Flag - To leave one alphabet as odd
  for(i=25;i>=0;i--)
  {
     if(a[i]\%2==1 \&\& f==0) //Odd no. count - Keep one unchanged
     {
              f=1;
                                 //Flag set
             continue;
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}
   else if (a[i]%2==1)
   {
           a[i]++;
           count++;
   }
}
if(count>0)
  cout<<"MODIFIED ";
else
  cout<<"ORIGINAL";
//Print the string in ascending order (Lexological order)
for(i=0;i<26;i++)
{
      if(a[i]>0)
   {
            ch=char(i+int('a'));
           for(j=a[i];j>0;j--)
           {
                      cout<<ch;
            }
  }
}
if(count>0)
     cout<<" "<<count;
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else cout<<" 0";
  cout<<endl;
}
return 0;
}</pre>
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