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1 import java.math.BigInteger;
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3 public class BinaryCounting {
4     private static boolean foundZero = false;
5     private static int lastRemoved = -1;
6
7     public static int process(String input) {
8         StringBuilder binary = new StringBuilder();
9         for (char c : input.toCharArray()) {
10             // https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/
11             // Formatter.html
12             binary.append(String.format("%8s", Integer.
13                 toBinaryString(c)).replace(' ', '0'));
14         } // 7 -> 111 -> 00000111
15
16         String afterBinary = removeSequence(binary.toString(),
17             2);
18
19         if (afterBinary.isEmpty()) return -1;
20         BigInteger binValue = new BigInteger(afterBinary, 2);
21         String octal = binValue.toString(8);
22
23         foundZero = false;
24         removeSequence(octal, 8);
25
26         if (!foundZero) return -1;
27         return lastRemoved;
28     }
29
30     public static String removeSequence(String input, int base
31 ) {
32         String current = input;
33         int num = 0;
34
35         while (true) {
36             String repr = Integer.toString(num, base);
37             int first = current.indexOf(repr);
38             if (first == -1) break;
39             int last = current.lastIndexOf(repr);
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37         current = current.substring(0, first) + current.
38         substring(first + repr.length());
39
40         if (last > first) {
41             current = current.substring(0, last - repr.
42             length()) + current.substring(last);
43         }
44
45         if (num == 0) foundZero = true;
46         lastRemoved = Integer.parseInt(repr, base);
47         num++;
48     }
49
50     public static void main(String[] args) {
51 //         String[] inputs = {
52 //             "Roses are red.",
53 //             "A is for Alpha; B is for Bravo; C is for
54 //             Charlie.",
55 //             "A stitch in time saves nine.",
56 //             "1, 2: Buckle my shoe! 3, 4: Shut the door!",
57 //             "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy
58 //             dogs."};
59     String[] inputs = {
60         "ACSL is 45 years old and going strong.",
61         "What was the first computer programming
62         language you learned?",
63         "Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! This is
64         from The Wizard of Oz.",
65         "zyxwvutsraponmlkjihgfedcba",
66         "~{w|x|y|z}"};
67
68     for (String input : inputs) {
69         int result = process(input);
70         System.out.println(result);
71     }
72 }
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