

Solution 1

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1 // Copyright © 2020 AlgoExpert, LLC. All rights reserved.
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3 class Program {
4     // O(b + s) time | O(b + s) space - where b is the length of the big
5     // input string and s is the length of the small input string
6     func smallestSubstringContaining(_ bigString: String, _ smallString: String) -> String {
7         let targetCharCounts = getCharCounts(smallString)
8         let substringBounds = getSubstringBounds(bigString, targetCharCounts)
9         return getStringFromBounds(bigString, substringBounds)
10    }
11
12    func getCharCounts(_ str: String) -> [Character: Int] {
13        var charCounts = [Character: Int]()
14        for char in str {
15            changeCharCount(char, &charCounts, 1)
16        }
17        return charCounts
18    }
19
20    func changeCharCount(_ char: Character, _ charCounts: inout [Character: Int], _ change: Int) {
21        if let count = charCounts[char] {
22            charCounts.updateValue(count + change, forKey: char)
23            return
24        }
25        charCounts[char] = change
26    }
27
28    func getSubstringBounds(_ str: String, _ targetCharCounts: [Character: Int]) -> [Int] {
29        var substringBounds = [0, Int.max]
30        var substringCharCounts = [Character: Int]()
31        var numUniqueChars = targetCharCounts.count
32        var numUniqueCharsDone = 0
33        var leftIdx = 0
34        var rightIdx = 0
35
36        // Move the rightIdx to the right in the string until you've counted
37        // all of the target characters enough times.
38        while rightIdx < str.length {
39            let rightStringIndex = str.index(str.startIndex, offsetBy: rightIdx)
40
41            let rightChar = str[rightStringIndex]
42            if targetCharCounts[rightChar] == nil {
43                rightIdx += 1
44                continue
45            }
46            changeCharCount(rightChar, &substringCharCounts, 1)
47            if substringCharCounts[rightChar] == targetCharCounts[rightChar] {
48                numUniqueCharsDone += 1
49            }
50
51            // Move the leftIdx to the right in the string until you no longer
52            // have enough of the target characters in between the leftIdx and
53            // the rightIdx. Update the substringBounds accordingly.
54            while numUniqueCharsDone == numUniqueChars, leftIdx <= rightIdx {
55                let leftStringIndex = str.index(str.startIndex, offsetBy: leftIdx)
56                substringBounds = getCloserBounds(leftIdx, rightIdx,
57                                                  substringBounds[0], substringBounds[1])
58                let leftChar = str[leftStringIndex]
59                if substringCharCounts[leftChar] == nil {
60                    leftIdx += 1
61                    continue
62                }
63                if substringCharCounts[leftChar] == targetCharCounts[leftChar] {
64                    numUniqueCharsDone -= 1
65                }
66                changeCharCount(leftChar, &substringCharCounts, -1)
67                leftIdx += 1
68            }
69            rightIdx += 1
70        }
71
72        return substringBounds
73    }
74
75    func getCloserBounds(_ idx1: Int, _ idx2: Int, _ idx3: Int, _ idx4: Int) -> [Int] {
76        if idx2 - idx1 < idx4 - idx3 {
77            return [idx1, idx2]
78        }
79        return [idx3, idx4]
80    }
81
82    func getStringFromBounds(_ str: String, _ bounds: [Int]) -> String {
83        let start = bounds[0]
84        let end = bounds[1]
85        if end == Int.max {
86            return ""
87        }
88
89        let startIdx = str.index(str.startIndex, offsetBy: start)
90        let endIdx = str.index(str.startIndex, offsetBy: end + 1)
91        let newStr = str[startIdx ..< endIdx]
92        return String(newStr)
93    }
94 }
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