[**https://www.hackerrank.com/challenges/string-construction/problem?h\_r=next-challenge&h\_v=zen**](https://www.hackerrank.com/challenges/string-construction/problem?h_r=next-challenge&h_v=zen)

[**https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/minimum-cost-construct-string/**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/minimum-cost-construct-string/)

**static int stringConstruction(String s) {**

**int count = 0;**

**int[] alphabet = new int[26];**

**for (int i = 0 ; i<s.length(); i++){**

**alphabet[s.charAt(i) - 97] =1 ;**

**}**

**for (int i = 0 ; i<26; i++){**

**if (alphabet[i] > 0)**

**count++;**

**}**

**return count;**

**}**

**------------------------------------------------------------------**

**hashMap method and Map.Entry**

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**static int stringConstruction(String s) {**

**int count = 0;**

**HashMap<Character,Integer> Map = new HashMap<>();**

**for(int i = 0 ; i<s.length(); i++){**

**if(!Map.containsKey(s.charAt(i)))**

**Map.put(s.charAt(i), 1);**

**continue;**

**}**

**for (Map.Entry<Character, Integer> entry : Map.entrySet()) {**

**count++;**

**}**

**return count;**

**}**