Alphabetical Substrings

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Week 2 > Problem Set 1 > Problem 3: Alphabetical Substrings

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Assume s is a string of lower case characters.

Write a program that prints the longest substring of s in which the letters occur in alphabetical order. For example, if $s = \arrangle a \arrangle a \arrangle b \arrangle a \arrangle b \arrangle a \arrangle b \arrangle a \arrangle$

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: beggh

In the case of ties, print the first substring. For example, if s = 'abcbcd', then your program should print

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: abc

For problems such as these, do not include <code>raw_input</code> statements or define the variable <code>s</code> in any way. Our automated testing will provide a value of <code>s</code> for you - so the code you submit in the following box should assume <code>s</code> is already defined. If you are confused by this instruction, please review L4 Problems 10 and 11 before you begin this problem set.

Note: This problem is fairly challenging. We encourage you to work smart. If you've spent more than a few hours on this problem, we suggest that you move on to a different part of the course. If you have time, come back to this problem after you've had a break and cleared your head.

s = 'wcebckxcszbluqua'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: bckx

s = 'kronnroi'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: nnr

s = 'rikawxdywxivnnueo'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: awx

s = 'wzrevqyncqugpwqwunbbxg'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: cqu
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s = 'gykbazezlmakd'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: gy
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s = 'xpsfziwkkitysvdbok'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: ity
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s = 'swgxqaoitfcgydvlw'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: cgy
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s = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
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s = 'swnobryvbcrxyw'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: bcrxy
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s = 'yedxjwwypxopusrxrj'

Output:

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Longest substring in alphabetical order is: jwwy
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s = 'unjtxkoam'

Output:

s = 'zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: z

s = 'pirmdhcboms'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: ir

s = 'vbkzrukvnwzwtltzdebs'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: bkz

s = 'qoqfjzmqarhkgl'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: fjz

s = 'klvmjzufmsrvubdscd'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: klv

s = 'cnvregkvf'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: egkv

s = 'imgatemovpfthcufsoqoire'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: emov

s = 'dkpwvgjnbu'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: dkpw

s = 'niziuzzeqpvgii'

Output:

Longest substring in alphabetical order is: iuzz