

Problem 3167: Better Compression of String

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 75.52%

Paid Only: Yes

Tags: Hash Table, String, Sorting, Counting

Problem Description

You are given a string `compressed` representing a compressed version of a string. The format is a character followed by its frequency. For example, `"a3b1a1c2"` is a compressed version of the string `aabacc`.

We seek a ****better compression**** with the following conditions:

1. Each character should appear ****only once**** in the compressed version.
2. The characters should be in ****alphabetical order****.

Return the **_better compression_** of `compressed`.

****Note:**** In the better version of compression, the order of letters may change, which is acceptable.

****Example 1:****

****Input:**** compressed = "a3c9b2c1"

****Output:**** "a3b2c10"

****Explanation:****

Characters "a" and "b" appear only once in the input, but "c" appears twice, once with a size of 9 and once with a size of 1.

Hence, in the resulting string, it should have a size of 10.

****Example 2:****

****Input:**** compressed = "c2b3a1"

****Output:**** "a1b3c2"

****Example 3:****

****Input:**** compressed = "a2b4c1"

****Output:**** "a2b4c1"

****Constraints:****

* `1 <= compressed.length <= 6 * 104` * `compressed` consists only of lowercase English letters and digits. * `compressed` is a valid compression, i.e., each character is followed by its frequency. * Frequencies are in the range `[1, 104]` and have no leading zeroes.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    string betterCompression(string compressed) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public String betterCompression(String compressed) {  
  
}  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def betterCompression(self, compressed: str) -> str:
```