

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 ``"aaabacc"``.

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:****

* $1 \leq \text{compressed.length} \leq 6 * 10^4$ * `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:
```