

Problem 471: Encode String with Shortest Length

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given a string

s

, encode the string such that its encoded length is the shortest.

The encoding rule is:

$k[\text{encoded_string}]$

, where the

encoded_string

inside the square brackets is being repeated exactly

k

times.

k

should be a positive integer.

If an encoding process does not make the string shorter, then do not encode it. If there are several solutions, return

any of them

.

Example 1:

Input:

s = "aaa"

Output:

"aaa"

Explanation:

There is no way to encode it such that it is shorter than the input string, so we do not encode it.

Example 2:

Input:

s = "aaaaa"

Output:

"5[a]"

Explanation:

"5[a]" is shorter than "aaaaa" by 1 character.

Example 3:

Input:

```
s = "aaaaaaaaaa"
```

Output:

```
"10[a]"
```

Explanation:

"a9[a]" or "9[a]a" are also valid solutions, both of them have the same length = 5, which is the same as "10[a]".

Constraints:

```
1 <= s.length <= 150
```

s

consists of only lowercase English letters.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    string encode(string s) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public String encode(String s) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def encode(self, s: str) -> str:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def encode(self, s):
        """
        :type s: str
        :rtype: str
        """
```

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {string} s
 * @return {string}
 */
var encode = function(s) {

};
```

TypeScript:

```
function encode(s: string): string {

};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public string Encode(string s) {

    }
}
```

C:

```
char* encode(char* s) {

}
```

Go:

```
func encode(s string) string {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun encode(s: String): String {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func encode(_ s: String) -> String {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn encode(s: String) -> String {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {String} s  
# @return {String}  
def encode(s)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String $s  
     * @return String  
     */  
}
```

```

*/
function encode($s) {

}

}

```

Dart:

```

class Solution {
  String encode(String s) {

  }

}

```

Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def encode(s: String): String = {

  }

}

```

Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec encode(s :: String.t) :: String.t
  def encode(s) do

  end

end

```

Erlang:

```

-spec encode(S :: unicode:unicode_binary()) -> unicode:unicode_binary().
encode(S) ->

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```

Racket:

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(define/contract (encode s)
  (-> string? string?)
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

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 * Difficulty: Hard
 * Tags: string, dp
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 * Approach: String manipulation with hash map or two pointers
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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Python3 Solution:

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class Solution:
    def encode(self, s: str) -> str:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

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