

Problem 3614: Process String with Special Operations II

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 16.43%

Paid Only: No

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Problem Description

You are given a string `s` consisting of lowercase English letters and the special characters: `'*'` , '#'` , and '%'` .`

You are also given an integer `k` .

Build a new string `result` by processing `s` according to the following rules from left to right:

* If the letter is a **lowercase** English letter append it to `result` . * A `'*'` **removes** the last character from `result` , if it exists. * A `'#'` **duplicates** the current `result` and **appends** it to itself. * A `'%'` **reverses** the current `result` .

Return the `k`th character of the final string `result` . If `k` is out of the bounds of `result` , return `'.'` .

Example 1.

Input: `s = "a#b%"` , `k = 1`

Output: `"a"`

Explanation.

`i | s[i] | Operation | Current result` ---|---|---|---
0 | `'a'` | Append `'a'` | `"a"` 1 | `'#'` | Duplicate `result` | `"aa"` 2 | `'b'` | Append `'b'` | `"aab"` 3 | `'%'` | Reverse `result` | `"baa"` 4 |

`i` | `s[i]` | Operation | Current `result` ---|---|---|--- 0 | `c` | Append `c` | `c` 1 | `d` | Append `d` | `cd` 2 | `%` | Reverse `result` | `dc` 3 | `#` | Duplicate `result` | `dcdc` 4 | `i` | Remove the last character | `dcd` 5 | `#` | Duplicate `result` | `dcd dcd` The final `result` is `dcd dcd`. The character at index `k = 1` is `a`.

Example 2.

Input: `s = "cd%##", k = 3`

Output: `"d"`

Explanation:

`i` | `s[i]` | Operation | Current `result` ---|---|---|--- 0 | `c` | Append `c` | `c` 1 | `d` | Append `d` | `cd` 2 | `%` | Reverse `result` | `dc` 3 | `#` | Duplicate `result` | `dcdc` 4 | `i` | Remove the last character | `dcd` 5 | `#` | Duplicate `result` | `dcd dcd` The final `result` is `dcd dcd`. The character at index `k = 3` is `d`.

Example 3.

Input: `s = "z*#", k = 0`

Output: `"."`

Explanation:

`i` | `s[i]` | Operation | Current `result` ---|---|---|--- 0 | `z` | Append `z` | `z` 1 | `i` | Remove the last character | `` 2 | `#` | Duplicate the string | `` The final `result` is ``. Since index `k = 0` is out of bounds, the output is `.`.

Constraints:

* `1 <= s.length <= 105` * `s` consists of only lowercase English letters and special characters `'i'`, `'#'`, and `'%'`. * `0 <= k <= 1015` * The length of `result` after processing `s` will not exceed `1015`.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    char processStr(string s, long long k) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public char processStr(String s, long k) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def processStr(self, s: str, k: int) -> str:
```