

# Problem 1092: Shortest Common Supersequence

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 61.62%

Paid Only: No

Tags: String, Dynamic Programming

## Problem Description

Given two strings `str1` and `str2`, return the shortest string that has both `str1` and `str2` as subsequences. If there are multiple valid strings, return any of them.

A string `s` is a subsequence of string `t` if deleting some number of characters from `t` (possibly 0) results in the string `s`.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `str1 = "abac", str2 = "cab"` **Output:** `"cabac"` **Explanation:** `str1 = "abac"` is a subsequence of `"cabac"` because we can delete the first `"c"`. `str2 = "cab"` is a subsequence of `"cabac"` because we can delete the last `"ac"`. The answer provided is the shortest such string that satisfies these properties.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `str1 = "aaaaaaaa", str2 = "aaaaaaaa"` **Output:** `"aaaaaaaa"`

**Constraints:**

`1 <= str1.length, str2.length <= 1000` `str1` and `str2` consist of lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    string shortestCommonSupersequence(string str1, string str2) {  
  
    }  
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {  
    public String shortestCommonSupersequence(String str1, String str2) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:  
    def shortestCommonSupersequence(self, str1: str, str2: str) -> str:
```