

76. Minimum Window Substring

Given two strings `s` and `t` of lengths `m` and `n` respectively, return *the **minimum window substring** of `s` such that every character in `t` (including duplicates) is included in the window. If there is no such substring*, return the empty string* `""`.*

The testcases will be generated such that the answer is **unique**.

A **substring** is a contiguous sequence of characters within the string.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "ADOBECODEBANC"`, `t = "ABC"`

Output: `"BANC"`

Explanation: The minimum **window** substring `"BANC"` includes `'A'`, `'B'`, and `'C'` from string `t`.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "a"`, `t = "a"`

Output: `"a"`

Explanation: The entire **string** `s` is the minimum window.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "a"`, `t = "aa"`

Output: `""`

Explanation: Both `'a'`s from `t` must be included in the window.

Since the largest window of `s` only has one `'a'`, return empty string.

Constraints:

- `m == s.length`
- `n == t.length`
- `1 <= m, n <= 105`
- `s` and `t` consist of uppercase and lowercase English letters.

Follow up: Could you find an algorithm that runs in `O(m + n)` time?

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def minWindow(self, s: str, t: str) -> str:
    if len(s)<len(t):
        return ""
    ans = ""
    mapT = collections.Counter(t)
    mapS = {}
    allowedLength = len(t)
    currLength = 0
    i = -1
    j = -1
    while True:
        f1 = False
        f2 = False
        while i<len(s)-1 and currLength<allowedLength:
            i = i+1
            ch = s[i]
            mapS[ch] = mapS.get(ch,0)+1
            if mapS[ch]<=mapT.get(ch,0):
                currLength = currLength+1
            f1 = True

        while j<i and currLength==allowedLength:
            pAns = s[j+1:i+1]
            if len(ans)==0 or len(pAns)<len(ans):
                ans = pAns
            j = j+1
            ch = s[j]
            if mapS[ch]==1:
                mapS[ch]=0
            else:
                mapS[ch] = mapS[ch]-1

            if mapS[ch]<mapT.get(ch,0):
                currLength = currLength-1
            f2 = True

        if f1 == False and f2 == False:
            break
    return ans

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