

22) You are given a string s . $s[i]$ is either a lowercase English letter or '?'. For a string t having length m containing only lowercase English letters, we define the function $\text{cost}(i)$ for an index i as the number of characters equal to $t[i]$ that appeared before it, i.e. in the range $[0, i - 1]$. The value of t is the sum of $\text{cost}(i)$ for all indices i . For example, for the string $t = \text{"aab"}$:

$\text{cost}(0) = 0$

$\text{cost}(1) = 1$

$\text{cost}(2) = 0$

Hence, the value of "aab" is $0 + 1 + 0 = 1$. Your task is to replace all occurrences of '?' in s with any lowercase English letter so at the value of s is minimized.

CODE:

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def minimize_string_value(s):
    alphabet = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
    result = list(s)

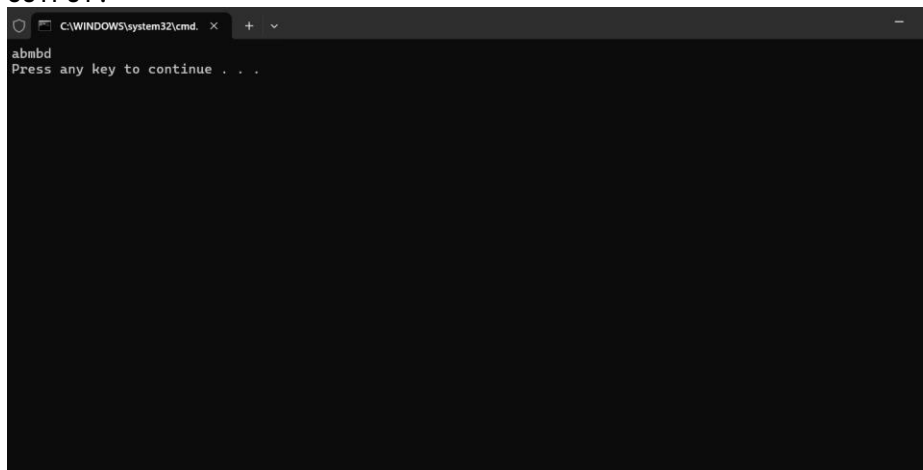
    for i in range(len(s)):
        if s[i] == '?':
            prefix = s[:i]
            min_cost = float('inf')
            best_char = ''

            for char in alphabet:
                cost = prefix.count(char)
                if cost < min_cost:
                    min_cost = cost
                    best_char = char

            result[i] = best_char

    return ''.join(result)
s = "a?m?d"
minimized_s = minimize_string_value(s)
print(minimized_s)
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OUTPUT:



TIME COMPLEXITY : $O(n^2)$

