

Reverse Shuffle Merge

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Given a string  $A$ , we define some operations on the string as follows:

a.  $reverse(A)$  denotes the string obtained by reversing string  $A$ . Example:  $reverse("abc") = "cba"$

b.  $shuffle(A)$  denotes any string that's a permutation of string  $A$ . Example:  
 $shuffle("god") \in ['god', 'gdo', 'ogd', 'odg', 'dgo', 'dog']$

c.  $merge(A1, A2)$  denotes any string that's obtained by interspersing the two strings  $A1$  &  $A2$ , maintaining the order of characters in both. For example,  $A1 = "abc"$  &  $A2 = "def"$ , one possible result of  $merge(A1, A2)$  could be  $"abcdef"$ , another could be  $"abdect"$ , another could be  $"adbectf"$  and so on.

Given a string  $s$  such that  $s \in merge(reverse(A), shuffle(A))$  for some string  $A$ , find the lexicographically smallest  $A$ .

For example,  $s = abab$ . We can split it into two strings of  $ab$ . The reverse is  $ba$  and we need to find a string to shuffle in to get  $abab$ . The middle two characters match our reverse string, leaving the  $a$  and  $b$  at the ends. Our shuffle string needs to be  $ab$ . Lexicographically  $ab < ba$ , so our answer is  $ab$ .

Function Description

Complete the reverseShuffleMerge function in the editor below. It must return the lexicographically smallest string fitting the criteria.

reverseShuffleMerge has the following parameter(s):

•  $s$ : a string

Input Format

A single line containing the string  $s$ .

Constraints

•  $s$  contains only lower-case English letters, `ascii[a-z]`

•  $1 \leq |s| \leq 10000$

Output Format

Find and return the string which is the lexicographically smallest valid  $A$ .

Sample Input 0

eggegg

Sample Output 0

egg

Explanation 0

Split "eggegg" into strings of like character counts: "egg", "egg"

$reverse("egg") = "gge"$

$shuffle("egg")$  can be "egg"

"eggegg" belongs to the merge of ("gge", "egg")

The merge is: **eggegg**.

'egg' < 'gge'

Sample Input 1

abcdefgabcdefg

Sample Output 1

agfedcb

Explanation 1

Split the string into two strings with like characters: **abcdefg** and **abcdefg**

Reverse **abcdefg** = **gfedcba**

Shuffle **agfedcb** can be **bcdefga**

Merge to **abcdefgabcdefg**

Sample Input 2

aeiouuoiea

Sample Output 2

aeiou

Explanation 2

Split the string into groups of like characters: **aeiou**

Reverse **aeiou** = **uoiea**

These merge to **aeiouuoiea**

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