

## 51. Sort Characters By Frequency

Given a string *s*, sort it in decreasing order based on the frequency of the characters. The frequency of a character is the number of times it appears in the string. Return the sorted string. If there are multiple answers, return any of them.

Example 1: Input: *s* = "tree" Output: "eetr" Explanation: 'e' appears twice while 'r' and 't' both appear once. So 'e' must appear before both 'r' and 't'. Therefore "eetr" is also a valid answer.

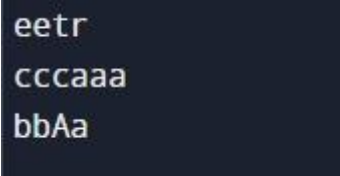
Example 2: Input: *s* = "cccaa" Output: "aaccc" Explanation: Both 'c' and 'a' appear three times, so both "cccaa" and "aaccc" are valid answers. Note that "cacaca" is incorrect, as the same characters must be together.

Example 3: Input: *s* = "Aabb" Output: "bbAa" Explanation: "bbaA" is also a valid answer, but "Aabb" is incorrect. Note that 'A' and 'a' are treated as two different characters.

AIM: To sort Characters by Frequency

PROGRAM:

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def frequencySort(s):  
    char_freq = {}  
    for char in s:  
        char_freq[char] = char_freq.get(char, 0) + 1  
    sorted_chars = sorted(char_freq.keys(), key=lambda x: char_freq[x], reverse=True)  
    sorted_str = ''.join([char * char_freq[char] for char in sorted_chars])  
    return sorted_str  
  
s1 = "tree"  
s2 = "cccaa"  
s3 = "Aabb"  
  
print(frequencySort(s1))  
print(frequencySort(s2))  
print(frequencySort(s3))
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eetr  
aaccc  
bbAa
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OUTPUT:

TIME COMPLEXITY:  $O(n + m \log m)$