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Consider the following:

- A string, s, of length n where  $s=c_0c_1\dots c_{n-1}$ .
- An integer, k, where k is a factor of n.

We can split s into  $\frac{n}{k}$  substrings where each subtring,  $t_k$ , consists of a contiguous block of k characters in s. Then, use each  $t_k$  to create string  $u_k$  such that:

- $\bullet$  The characters in  $u_i$  are a subsequence of the characters in  $t_i$  .
- Any repeat occurrence of a character is removed from the string such that each character in  $u_i$  occurs exactly once. In other words, if the character at some index j in  $t_i$  occurs at a previous index < j in  $t_i$ , then do not include the character in string  $u_i$ .

Given s and k, print  $\frac{n}{k}$  lines where each line i denotes string  $u_i$ .

#### Example

```
s = 'AAABCADDE'
k = 3
```

There are three substrings of length 3 to consider: 'AAA', 'BCA' and 'DDE'. The first substring is all 'A' characters, so  $u_1={}^{1}\text{A}'$ . The second substring has all distinct characters, so  $u_2={}^{1}\text{BCA}'$ . The third substring has 2 different characters, so  $u_3={}^{1}\text{DE}'$ . Note that a subsequence maintains the original order of characters encountered. The order of characters in each subsequence shown is important.

#### **Function Description**

Complete the merge\_the\_tools function in the editor below.

merge\_the\_tools has the following parameters:

- string s: the string to analyze
- int k: the size of substrings to analyze

#### Prints

Print each subsequence on a new line. There will be  $\frac{n}{k}$  of them. No return value is expected.

## Input Format

The first line contains a single string, 8.

The second line contains an integer, k, the length of each substring.

### Constraints

- $1 \le n \le 10^4$ , where n is the length of s
- $1 \le k \le n$
- It is guaranteed that n is a multiple of k.

# Sample Input

```
STDIN Function
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AABCAAADA s = 'AABCAAADA'
3 k = 3
```

## Sample Output

AB

CA

AD

## Explanation

Split s into  $\frac{n}{k} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$  equal parts of length k = 3. Convert each  $t_i$  to  $u_i$  by removing any subsequent occurrences of non-distinct characters in  $t_i$ :

1. 
$$t_0 =$$
 "AAB"  $ightarrow u_0 =$  "AB"

2. 
$$t_1 = exttt{"CAA"} 
ightarrow u_1 = exttt{"CA"}$$

3. 
$$t_2 = "\mathtt{ADA"} o u_2 = "\mathtt{AD"}$$

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Print each u_i on a new line.
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           ····#·your·code·goes·here
          if·__name__·==·'__main__':
    ....string, k·=·input(), ·int(input())
          ....merge_the_tools(string, k)
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