# **Merge the Tools!**

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Consider the following:

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

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

- 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  $u_1 = 'A'$ . The second substring has all distinct characters, so  $u_2 = 'BCA'$ . The third substring has 2 different characters, so  $u_3 = 'DE'$ . 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, s. The second line contains an integer, k, the length of each substring.

#### Constraints

- +  $1 \leq n \leq 10^4$  , where n is the length of s
- $1 \leq k \leq n$

• It is guaranteed that n is a multiple of k.

#### Sample Input

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STDIN Function
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AABCAAADA s = 'AABCAAADA'
3 k = 3
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## 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.  $t_1 = "CAA" o u_1 = "CA"$
- 3.  $t_2 =$  "ADA"  $\rightarrow u_2 =$  "AD"

Print each  $u_i$  on a new line.