

## Absent

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Given a string of symbols, it's natural to look it over and see what substrings are present. In this problem, you are given a string and asked to consider what substrings are absent. Of course, a given string has finite length and therefore only finitely many substrings, so there are always infinitely many strings that don't appear as substrings of a given string. We'll seek to find the lexicographically least string that is absent from the given string.

### *Input Format*

Each line of input contains a string  $x$  over the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$ .  $x$  may be the empty string, as shown in the second line of the input sample below, or a nonempty string.

### *Output Format*

For each input string  $x$ , find and output the lexicographically least string  $s$  over the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$  such that  $s$  is not a substring of  $x$ ; i.e.  $s$  is *absent* from  $x$ . Since the empty string is a substring of every string, your output  $s$  is necessarily nonempty. Recall that a string is lexicographically less than another string if it is shorter or is the same length and alphabetically less; e.g.  $b < aa$ ,  $abc < acb$ . Format each line of output to show  $s$  and  $x$ , as shown in the output sample below.

### *Input Sample*

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bcabacbaa
aaabacbbcacc
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### *Output Sample*

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bb is absent from bcabacbaa
a is absent from
aac is absent from aaabacbbcacc
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