## Recursive Strategy: Backwards String

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| • Recur first and process last? |  |
| (process as I move down the |  |
| recursive stack) |  |$\quad$| What should each recursive step do? |
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| For forwards recursion solutions: <br> How should I keep track of the running <br> answer? |

Alternate approach:

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| What should each recursive step do? | Print the first character |
| For backwards recursion solutions: <br> How should the problem be reduced on <br> each step? | Send progressively smaller Strings on each iteration where |
| For forwards recursion solutions: <br> How should I keep track of the running is missing its first character. <br> answer? | N/A |

