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Smallest ~~letter~~ Letter greater than target

- Smallest letter greater than target
- Exact same approach like ceiling of number
- but ignore the equal to part  
(target == what we are looking) X  
(mid)
- arr = ['c', 'd', 'g', 'j']

target = 'j'

smallestLetter(arr, 'c') => // 'd' ← ans

smallestLetter(arr, 'g') => // 'j' ← ans

smallestLetter(arr, 'j') => // 'c' ← ans

↑  
- if letter not found, just return  
first letter

↓  
Formula = start % length for returning  
first letter

↓  
How let's see:

when condition is violated or break:

↓  
~~start~~ start > end



- if target is a letter

<sup>0 1 2 3</sup>  
['c', 'd', 'g', 'j']

↑ target

<sup>s m e</sup>  
[ 'j' ]

↓ start = mid + 1;

at this point = 3 + 1 = 4

start becomes length of arr

$s > e \Rightarrow \text{start} == \text{length} \Rightarrow \text{true}$

apply formula

start % length

$4 \% 4 = 0$

so, it return 0 index which is first letter  
let's code

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smallestLetter(char[] arr, char target) {
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    int start = 0;
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    int end = arr.length - 1;
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    while (start <= end) {
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        int mid = start + (end - start) / 2;
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        if (target >= arr[mid]) {
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            start = mid + 1;
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        } else {
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```
            end = mid - 1;
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        }
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    }
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```
    return arr[start % arr.length];
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}
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