

M3 Challenge

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Write a function called `append()`, which will do the following: 1. add a element at the end of the array 2. return the length of the array

requirement: use pointer to write the function, make sure there is no memory leak if you dynamically allocated the memory of an object.

Example 1:

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input: arr[10] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0}, int input=2  
output: arr[11] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,2}, the length of new arr is 11
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Example 2:

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input: arr[3] = {1,2,3}, int input=31  
output: arr[4] = {1,2,3,31}, the length of new arr is 4
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Given an array of characters `chars`, compress it using the following algorithm:

Begin with an empty string `s`. For each group of consecutive repeating characters in `chars`:

If the group's length is 1, append the character to `s`.

Otherwise, append the character followed by the group's length.

The compressed string `s` should not be returned separately, but instead, be stored in the input character array `chars`. Note that group lengths that are 10 or longer will be split into multiple characters in `chars`.

After you are done modifying the input array, return the new length of the array.

You must write an algorithm that uses only constant extra space.

Example 1:

Input: `chars = ["a","a","b","b","c","c","c"]`

Output: Return 6, and the first 6 characters of the input array should be: `["a","2","b","2","c","3"]`

Explanation: The groups are "aa", "bb", and "ccc". This compresses to "a2b2c3".

Example 2

Input: `chars = ["a"]`

Output: Return 1, and the first character of the input array should be: `["a"]`

Explanation: The only group is "a", which remains uncompressed since it's a single character.

Example 3

Input: `chars = ["a","b","b","b","b","b","b","b","b","b","b","b","b"]`

Output: Return 4, and the first 4 characters of the input array should be: `["a","b","1","2"]`.

Explanation: The groups are "a" and "bbbbbbbbbbbb". This compresses to "ab12".

Constraints

`1 <= chars.length <= 2000`

`chars[i]` is a lowercase English letter, uppercase English letter, digit, or symbol.