

## Q15 Next permutation

i/p  $\rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$

o/p  $\rightarrow \{1, 3, 2\}$

Brute force

- 1) Generate all the permutations of the given array in sorted order

1 2 3	}	3! ways = 6 ways
1 3 2		
2 1 3		
2 3 1		
3 1 2		
3 2 1		

- 2) Linearly traverse the permutations & find the next permutation. If it exists simply return that else simply return the 1st permutation

Better solution

There is an inbuilt STL function namely `next_permutation` which changes the array to the next permutation

`next_permutation(arr.begin(), arr.end())`  
return arr;

Optimal solution

For example take 3 words `raj`, `rox` and `rbx`. Now `raj` comes first in the dictionary, then `rox` & then `rbx`. This is because of longer prefix match.

1) We need to find the prefix match.

arr → {2 1 5 4 3 0 0}

→ Leaving behind last zero and taking all remaining digits

2 1 5 4 3 0 0

No permutation possible.

→ Leaving behind last 2 digits and then see the permutation.

2 1 5 4 3 0 0

No permutation possible

→ Leaving behind last 3 digits & then see the permutation.

2 1 5 4 3 0 0

Permutation is possible but not greater & that's what we need.

→ Leaving behind last 4 digits & then see the permutation

2 1 5 4 3 0 0

Permutation possible but not greater.

→ Leaving behind the last 5 digits & then see the permutation.

1 5 4 3 0 0

Permutation possible but not greater

- Now leaving behind last 6 digits & then  
See the permutations.

2 1 5 4 3 0 0

Now permutations are possible which are  
greater & this happened as on right of 1  
there are numbers greater than 1.

- 2) 2 will stay but instead of 1 whom  
will we take.

2 1 | 5 4 3 0 0  
    >1      <1

Find someone greater than 1 but closest  
one.

2 3 0 0 1 4 5  
    >21

- 3) Try to place rest of digits in the sorted  
fashion.

Hence next permutation is 2 3 0 0 1 4 5.

### Algorithm

- 1) Find the breakpoint or the longest prefix  
match.

Initially index = -1.

Run a loop from n-2 to 0 & if we find  
any element such that  $a[i] < a[i+1]$ ,  
just store it in the index & break.

If index remains -1, this means there is no dip / breakpoint which implies that this is the last permutation & simply reverse the array & return that array.

- 2) Find someone just greater than the number at breakpoint.  
 Simply traverse in backward direction, just swap the 2 numbers once we found a greater element.

2 3 5 4 | 1 0 0  
 Simply reverse

2 3 0 0 | 4 5  $\Rightarrow$  Next permutation

### Code

```
void nextPermutation(vector<int> &nums)
{
    // Step-1 ⇒ Finding longest prefix match
    int n = num.size();
    int index = -1;
    for (int i = n-2; i >= 0; i--) {
        // Breakpoint condition
        if (nums[i] < nums[i+1]) {
            index = i;
            break;
        }
    }
    // Handling the edge case
    if (index == -1) {
        reverse(arr.begin(), arr.end());
        return;
    }
}
```

//Step-2  $\Rightarrow$  Swap number at breakpoint

```
for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {  
    if (nums[i] > nums[index]) {  
        swap(nums[i], nums[index]);  
        break;  
    }  
}
```

//Reverse array after break  $\rightarrow$  (sorted)

```
reverse (nums.begin() + index + 1, nums.end());  
}
```

Time complexity =  $O(n)$   
Space complexity =  $O(1)$