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## 3. Tool List

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A milling machine in a manufacturing facility has a tool change system. The tool changer holds *n* tools and some duplicate tools may be included. The operator must move through the tools one at a time, either moving left or right. The tool changer is circular, so when the last tool in the *tools* array is reached in either direction, the next tool is at the other end of the array.

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Given the name of the next tool needed, determine the minimum number of left or right moves to reach it.

## **Example**:

tools = ['ballendmill', 'keywaycutter', 'slotdrill', 'facemill']
startIndex = 1
target = 'ballendmill'

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The tool currently in use is *keywaycutter* at index 1. The desired tool is *ballendmill* at index 0. It can be reached by moving right 3 steps or left 1 step. The minimum number of moves is 1.

**Function Description** Complete the function *toolchanger* in the editor below.

toolchanger has the following parameter(s):

str tools[n]: an array of tool names arranged in the order they appear in the tool changer

int startIndex: index of the tool currently in use

str target: name of the tool needed

Returns:

int: minimum number of moves required to reach the needed tool

## **Constraints**

- 1 ≤ n ≤ 100
- 0 ≤ startIndex ≤ n-1
- 1 ≤ lengths of tools[i] and target ≤ 100
- target is in tools
- ► Input Format for Custom Testing
- **▼** Sample Case 0