

# Problem 1257: Smallest Common Region

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given some lists of

regions

where the first region of each list

directly

contains all other regions in that list.

If a region

$x$

contains a region

$y$

directly

, and region

$y$

contains region

$z$

directly

, then region

$x$

is said to contain region

$z$

indirectly

. Note that region

$x$

also

indirectly

contains all regions

indirectly

contained in

$y$

.

Naturally, if a region

$x$

contains (either

directly

or

indirectly

) another region

y

, then

x

is bigger than or equal to

y

in size. Also, by definition, a region

x

contains itself.

Given two regions:

region1

and

region2

, return

the smallest region that contains both of them

.

It is guaranteed the smallest region exists.

Example 1:

Input:

```
regions = [["Earth", "North America", "South America"], ["North America", "United States", "Canada"], ["United States", "New York", "Boston"], ["Canada", "Ontario", "Quebec"], ["South America", "Brazil"]], region1 = "Quebec", region2 = "New York"
```

Output:

"North America"

Example 2:

Input:

```
regions = [["Earth", "North America", "South America"], ["North America", "United States", "Canada"], ["United States", "New York", "Boston"], ["Canada", "Ontario", "Quebec"], ["South America", "Brazil"]], region1 = "Canada", region2 = "South America"
```

Output:

"Earth"

Constraints:

$2 \leq \text{regions.length} \leq 10$

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$2 \leq \text{regions}[i].\text{length} \leq 20$

$1 \leq \text{regions}[i][j].\text{length}, \text{region1.length}, \text{region2.length} \leq 20$

$\text{region1} \neq \text{region2}$

$\text{regions}[i][j]$

,

region1

, and

region2

consist of English letters.

The input is generated such that there exists a region which contains all the other regions, either directly or indirectly.

A region cannot be directly contained in more than one region.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    string findSmallestRegion(vector<vector<string>>& regions, string region1,
    string region2) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public String findSmallestRegion(List<List<String>> regions, String region1,
    String region2) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def findSmallestRegion(self, regions: List[List[str]], region1: str, region2:
    str) -> str:
```

## Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def findSmallestRegion(self, regions, region1, region2):
        """
        :type regions: List[List[str]]
        :type region1: str
        :type region2: str
        :rtype: str
        """
```

## JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {string[][]} regions
 * @param {string} region1
 * @param {string} region2
 * @return {string}
 */
var findSmallestRegion = function(regions, region1, region2) {

};
```

## TypeScript:

```
function findSmallestRegion(regions: string[][], region1: string, region2:
string): string {

};
```

## C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public string FindSmallestRegion(IList<IList<string>> regions, string
region1, string region2) {

    }
}
```

## C:

```
char* findSmallestRegion(char*** regions, int regionsSize, int*
regionsColSize, char* region1, char* region2) {
```

```
}
```

### Go:

```
func findSmallestRegion(regions [][]string, region1 string, region2 string)
string {

}

}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {
    fun findSmallestRegion(regions: List<List<String>>, region1: String, region2:
String): String {

    }
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {
    func findSmallestRegion(_ regions: [[String]], _ region1: String, _ region2:
String) -> String {

    }
}
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {
    pub fn find_smallest_region(regions: Vec<Vec<String>>, region1: String,
region2: String) -> String {

    }
}
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {String[][]} regions
# @param {String} region1
# @param {String} region2
```

```
# @return {String}
def find_smallest_region(regions, region1, region2)

end
```

## PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String[][] $regions
     * @param String $region1
     * @param String $region2
     * @return String
     */
    function findSmallestRegion($regions, $region1, $region2) {

    }

}
```

## Dart:

```
class Solution {
  String findSmallestRegion(List<List<String>> regions, String region1, String
region2) {

  }

}
```

## Scala:

```
object Solution {
  def findSmallestRegion(regions: List[List[String]], region1: String, region2:
String): String = {

  }

}
```

## Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec find_smallest_region(regions :: [[String.t]], region1 :: String.t,
```



```

region2 :: String.t) :: String.t
def find_smallest_region(regions, region1, region2) do

end

end

```

## Erlang:

```

-spec find_smallest_region(Regions :: [[unicode:unicode_binary()]], Region1
:: unicode:unicode_binary(), Region2 :: unicode:unicode_binary()) ->
unicode:unicode_binary().
find_smallest_region(Regions, Region1, Region2) ->
.

```

## Racket:

```

(define/contract (find-smallest-region regions region1 region2)
  (-> (listof (listof string?)) string? string? string?)
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# Solutions

## C++ Solution:

```

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 * Tags: array, string, tree, hash, search
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 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
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class Solution:
    def findSmallestRegion(self, regions: List[List[str]], region1: str, region2:
    str) -> str:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
```

### Python Solution:

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```

```
string): string {

};
```

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