

Problem 3304: Find the K-th Character in String Game I

Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Alice and Bob are playing a game. Initially, Alice has a string

word = "a"

.

You are given a

positive

integer

k

.

Now Bob will ask Alice to perform the following operation

forever

:

Generate a new string by

changing

each character in

word

to its

next

character in the English alphabet, and

append

it to the

original

word

.

For example, performing the operation on

"c"

generates

"cd"

and performing the operation on

"zb"

generates

"zbac"

.

Return the value of the

k

th

character in

word

, after enough operations have been done for

word

to have

at least

k

characters.

Example 1:

Input:

k = 5

Output:

"b"

Explanation:

Initially,

word = "a"

. We need to do the operation three times:

Generated string is

"b"

,

word

becomes

"ab"

.

Generated string is

"bc"

,

word

becomes

"abbc"

.

Generated string is

"bccd"

,

word

becomes

"abbcbbcd"

.

Example 2:

Input:

k = 10

Output:

"c"

Constraints:

$1 \leq k \leq 500$

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    char kthCharacter(int k) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public char kthCharacter(int k) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def kthCharacter(self, k: int) -> str:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def kthCharacter(self, k):
        """
        :type k: int
        :rtype: str
        """
```

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number} k
 * @return {character}
 */
var kthCharacter = function(k) {

};
```

TypeScript:

```
function kthCharacter(k: number): string {

};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public char KthCharacter(int k) {

    }
}
```

C:

```
char kthCharacter(int k) {

}
```

Go:

```
func kthCharacter(k int) byte {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun kthCharacter(k: Int): Char {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func kthCharacter(_ k: Int) -> Character {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn kth_character(k: i32) -> char {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer} k  
# @return {Character}  
def kth_character(k)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer $k  
     * @return String  
     */  
}
```

```

*/
function kthCharacter($k) {

}

}

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Dart:

```

class Solution {
  String kthCharacter(int k) {

  }

}

```

Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def kthCharacter(k: Int): Char = {

  }

}

```

Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec kth_character(k :: integer) :: char
  def kth_character(k) do

  end

end

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Erlang:

```

-spec kth_character(K :: integer()) -> char().
kth_character(K) ->

.

```

Racket:

```

(define/contract (kth-character k)
  (-> exact-integer? char?)
)

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Solutions

C++ Solution:

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 * Tags: string, math
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 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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class Solution:
    def kthCharacter(self, k: int) -> str:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

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