

# Problem 411: Minimum Unique Word Abbreviation

## Problem Information

Difficulty: Hard

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

A string can be

abbreviated

by replacing any number of

non-adjacent

substrings with their lengths. For example, a string such as

"substitution"

could be abbreviated as (but not limited to):

"s10n"

(

"s

ubstitutio

n"

)

"sub4u4"

(

"sub

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"

)

"12"

(

"

substitution

"

)

"su3i1u2on"

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"su

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)

"substitution"

(no substrings replaced)

Note that

"s55n"

(

"s

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tutio

n"

) is not a valid abbreviation of

"substitution"

because the replaced substrings are adjacent.

The

length

of an abbreviation is the number of letters that were not replaced plus the number of substrings that were replaced. For example, the abbreviation

"s10n"

has a length of

3

(

2

letters +

1

substring) and

"su3i1u2on"

has a length of

9

(

6

letters +

3

substrings).

Given a target string

target

and an array of strings

dictionary

, return

an

abbreviation

of

target

with the

shortest possible length

such that it is

not an abbreviation

of

any

string in

dictionary

. If there are multiple shortest abbreviations, return any of them

Example 1:

Input:

```
target = "apple", dictionary = ["blade"]
```

Output:

"a4"

Explanation:

The shortest abbreviation of "apple" is "5", but this is also an abbreviation of "blade". The next shortest abbreviations are "a4" and "4e". "4e" is an abbreviation of blade while "a4" is not. Hence, return "a4".

Example 2:

Input:

```
target = "apple", dictionary = ["blade", "plain", "amber"]
```

Output:

"1p3"

Explanation:

"5" is an abbreviation of both "apple" but also every word in the dictionary. "a4" is an abbreviation of "apple" but also "amber". "4e" is an abbreviation of "apple" but also "blade". "1p3", "2p2", and "3l1" are the next shortest abbreviations of "apple". Since none of them are abbreviations of words in the dictionary, returning any of them is correct.

Constraints:

$m == target.length$

$n == dictionary.length$

$1 \leq m \leq 21$

$0 \leq n \leq 1000$

$1 \leq dictionary[i].length \leq 100$

log  
2  
 $(n) + m \leq 21$

if  
 $n > 0$

target  
and  
dictionary[i]

consist of lowercase English letters.

dictionary  
does not contain  
target

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    string minAbbreviation(string target, vector<string>& dictionary) {
        }
    };
}
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public String minAbbreviation(String target, String[] dictionary) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minAbbreviation(self, target: str, dictionary: List[str]) -> str:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def minAbbreviation(self, target, dictionary):  
        """  
        :type target: str  
        :type dictionary: List[str]  
        :rtype: str  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string} target  
 * @param {string[]} dictionary  
 * @return {string}  
 */  
var minAbbreviation = function(target, dictionary) {  
  
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function minAbbreviation(target: string, dictionary: string[]): string {  
  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public string MinAbbreviation(string target, string[] dictionary) {
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

**C:**

```
char* minAbbreviation(char* target, char** dictionary, int dictionarySize) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func minAbbreviation(target string, dictionary []string) string {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun minAbbreviation(target: String, dictionary: Array<String>): String {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func minAbbreviation(_ target: String, _ dictionary: [String]) -> String {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn min_abbreviation(target: String, dictionary: Vec<String>) -> String {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {String} target
# @param {String[]} dictionary
# @return {String}
def minAbbreviation(target, dictionary)

end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String $target
     * @param String[] $dictionary
     * @return String
     */
    function minAbbreviation($target, $dictionary) {

    }
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {
    String minAbbreviation(String target, List<String> dictionary) {
    }
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {
    def minAbbreviation(target: String, dictionary: Array[String]): String = {
    }
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec min_abbreviation(target :: String.t, dictionary :: [String.t]) :: String.t
  def min_abbreviation(target, dictionary) do
```

```
end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec min_abbreviation(Target :: unicode:unicode_binary(), Dictionary ::  
[unicode:unicode_binary()]) -> unicode:unicode_binary().  
min_abbreviation(Target, Dictionary) ->  
. . .
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (min-abbreviation target dictionary)  
(-> string? (listof string?) string?)  
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## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

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 * Tags: array, string, tree  
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 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
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class Solution {
    public String minAbbreviation(String target, String[] dictionary) {
        return null;
    }
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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class Solution:
    def minAbbreviation(self, target: str, dictionary: List[str]) -> str:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

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```

class Solution(object):
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