

# Problem 1286: Iterator for Combination

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 72.58%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** String, Backtracking, Design, Iterator

## Problem Description

Design the `CombinationIterator` class:

\* `CombinationIterator(string characters, int combinationLength)` Initializes the object with a string `characters` of \*\*sorted distinct\*\* lowercase English letters and a number `combinationLength` as arguments.  
\* `next()` Returns the next combination of length `combinationLength` in \*\*lexicographical order\*\*.  
\* `hasNext()` Returns `true` if and only if there exists a next combination.

\*\*Example 1:\*\*

```
**Input** ["CombinationIterator", "next", "hasNext", "next", "hasNext", "next", "hasNext"]
[["abc", 2], [], [], [], [], []] **Output** [null, "ab", true, "ac", true, "bc", false] **Explanation**
CombinationIterator itr = new CombinationIterator("abc", 2); itr.next(); // return "ab"
itr.hasNext(); // return True itr.next(); // return "ac" itr.hasNext(); // return True itr.next(); //
return "bc" itr.hasNext(); // return False
```

\*\*Constraints:\*\*

\* `1 <= combinationLength <= characters.length <= 15` \* All the characters of `characters` are \*\*unique\*\*. \* At most `104` calls will be made to `next` and `hasNext`. \* It is guaranteed that all calls of the function `next` are valid.

## Code Snippets

C++:

```

class CombinationIterator {
public:
    CombinationIterator(string characters, int combinationLength) {

    }

    string next() {

    }

    bool hasNext() {

    }
};

/***
 * Your CombinationIterator object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * CombinationIterator* obj = new CombinationIterator(characters,
combinationLength);
 * string param_1 = obj->next();
 * bool param_2 = obj->hasNext();
 */

```

**Java:**

```

class CombinationIterator {

public CombinationIterator(String characters, int combinationLength) {

}

public String next() {

}

public boolean hasNext() {

}

}

/***
 * Your CombinationIterator object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * CombinationIterator obj = new CombinationIterator(characters,

```

```
combinationLength);  
* String param_1 = obj.next();  
* boolean param_2 = obj.hasNext();  
*/
```

### Python3:

```
class CombinationIterator:  
  
    def __init__(self, characters: str, combinationLength: int):  
  
        def next(self) -> str:  
  
            def hasNext(self) -> bool:  
  
                # Your CombinationIterator object will be instantiated and called as such:  
                # obj = CombinationIterator(characters, combinationLength)  
                # param_1 = obj.next()  
                # param_2 = obj.hasNext()
```