

Problem 744: Find Smallest Letter Greater Than Target

Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

You are given an array of characters

letters

that is sorted in

non-decreasing order

, and a character

target

. There are

at least two different

characters in

letters

.

Return

the smallest character in

letters

that is lexicographically greater than

target

. If such a character does not exist, return the first character in

letters

.

Example 1:

Input:

letters = ["c", "f", "j"], target = "a"

Output:

"c"

Explanation:

The smallest character that is lexicographically greater than 'a' in letters is 'c'.

Example 2:

Input:

letters = ["c", "f", "j"], target = "c"

Output:

"f"

Explanation:

The smallest character that is lexicographically greater than 'c' in letters is 'f'.

Example 3:

Input:

```
letters = ["x", "x", "y", "y"], target = "z"
```

Output:

"x"

Explanation:

There are no characters in letters that is lexicographically greater than 'z' so we return letters[0].

Constraints:

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

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letters[i]

is a lowercase English letter.

letters

is sorted in

non-decreasing

order.

letters

contains at least two different characters.

target

is a lowercase English letter.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    char nextGreatestLetter(vector<char>& letters, char target) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public char nextGreatestLetter(char[] letters, char target) {  
  
}  
}
```

Python3:

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

Python:

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

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {character[]} letters  
 * @param {character} target  
 * @return {character}  
 */  
var nextGreatestLetter = function(letters, target) {  
  
};
```

TypeScript:

```
function nextGreatestLetter(letters: string[], target: string): string {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public char NextGreatestLetter(char[] letters, char target) {  
  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
char nextGreatestLetter(char* letters, int lettersSize, char target) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func nextGreatestLetter(letters []byte, target byte) byte {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun nextGreatestLetter(letters: CharArray, target: Char): Char {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func nextGreatestLetter(_ letters: [Character], _ target: Character) ->  
        Character {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn next_greatest_letter(letters: Vec<char>, target: char) -> char {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Character[]} letters  
# @param {Character} target  
# @return {Character}  
def next_greatest_letter(letters, target)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param String[] $letters  
     * @param String $target  
     * @return String  
     */  
    function nextGreatestLetter($letters, $target) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    String nextGreatestLetter(List<String> letters, String target) {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def nextGreatestLetter(letters: Array[Char], target: Char): Char = {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
  @spec next_greatest_letter(letters :: [char], target :: char) :: char  
  def next_greatest_letter(letters, target) do  
  
  end  
end
```

Erlang:

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-spec next_greatest_letter(Letters :: [char()], Target :: char()) -> char().  
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```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (next-greatest-letter letters target)  
  (-> (listof char?) char? char?)  
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

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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 {
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class Solution:

def nextGreatestLetter(self, letters: List[str], target: str) -> str:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

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class Solution(object):
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