

Tree Photography

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Heading off to the **Tree Arboretum of Various Heights**, I bring along my camera to snap up a few photos. Ideally, I'd want to take a picture of as many trees as possible, but the taller trees may cover up the shorter trees behind it.

A tree is hidden if it is **shorter** or the **same height** as the tree in front.

Given an array of tree heights, create a function which returns `"left"` or `"right"`, depending on which side allows me to see as many trees as possible.

Worked Example

```
treePhotography([1, 3, 6, 5]) → "left"
// If I stand on the left, I can see trees of heights 1, 3 and 6.
// If I stand on the right, I can see trees of heights 5 and 6.
// Return "left" because I would see more trees.
```

Examples

```
treePhotography([5, 6, 5, 4]) → "right"

treePhotography([1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3]) → "left"

treePhotography([3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6]) → "left"
```

Code

```
JS treePhotography.js > ...
1  const treePhotography = (heights) => {
2    const left = () => {
3      let ct = 1;
4      let max = heights[0];
5
6      for (let i = 1; i < heights.length; i++) {
7        if (heights[i] > max) {
8          ct++;
9          max = heights[i];
10       }
11     }
12
13     return ct;
14   };
15
16   const right = () => {
17     let ct = 1;
18     let max = heights[heights.length - 1];
19
20     for (let i = heights.length - 2; i >= 0; i--) {
21       if (heights[i] > max) {
22         ct++;
23         max = heights[i];
24       }
25     }
26     return ct;
27   };
28
29   return left() > right() ? 'left' : 'right';
30 };
```

JS treePhotography.js > ...

```
30  };
31  let [expectedParam, actualParam] = [
32    [
33      'left',
34      'right',
35      'left',
36      'left',
37      'right',
38      'right',
39      'left',
40      'right',
41      'right',
42      'left',
43      'left',
44      'left',
45    ],
46    [
47      [1, 2, 3, 6, 5],
48      [5, 6, 5, 4],
49      [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3],
50      [1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2],
51      [3, 3, 3, 3, 2],
52      [4, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3, 1],
53      [3, 1, 4, 5, 2, 5, 1],
54      [4, 3, 3, 4, 3, 1, 3],
55      [5, 1, 2],
56      [1, 2, 4, 1, 5, 3, 1],
57      [1, 1, 1, 4, 1, 3, 5],
58      [3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6],
59    ],
60  ];
61  console.log(treePhotography([5, 6, 5, 4]));
62  console.log(treePhotography([1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3]));
63  console.log(treePhotography([3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6]));
64
```

Run

```
PS C:\js\edabit\e> node treePhotography.js  
right  
left  
left  
PS C:\js\edabit\e> |
```