

## 241. Different Ways to Add Parentheses



**single-if-multi-option** faster than multi-if-single-option

## 347. Top K Frequent Elements



### Top-Frequecne Question

These questions has samiliar solutions.

### Solution

**HashMap<num, frequency>** to calc frequency( $O(n)$ ), then use **bucket sort** ( $O(n)$ ) or **save keys in vector then sort by frequency** ( $O(n \log n)$ ).

Or just make a **max Heap which size is (n - k)**, all of the top-k value will be popped out.

### How to sort sequence by params from other struct?

Define a hashmap previously : `unordered_map<int, int> m` , `vector keys` is keys in hashmap;

Then use a lambda expression in sort:

```
//A lambda expression in function sort's compare part:
sort(keys.begin(), keys.end(), [&m](int a, int b){
    return m[a] > m[b];
});
```

## 406. Queue Reconstruction by Height



### How to deal with "equal to" condition in sort?

Usually we sort a sequence by one of the struct's param, but in some case, it can be difficult to deal with the "equal to" condition. How can I **sort the "equal to" part sequence by struct's some other params**?

### Solution

That sort will consider `first` param firstly, and if `a.first` equal to `b.first`, it will compared by `second` param.

```
sort(seq.begin(), seq.end(), [](pair<int, int> a, pair<int, int> b){
    return a.first == b.first ? a.second < b.second : a.first > b.first;
});
```

## 744. Find Smallest Letter Greater Than Target



### Problem

while  $l = r - 1$ ,  $l + (r - l) / 2$  will **always equal to l**, so can not quit correctly in find most-right location task.

### example

find:

$l = 0, r = 1$

$n[l] = 3, n[r] = 4, \text{target} = 3$

$m = 0 + (1 - 0) / 2 = 0$

$n[m] \leq n[l]$

$l = m$

find:

$l = m = 0, r = 1$

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### Solution

- in most-left location task, we use  $m = l + (r - l) / 2$
  - in most-right location task, we use  $m = l + (r - l + 1) / 2$
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