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def longestInList(L):
    """
    input: a list of strings
    output: the longest string in the list
    """
    if len(L) == 1:
        return L[0]
    else:
        thisWord = L[0]
        otherWord = longestInList(L[1:])
        if len(thisWord) > len(otherWord):
            return thisWord
        else:
            return otherWord

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