1 CheatSheet: LeetCode Common Templates & Common Code Problems Interview

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1.1 Reference

Summary
CheatSheet: Leetcode For Code Interview, CheatSheet: Common Code Problems & Follow-ups
CheatSheet: System Design For Job Interview, CheatSheet: SRE/DevOps/Sysadmin
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1.2 Top 25 Code Templates

Num	$\operatorname{Category}/\operatorname{Tag}$	Example
1	#bfs	Leetcode: Max Area of Island
2	$\#\mathrm{dfs}$	LeetCode: Surrounded Regions
3	#binarysearch	LeetCode: Search Insert Position
4	#interval, #mergelist	LeetCode: Interval List Intersections, Leetcode: Merge Intervals
5	# two pointer	LeetCode: Reverse Words in a String II, LeetCode: Two Sum
6	#twopointer, $#$ mergetwolist	LeetCode: Merge Sorted Array, Leetcode: Container With Most Water
7	#backtracking, $#$ subset	LeetCode: Subsets II
8	#linkedlist, #presum	LeetCode: Remove Zero Sum Consecutive Nodes from Linked List
9	$\# \mathrm{unionfind}$	LeetCode: Accounts Merge
10	#trie	LeetCode: Longest Word in Dictionary
11	$\#\mathrm{stack}$	LeetCode: Valid Parentheses
12	#heap	LeetCode: Top K Frequent Elements
13	#baseconversion	LeetCode: Base 7, LeetCode: Convert to Base -2
14	# interval	LeetCode: Meeting Rooms II, LeetCode: My Calendar I
15	$\# \mathrm{monotone}$	LeetCode: Daily Temperatures
16	#knapsack	LeetCode: Coin Change
17	#sortbyfunction	LeetCode: Relative Sort Array
18	#slidingwindow	LeetCode: Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters
19	#editdistance, #dynamicprogramming	LeetCode: Longest Common Subsequence
20	# topological sort	LeetCode: Course Schedule
21	#bfs, bidirectional bfs	LeetCode: Word Ladder
22	#monotonicfunc, #binarysearch	LeetCode: Kth Smallest Number in Multiplication Table
23	#divideconquer, $#$ mergesort	Leetcode: Count of Smaller Numbers After Self
24	#linesweep	Leetcode: The Skyline Problem, Leetcode: Employee Free Time
25	#concurrency	LeetCode: Web Crawler Multithreaded

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1.3 Typical Followup

Num	Name	Summary
1	From 1-D array to 2-D matrix	LeetCode: Number of Submatrices That Sum to Target
2	Instead of $O(n)$ space, use $O(1)$ space	LeetCode: Find Mode in Binary Search Tree
3	How to do it with multi-threading	LeetCode: Web Crawler Multithreaded
4	Data values have different ranges	LeetCode: Find Median from Data Stream
5	Instead of a fixed list, it's an ongoing data stream	Leetcode: Flatten 2D Vector

$1.4\quad {\bf Top~30~Graph~Problems}$

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Graph Connectivity: Count islands in a 2D matrix	LeetCode: Number of Islands, LeetCode: Island Perimeter
2	Get the size of the largest island	LeetCode: Max Area of Island
3	Cycle detection in a directed graph	LeetCode: Redundant Connection II
4	Detect all cycles in a directed graph	LeetCode: Find Eventual Safe States
5	Whether a graph is a tree	LeetCode: Graph Valid Tree
6	Update a specific region	LeetCode: Flood Fill
7	Graph trasversal from boarders	Leetcode: Surrounded Regions
8	Number of Distinct Islands	LeetCode: Number of Distinct Islands
9	Mark levels	LeetCode: 01 Matrix
10	Diameter of a tree in graph theory	LeetCode: Tree Diameter
11	Duplicate edges	LeetCode: Reconstruct Itinerary
12	Find a certain node in a graph	LeetCode: Find the Celebrity
13	Graph with next steps by a trie	Leetcode: Word Search II
14	Coloring graph	LeetCode: Minesweeper
15	Find a certain path from source to destination in a graph	LeetCode: Path With Maximum Minimum Value
16	Find the shortest distance from point1 to point2	LeetCode: Word Ladder, LeetCode: Sliding Puzzle
17	Find shortest distance in a weighted graph	LeetCode: Find the City With the Smallest Number of Neigh
18	Find all minimum paths from point 1 to point 2	LeetCode: Word Ladder II
19	All Paths from Source Lead to Destination	LeetCode: All Paths from Source Lead to Destination
20	Node connectivity problem for a sparse 2D matrix	LeetCode: Escape a Large Maze
21	Bricks Falling When Hit	LeetCode: Bricks Falling When Hit
22	Bridges in a connected graph - Tarjan's algorithm	LeetCode: Critical Connections in a Network
23	Valid & Invalid moves	LeetCode: Alphabet Board Path
24	Move in different directions: 4 directions, 8 directions	LeetCode: Queens That Can Attack the King
25	String Transforms Into Another String	LeetCode: String Transforms Into Another String
26	Candidates are (i, j, r), instead of (i, j)	LeetCode: Shortest Path in a Grid with Obstacles Elimination
27	Clone Graph	Leetcode: Clone Graph
28	Array problem with hidden graph	LeetCode: Number of Squareful Arrays
29	Is Graph Bipartite	LeetCode: Is Graph Bipartite
30	Search an infinite graph	LeetCode: Escape a Large Maze

1.5 Top 25 Binarysearch Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Find whether target in the range	LeetCode: Guess Number Higher or Lower
2	Find the first target with duplicates	LeetCode: First Bad Version
3	Find the last target with duplicates	LeetCode: Longest Repeating Substring
4	Find the first and last target	LeetCode: Find First and Last Position of Element in Sorted Array
5	Search Insert Position	LeetCode: Search Insert Position, LeetCode: Time Based Key-Value Stor
6	Mountain Array	LeetCode: Peak Index in a Mountain Array
7	Missing Element in Sorted Array	LeetCode: Missing Element in Sorted Array
8	Find smallest letter greater than target	LeetCode: Find Smallest Letter Greater Than Target
9	Random Point in Non-overlapping Rectangles	LeetCode: Random Point in Non-overlapping Rectangles
10	Binary search on monotonic function	LeetCode: Sqrt(x), LeetCode: Capacity To Ship Packages Within D Day
11	Place k elements to minimize max distance	LeetCode: Minimize Max Distance to Gas Station
12	Decide a number	LeetCode: Split Array Largest Sum
13	Kth Smallest Number in Multiplication Table	LeetCode: Kth Smallest Number in Multiplication Table
14	Search for a Range	Leecode: Search for a Range
15	Dynamic programming with binary search	LeetCode: Maximum Profit in Job Scheduling
16	Montone stack with binary search	LeetCode: Maximum Width Ramp
17	Find Right Interval	Leecode: Find Right Interval
18	Patient sort	LeetCode: Longest Increasing Subsequence
19	Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array	LeetCode: Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array
20	Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array II	LeetCode: Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array II
21	Maximum Profit in Job Scheduling	Leetcode: Maximum Profit in Job Scheduling
22	Tweet Counts Per Frequency	LeetCode: Tweet Counts Per Frequency
23	Median of Two Sorted Arrays	Leetcode: Median of Two Sorted Arrays

1.6 Top 25 Dynamic Programming Problems

Num	Problem	Time Complexity	Summary
1	Maximum subarray problem - Kadane's algorithm	O(n)	LeetCode: Maximum Subarray
2	LIS - Longest increasing subsequence	O(n)	LeetCode: Longest Increasing Subsequence
3	LCS - Longest Common Subsequence	O(n*m)	LeetCode: Longest Common Subsequence
4	LPS - Longest Palindromic Subsequence	O(n)	LeetCode: Longest Palindromic Subsequence
5	Longest Palindromic Substring	$O(n^2)$	LeetCode: Longest Palindromic Substring
6	Edit distance of two strings	$O(n^2)$	LeetCode: Edit Distance
7	Maximum profits with certain costs	$O(n^2)$	LeetCode: 4 Keys Keyboard
8	Count of distinct subsequence	O(n)	LeetCode: Distinct Subsequences II
9	Count out of boundary paths in a 2D matrix	O(n*m*N)	LeetCode: Out of Boundary Paths
10	Regular Expression Matching	O(n*m)	LeetCode: Regular Expression Matching
11	Wildcard Matching	O(n*m)	LeetCode: Wildcard Matching
12	Multiple choices for each step	O(n*m)	LeetCode: Filling Bookcase Shelves
13	Knapsack: put array to bag A, B or discard it	O(n*s)	LeetCode: Tallest Billboard
14	Knapsack problem to maximize benefits	O(n*s)	LeetCode: Coin Change
15	Minimum Cost to Merge Stones	$O(n^3)$	LeetCode: Minimum Cost to Merge Stones
16	DP over interval: Minimum-weight triangulation	$O(n^3)$	LeetCode: Minimum Score Triangulation of Poly
17	Burst Balloons	$O(n^3)$	LeetCode: Burst Balloons
18	Remove Boxes	$O(n^4)$	LeetCode: Remove Boxes
19	Largest Sum of Averages	O(k*n*n)	LeetCode: Largest Sum of Averages
20	Uncrossed Lines	O(n*m)	LeetCode: Uncrossed Lines
21	Binary Trees With Factors	$O(n^2)$	LeetCode: Binary Trees With Factors

1.7 Top 20 BinaryTree Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Binary Tree Level Order Traversal	LeetCode: Binary Tree Right Side View
2	Tree Traversal: Binary Tree Vertical Order Traversal	LeetCode: Binary Tree Vertical Order Traversal
3	Tree Traversal: Find Leaves of Binary Tree	Leetcode: Find Leaves of Binary Tree
4	Get binary tree height, width	LeetCode: Balanced Binary Tree
5	LCA - Lowest Common Ancestor of a binary Tree	LeetCode: Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree
6	Validate Binary Search Tree	LeetCode: Validate Binary Search Tree
7	Construct binary tree	LeetCode: Construct Binary Tree from Preorder and Postorder
8	Distribute Coins in Binary Tree	LeetCode: Distribute Coins in Binary Tree
9	Binary Tree Vertical Order Traversal	LeetCode: Binary Tree Vertical Order Traversal
10	Verify Preorder Sequence in Binary Search Tree	LeetCode: Verify Preorder Sequence in Binary Search Tree
11	Recursive + Greedy	LeetCode: Binary Tree Coloring Game
12	Binary tree $+$ greedy	LeetCode: Binary Tree Cameras
13	Revert binary tree between left and right	
14	binary tree serialization and deserialization	
15	Morris tree trasversal	
16	Find the next node of binary search tree	
17	Count Complete Tree Nodes	LeetCode: Count Complete Tree Nodes
18	Binary Tree Upside Down	Leetcode: Binary Tree Upside Down
19	Closest Binary Search Tree Value II	Leetcode: Closest Binary Search Tree Value II

1.8 Top 10 String Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Edit distance of two strings	LeetCode: Edit Distance
2	Remove duplicate letters	Remove Duplicate Letters
3	Word ladder	LeetCode: Word Ladder
4	lrs - Longest repeating substring	LeetCode: Longest Repeating Substring
5	Remove Comments	LeetCode: Remove Comments
6	Split Concatenated Strings	LeetCode: Split Concatenated Strings
7	Vowel Spellchecker	LeetCode: Vowel Spellchecker
8	Lexicographically minimal string rotation	LeetCode: Last Substring in Lexicographical Order
9	String Transforms Into Another String	LeetCode: String Transforms Into Another String
10	Find the Closest Palindrome	LeetCode: Find the Closest Palindrome

1.9 Top 5 Stack Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Recursive deletion during pushing process	LeetCode: Verify Preorder Serialization of a Binary Tree
2	Examine whether the input string is valid	LeetCode: Asteroid Collision
3	When pushing to stack, whether delayed push	LeetCode: Decode String

$1.10\quad {\bf Top~5~Array~Problems}$

I	Num	Problem	Summary
	1	Transpose Matrix	LeetCode: Transpose Matrix
	2	Largest 1-Bordered Square	LeetCode: Largest 1-Bordered Square
	3	Alphabet Board Path	LeetCode: Alphabet Board Path
	4	Set Mismatch	LeetCode: Set Mismatch
	5	Majority Element	LeetCode: Majority Element

1.11 Top 5 Linkedlist Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Merge k Sorted Lists	LeetCode: Merge k Sorted Lists
2	Detect cycle for a linked list	LeetCode: Linked List Cycle
3	Swap odd with even nodes	Leetcode: Swap Nodes in Pairs
4	LFU cache with double linkedlist	LeetCode: LFU Cache

1.12 Top 10 Sliding Window Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Sliding window with fixed size	LeetCode: Find All Anagrams in a String
2	Sliding window with non-decreasing size	LeetCode: Max Consecutive Ones III
3	How to initialize the time window?	LeetCode: Minimum Swaps to Group All 1's Together
4	Sliding window with non-decreasing size	LeetCode: Max Consecutive Ones III
5	Move two pointers: two loop vs One loop	LeetCode: Longest Substring Without Repeating Characte
6	Inspiring sliding window problem	LeetCode: Moving Stones Until Consecutive II
7	Sliding window with adjustable size	
8	Move pointer1 to match the other, or the other way around	

1.13 Top 10 Math Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Check prime - Sieve of Eratosthenes	LeetCode: Count Primes
2	Check leap year	LeetCode: Day of the Week
3	GCD	LeetCode: Fraction Addition and Subtraction
4	Overlapping area of two rectangles	LeetCode: Rectangle Area
5	Rotate Array by k steps	LeetCode: Rotate Array
6	Mapping data range of getRand algorithm	LeetCode: Implement Rand10() Using Rand7()
7	Deal with float	LeetCode: Minimize Max Distance to Gas Station
8	Sum of Subsequence Widths	LeetCode: Sum of Subsequence Widths
9	Reduce $f(x, y)$ to $g(x)$	Leetcode: Maximum of Absolute Value Expression
10	Remove 9	LeetCode: Remove 9
11	Fraction to Recurring Decimal	LeetCode: Fraction to Recurring Decimal
12	Check if two line segments intersect	

1.14 Top 10 Greedy Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Next Permutation	LeetCode: Next Permutation
2	Split Array into Consecutive Subsequences	LeetCode: Split Array into Consecutive Subsequences
3	Remove duplicate letters	Remove Duplicate Letters
4	Bag of Tokens	LeetCode: Bag of Tokens
5	Two City Scheduling	LeetCode: Two City Scheduling
6	Split Concatenated Strings	LeetCode: Split Concatenated Strings
7	Jump Game II	LeetCode: Jump Game II
8	Delete Columns to Make Sorted II	LeetCode: Delete Columns to Make Sorted II

1.15 Top 5 Trie Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Extra datastructure in trie to save caculation	LeetCode: Word Search II
2	Trie for bit manipulation	LeetCode: Maximum XOR of Two Numbers in an Array.
3	Fuzzy match for trie tree	LeetCode: Implement Magic Dictionary

1.16 Top 5 Union Find Problems

Nun	n Problem	Summary
	1 Union find for weighted graph	LeetCode: Evaluate Division
	2 Union find: connect groups and merge node count	LeetCode: Bricks Falling When Hit

1.17 Top 5 Heap/Priority Queue Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Meeting Rooms II	LeetCode: Meeting Rooms II
2	Task Scheduler	LeetCode: Task Scheduler
3	Last Stone Weight	LeetCode: Last Stone Weight
4	The Skyline Problem	LeetCode: The Skyline Problem

1.18 Top 5 Montone Stack/Queue Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Use monotone stack to find next bigger value	LeetCode: Next Greater Element I
2	Monotone stack for consecutive subarrays	LeetCode: Online Stock Span, LeetCode: Sum of Subarray Minimums
3	Shortest Subarray with Sum at Least K	LeetCode: Shortest Subarray with Sum at Least K
4	Monotone queue	LeetCode: Constrained Subset Sum, LeetCode: Sliding Window Maximum

1.19 Top 10 Backtracking Problems

Num	Problem	Summary
1	Generate unique permutation	LeetCode: Permutations II
2	Permutation: All elements must take	LeetCode: Pyramid Transition Matrix
3	Combination: All elements can take or don't take	LeetCode: Subsets II
4	Expression Add Operators	LeetCode: Expression Add Operators
5	Permutation vs Combination	LeetCode: Campus Bikes II
6	Define dfs backtracking function	LeetCode: Verbal Arithmetic Puzzle

1.20 Top 20 Object-Oriented Design Problems

Num	Problem	Example
1	Cache	LeetCode: LRU Cache, LeetCode: LFU Cache, LeetCode: All O'one Data Structure
2	Throttling	LeetCode: Design Hit Counter, LeetCode: Logger Rate Limiter
3	Design Log Storage System	LeetCode: Design Log Storage System
4	Linked List with random access	LeetCode: Design Linked List
5	Max Stack	LeetCode: Max Stack
6	Design HashMap	LeetCode: Design HashMap
7	Circular Queue	LeetCode: Design Circular Queue, LeetCode: Design Circular Deque
8	Trie tree	LeetCode: Implement Trie (Prefix Tree), LeetCode: Add and Search Word
9	Get Median	LeetCode: Find Median from Data Stream
10	Range Sum Query	LeetCode: Range Sum Query - Mutable, LeetCode: Range Sum Query - Immutable
11	Design File System	LeetCode: Design File System
12	Tree Iterator	LeetCode: Binary Search Tree Iterator
13	String Iterator	LeetCode: Design Compressed String Iterator
14	ZigZag Iterator	LeetCode: Zigzag Iterator
15	Insert Delete $GetRandom O(1)$	LeetCode: Insert Delete GetRandom O(1)
16	Insert Delete GetRandom O(1) II	LeetCode: Insert Delete GetRandom $O(1)$ - Duplicates allowed
17	Random Pick with Blacklist	LeetCode: Random Pick with Blacklist

1.21 Top 50 General Problems

1.22 Basic Thinking Methodologies

Num	Name	Summary
1	Trial and error	
2	Divide and Conquer	

Start with naive algorithm, then identify useless steps

1.23 Tips: Think From The Other Direction

Num	Name	Summary
1	In graph, instead of deleting edges, add edge in reverse	LeetCode: Bricks Falling When Hit
2	Instead of BFS from empty to islands, do the otherwise	LeetCode: As Far from Land as Possible
3	Treat each point as the last item, instead of the first	LeetCode: Burst Balloons
4	Avoid deleting element from hashmaps	

1.24 Common Tips For Clean Code

Num	Name	Summary
1	Calculate sum of a range quickly	#presum,LeetCode: Maximum Subarray
2	Move in four directions for a matrix	LeetCode: Sliding Puzzle
3	Split string by multiple separators	LeetCode: Brace Expansion
4	Add a dummy tailing element to simplify code	LeetCode: Brace Expansion
5	Fast slow pointers	LintCode: Middle of Linked List
6	Deep copy an array	LeetCode: Combination Sum
7	Use arrays instead of hashmaps, if possible	LeetCode: Number of Days in a Month
8	Control the order of dfs	LeetCode: Subsets II
9	Avoid inserting into the head of an array	LeetCode: Path In Zigzag Labelled Binary Tree
10	From right to left, instead of left to right	LeetCode: Merge Sorted Array
11	Think the other way around	Add Items vs Remove Items, Increase Counter
12	Avoid unnecessary ifelse	$res[i] = (diff/2 \le k)$, LeetCode: Can Make Palin
13	To get the case of K, solve: at most K - at most (K-1)	LeetCode: Subarrays with K Different Integers
14	Instead of deleting entry from hashmap, decrease counter	LeetCode: Longest Substring with At Most K Dis
15	Find the max/min; If not found, return 0	LeetCode: Minimum Area Rectangle
16	With helper function vs without helper function	LeetCode: Longest Repeating Character Replacer
17	Instead of adding a character, try to delete one	LeetCode: Longest String Chain
18	#roudtrippass: from left to right, then right to left	LeetCode: Shortest Distance to a Character
19	Delayed calculation to simplify the code	LeetCode: Interval List Intersections
20	Instead of removing, add padding elements	LeetCode: Duplicate Zeros
21	Initialize array with n+1 length to simplify code	LeetCode: Range Addition
22	Look for off-by-one errors, sometimes use $i+1 < len(l)$ vs $i < len(l)$	LeetCode: Previous Permutation With One Swap
23	Hashmap can reduce calculation, but may complicate things too	LeetCode: Maximum Frequency Stack
24	Sliding window to get the longest size of subarray	LeetCode: Max Consecutive Ones III
25	In matrix dfs, change cell to impossible value to avoid state hashmap	LeetCode: Word Search II
26	For palindrome check, check the whole string, instead of left half	LeetCode: Longest Chunked Palindrome Decomp
27	Use queue to keep flipping the orders	LeetCode: Zigzag Iterator
28	Find a pair with sum meets some requirements	LeetCode: Two Sum
29	Add a dummy head node for linked list	LeetCode: Reverse Linked List
30	When count sort, use one array instead of two	LeetCode: Minimum Number of Steps to Make T
31	Hide details which are irrelevant	
32	One pass instead of two pass	
33	Avoid unnecessary precheck	
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1.25 More Resources

Reduce search space

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