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No.	Problem Statement	Solution	Time complexity	Space complexity
1	Valid Paranthesis			
	<p>Given a string s containing just the characters '(', ')', '{', '}', '[', ']', ']', '['. determine if the input string is valid.</p> <p>An input string is valid if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Open brackets must be closed by the same type of brackets. 2) Open brackets must be closed in the correct order. 3) Every close bracket has a corresponding open bracket of the same type. 	- Use stack to store opening brackets and match them with corresponding closing brackets	O(N)	O(1)
2	Min Stack			
	Design a stack that supports push, pop, top, and retrieving the minimum element in constant time.	<p>- Use 2 stacks :</p> <pre>stack<int> s stack<pair<int, int>> s_min - {value, # occurrences} - s_min.top().first will always have min value</pre> <p>- Use stack's as a normal stack and push element into it</p> <p>- Only push into second stack if the new value to be inserted is smaller than current min</p>	O(1)	O(N)
3	Evaluate Reverse Polish Notation			
	<p>You are given an array of strings tokens that represents an arithmetic expression in a reverse polish notation. Evaluate the expression. Return an integer that represents the value of the expression.</p> <p>Ex. tokens = ["2","1","+","3","*"] Output: 9</p> <p>Explanation: ((2 + 1) * 3) = 9</p>	<p>- Use a Stack</p> <p>- Traverse the tokens vector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If number push into the stack - If operator apply to top 2 numbers, Push the result back to stack' <p>- Note: keep in mind n2=s.top(); s.pop(); n1=s.top(); s.pop()</p>	O(N)	O(N)
4	Generate Paranthesis			
	<p>Given n pairs of parentheses, write a function to generate all combinations of well-formed parentheses.</p> <p>Ex. Ex. n = 3 -> ["((()))","(()())","(())()","()()()"], n = 1 -> ["()"]</p>	<p>- Backtracking</p> <p>- Only if #open > #close then add ')' <pre>if(open == n && close == n) ans.push_back(s) return if(open < n) helper(n, open+1, close, s+"(", ans) if(open > close) helper(n, open, close+1, s+")", ans)</pre> </p>	O(2^N)	O(N)
5	Daily Temperatures			
	<p>Given array of temperatures, return an array with number of days until it gets warmer.</p> <p>Ex. temperature = [73,74,75,71,69,72,76,73] -> [1,1,4,2,1,1,0,0]</p>	<p>- Use a stack --> To keep track of the indices of temperatures that we haven't found a warmer day for yet</p> <pre>for(int i=0; i<n; i++) while(!s.empty() && temperatures[i] > temperatures[s.top()]){ prev_day = s.top(); ans[prev_day] = i - prev_day; s.pop(); } s.push(i);</pre>	O(N)	O(N)
6	Car Fleet			
	<p>There are 'n' cars going to the same destination. The destination is 'target' miles away. position[i] = position of the ith car; speed[i] = speed of the ith car.</p> <p>A car can never pass another car ahead of it, but it can catch up to it and drive at the same speed. A car fleet is some non-empty set of cars driving at the same position and same speed. Note that a single car is also a car fleet. If a car catches up to a car fleet right at the destination point, it will still be considered as one car fleet. Return the number of car fleets that will arrive at the destination.</p> <p>Ex. target = 12, position = [10,8,0,5,3], speed = [2,4,1,1,3] -> output = 3</p>	<p>- Keep a vector<pair<int, double>> v --> [position, time to reach target from that position]</p> <p>- Sort the vector in descending order</p> <p>- If another car needs less or equal time than cur, it can catch up this car fleet.</p> <p>- But If another car needs more time, it will be the new slowest car, and becomes the new lead of a car fleet.</p> <pre>for(auto p: v) if(p.second>max_time) ans++; max_time=p.second;</pre>	O(N)	O(N)

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7	Largest Rectangle In Histogram			
	<p>Given array of heights, return area of largest rectangle Ex. heights = [2,1,5,6,2,3] -> 10 (5 x 2 at index 2 and 3) https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2021/01/04/histogram.jpg</p>	<p><i>(This can't be solved using two pointers and is different from the problem number 4 of 'two pointers' because there when consider two lines to form a rectangle, we can ignore the lines in between which is not the case for this problem.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When a lower height is encountered, calculate the maximum area possible for the bars taller than the current bar - Stack will always have the indices of histograms in increasing order of their heights (ie 4,3,2,1) <pre> for(int i=0; i<n; i++) start = i; while(!s.empty() && heights[i] < s.top().second) height = s.top().second; width = i - s.top().first; start = s.top().first; ans=max(ans, height * width); s.pop(); s.push({start, heights[i]}); </pre>	O(N)	O(N)