

📌 **Algorithm:** An algorithm is a step-by-step procedure to solve a problem or perform a task. Its correctness is defined by whether it produces the expected output for all possible inputs.

📌 **Time Complexity vs. Space Complexity:** Time complexity measures the runtime of an algorithm as a function of input size, while space complexity measures the amount of memory an algorithm requires.

📌 **Big-O Notation:** Big-O notation represents the upper bound of an algorithm's time or space complexity, which is crucial in understanding performance, especially for large inputs.

📌 **Best, Worst, and Average Case Complexities:** Best-case complexity is the minimum time an algorithm takes; worst-case is the maximum; average-case is the expected runtime for typical inputs.

📌 **Divide and Conquer:** This approach breaks a problem into smaller subproblems, solves them independently, and combines results (e.g., merge sort, quicksort).

📌 **Merge Sort:** Merge sort splits the array, recursively sorts each half, and merges sorted halves. Its time complexity is $O(n \log n)$.

📌 **Quick Sort vs. Merge Sort:** Quicksort selects a pivot and partitions around it, while merge sort splits arrays entirely before merging. Quicksort is typically faster for in-place sorting.

📌 **Maximum Subarray Problem:** Using divide and conquer, it divides the array into two, finds max subarrays for each half and the crossing subarray, then combines the results.

📌 **Dynamic Programming (DP):** DP is used to solve problems with overlapping subproblems by storing results of subproblems. Unlike divide-and-conquer, it avoids redundant calculations.

📌 **Overlapping Subproblems:** A problem has overlapping subproblems if solving it requires solving the same subproblems multiple times (e.g., Fibonacci numbers).

📌 **0/1 Knapsack (DP):** DP solves this by building a table of maximum values attainable with subsets of items up to a certain weight limit.

📌 **Greedy Algorithm:** A greedy algorithm makes the locally optimal choice at each stage. Characteristics include making choices based on immediate gain and irreversibility.

📌 **Greedy vs. Dynamic Programming:** Greedy algorithms build a solution step-by-step, while DP considers all options by storing previous results.

📌 **Greedy in 0/1 Knapsack:** Greedy doesn't work optimally for 0/1 Knapsack due to item indivisibility; DP provides an optimal solution.

📌 **Dijkstra's Algorithm:** Finds the shortest path in a graph from a source node by exploring nodes with the lowest cumulative distance first.

📌 **Graph Representation:** Graphs are represented using adjacency matrices, adjacency lists, or edge lists.

📌 **BFS vs. DFS:** BFS explores nodes layer-by-layer using a queue, while DFS explores as far as possible along branches using a stack or recursion.

📌 **Prim's vs. Kruskal's (MST):** Prim's builds an MST by expanding one node at a time; Kruskal's adds edges in order of smallest weight while avoiding cycles.

🔍 **Topological Sort:** An ordering of vertices in a directed acyclic graph (DAG) where each directed edge (u,v) means u appears before v .

🔍 **Backtracking:** A problem-solving approach that incrementally builds solutions and backtracks when it encounters a dead end (e.g., Sudoku).

🔍 **N-Queens Problem:** Places queens on an $n \times n$ board so none attack each other. Backtracking is used to try and place queens in each column.

🔍 **Branch-and-Bound vs. Backtracking:** Branch-and-bound is used for optimization problems, exploring nodes based on bounds to eliminate paths, while backtracking checks all possible solutions.

🔍 **Solution vs. Search Space Tree:** Solution space tree represents all potential solutions; search space tree represents all paths explored during search.

🔍 **P, NP, and NP-Complete:** P problems are solvable in polynomial time, NP problems are verifiable in polynomial time, and NP-complete problems are the hardest in NP.

🔍 **NP-Hard Problem:** A problem at least as hard as the hardest NP problems, but not necessarily in NP (not verifiable in polynomial time).

🔍 **Example of NP-Complete Problem:** The traveling salesman problem, which requires finding the shortest possible route visiting each city once and returning to the start.

🔍 **Difficulty of NP-Complete Problems:** They require exponential time to solve, as all potential solutions need to be checked in the worst case.

🔍 **Amortized Analysis:** Average-case analysis over multiple operations to show that the cost per operation is lower when considered across a sequence (e.g., resizing a dynamic array).

🔍 **Iterative vs. Recursive Algorithms:** Iterative algorithms use loops, while recursive algorithms call themselves with reduced subproblems.

🔍 **Base Case in Recursion:** The terminating condition in a recursive function to prevent infinite calls.

🔍 **Optimized DP Solution:** Optimization involves reducing unnecessary recalculations by storing previously computed values.

🔍 **Choosing Data Structures:** Different data structures fit different problems based on performance requirements (e.g., heap for priority, queue for FIFO).

🔍 **Algorithm in Real Life:** Used in real life to perform tasks systematically, like sorting a list of numbers or navigating directions.

🔍 **Pseudocode:** A high-level outline of an algorithm in human-readable terms, bridging logic and code.

🔍 **Properties of Algorithms:** Finiteness, definiteness, input, output, and effectiveness.

🔍 **Algorithm Effectiveness:** Measured by time and space efficiency, ease of implementation, and correctness.

🔍 **Calculating Time Complexity:** It's calculated by counting the number of operations as a function of input size, often using Big-O notation.

38. **Space Complexity:** Space complexity measures the total memory required by an algorithm to execute, including variables, input data, and auxiliary space. It's calculated by analyzing the memory needs of each part of the algorithm.
39. **Calculating Space Complexity (Variable Part):** For variables, it includes the space required for local, global, and constant variables, each contributing based on their data type and scope.
40. **Difference Between Time and Space Complexity:** Time complexity measures the runtime, while space complexity measures the memory usage of an algorithm. Both impact an algorithm's efficiency.
41. **Linear Search:** Linear search checks each element sequentially until the target is found. Its time complexity is $O(n)$ because it potentially checks all elements.
42. **Asymptotic Notation:** Asymptotic notation expresses the time complexity of an algorithm as input size grows, commonly using Big-O, Omega, and Theta notations.
43. **Theta Notation:** Theta (Θ) notation represents the exact or tight bound of an algorithm's complexity, showing where it operates within given bounds across all cases.
44. **Best-Case Time Complexity Calculation:** The best-case time complexity is calculated using Big-O notation based on the minimum number of operations required by the algorithm.
45. **Frequency Count Method:** This method counts the frequency of each operation within an algorithm and helps in calculating the exact or approximate time complexity.
46. **Divide and Conquer Strategy:** This approach breaks a problem into smaller subproblems, solves them independently, and combines solutions. It's used in algorithms like merge sort and quicksort.
47. **Time Complexity of Merge Sort:** Merge sort has a time complexity of $O(n \log n)$ because it divides the array and merges sorted halves in $\log n$ steps.
48. **Binary Search Algorithm:** Binary search operates on sorted arrays by dividing the search interval in half. The middle element is compared to the target; if unequal, the search continues in the half where the target could be. Its time complexity is $O(\log n)$.
49. **Quick Sort Algorithm:** Quick sort selects a pivot, partitions the array around the pivot, and recursively sorts subarrays. Its average time complexity is $O(n \log n)$.
50. **Fractional Knapsack Problem (Greedy Method):** This variation of the knapsack problem allows fractions of items to be taken. A greedy approach sorts items by value/weight ratio and selects items until the weight limit is met.
51. **Greedy Method Decisions:** The greedy method chooses the option that provides the most immediate benefit, building up a solution step-by-step without revisiting previous choices.
52. **Greedy Method Example:** For example, in the coin change problem, the greedy method selects the highest-value coin first to minimize the number of coins.
53. **Feasible and Optimal Solutions:** A feasible solution meets all constraints, while an optimal solution is the best possible solution within those constraints.

54. **Greedy Method Components:**

- **Candidate Set:** Potential choices to build a solution.
- **Selection Function:** Chooses the best candidate.
- **Feasibility Function:** Checks if a partial solution meets the problem's constraints.
- **Objective Function:** Measures the quality of a solution.
- **Solution Function:** Determines if the current solution is complete.

55. **Greedy Method for Job Sequencing:** It helps schedule jobs based on deadlines and profits by selecting jobs in descending order of profit to maximize earnings.

56. **Minimum Cost Spanning Tree Problem:** A spanning tree with the minimum weight for all edges in a graph. Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms are commonly used to find it.

57. **Greedy Method and Optimal Solutions:** The greedy method constructs solutions by building upon previous selections, typically providing optimal solutions for specific problems.

58. **Importance of Studying Algorithm Design and Analysis:** This field allows developers to understand how to design efficient algorithms, analyze complexity, and optimize solutions for real-world problems.

59. **Topics in Design and Analysis of Algorithms:** This subject covers time and space complexity, recursion, dynamic programming, greedy algorithms, divide-and-conquer, graph algorithms, NP-completeness, and optimization techniques.

60. **Goal of Analyzing Algorithms:** The goal is to evaluate and compare algorithms based on efficiency, correctness, and scalability to determine the best solution for a given problem.