

# Lecture 09 — ARRAY PROBLEM SOLVING (C++)

“Problem solving is not about writing code.  
It's about choosing the **right idea**.”

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## ① CYCLIC ROTATION BY ONE (RIGHT ROTATION)

### ? Problem

Array ko **right side se 1 step rotate** karna hai.

#### Input

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

#### Output

[5, 1, 2, 3, 4]

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### First-Thought Principle

Right rotation ka matlab:

- Last element **front** me aayega
  - Baaki sab **1 step right shift**
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### ✂ Logic (Core Thinking)

1. Last element ko save karo (warna lost ho jayega)
  2. Right se left shift karo (overwrite se bachne ke liye)
  3. Saved element ko index 0 pe daal do
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### 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

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## Important Insight

✗ Left-to-right shift karoge → data overwrite

✓ Right-to-left shift → safe movement

### Rule yaad rakho

- Right rotation → loop `i--`
- Left rotation → loop `i++`

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## ② ROTATE ARRAY BY k (CLOCKWISE)

### Problem

Array ko **k steps right rotate** karna hai.

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## ✗ APPROACH 1 — Repeated Rotation (Brute Force)


### Idea

1 step rotation ko **k baar repeat**

### Complexity

- Time:  $O(n \times k)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

✗ Large k → TLE (Rejected)

 Interview note:  
“Correct but inefficient”

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## ✓ APPROACH 2 — EXTRA ARRAY + MODULO

### Observation

New index =  $(i + k) \% n$

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## ⚡ Logic

- Ek helper array lo
  - Har element ko uski final position pe daalo
  - Wapas original array me copy
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## 🕒 Complexity

- **Time:**  $O(n)$
- **Space:**  $O(n)$

✅ Accepted  
❌ Extra memory use

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## 🧠 Example

`arr = [1,2,3,4,5], k=2`

`new positions:`

`3 → 0`

`4 → 1`

`1 → 2`

`2 → 3`

`3 → 4`

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## ★ APPROACH 3 — REVERSE METHOD (BEST)

### 🧠 First-Thought Insight

Rotation = **Reversal** ka game

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## ✂ Logic

1. Poora array reverse
  2. First  $k$  elements reverse
  3. Remaining  $n-k$  elements reverse
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## 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

★ Most optimal

★ Interview favourite

📌 Golden Line

“Rotation can be achieved using three reversals.”

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## ③ SUM OF UNIQUE ELEMENTS

### ? Problem

Sirf wo elements jinka **frequency = 1** ho  
unka sum nikaalna hai.

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## ✂ APPROACH 1 — Brute Force

### 🧠 Idea

Har element ke liye poora array check karo

## 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n^2)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

✂ Slow

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## ✅ APPROACH 2 — FREQUENCY ARRAY (BEST)

### 🧠 Key Observation

Constraints limited hain (1–100)

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### 🔗 Logic

1. Frequency count
  2. Sirf `freq == 1` wale add karo
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### 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$  (fixed size)

### 📌 Interview Line

“We use a frequency array to track unique elements efficiently.”

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## 🏆 ④ SECOND LARGEST ELEMENT

### ? Problem

Array ka **second largest distinct** element find karo.

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### 🧠 Two-Pass Thinking

1. Largest nikaalo
  2. Largest ko ignore karke second largest dhoondo
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### 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

### 📌 Why two passes?

- Distinct condition maintain hoti hai
  - Edge cases handle hote hain
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## 🏆 ⑤ THIRD MAXIMUM NUMBER (LeetCode 414)

### ? Problem

- 3rd **distinct** maximum
  - Agar nahi mile → largest return
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### 🧠 Key Insight

LLONG\_MIN use karo  
taaki negative extreme values safe rahein

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### ✂ Logic

1. First max
  2. Second max ( $\neq$  first)
  3. Third max ( $\neq$  first, second)
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### 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

### 📌 Interview Tip

“Always think about extreme constraints.”

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## ⑥ SEGREGATE 0s AND 1s

### ? Problem

- Saare 0 left
  - Saare 1 right
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### ✓ APPROACH 1 — COUNTING

#### 🧠 Idea

- Count zeros
- Pehle zeros bhar do
- Baaki ones



- Time:  $O(n)$
  - Space:  $O(1)$
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### ★ APPROACH 2 — TWO POINTER (BEST)

#### 🧠 Logic

- Left pointer  $\rightarrow$  0 dhundhe
- Right pointer  $\rightarrow$  1 dhundhe
- Galat jagah mile  $\rightarrow$  swap

#### 🕒 Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

## Interview Line

“Since values are only 0 and 1, two pointers works optimally.”

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## ⑦ MAJORITY ELEMENT (LeetCode 169)

### Problem

Element jo  $n/2$  se zyada baar aaye.

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### Brute Force

- $O(n^2)$
  -  Slow
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## MOORE'S VOTING ALGORITHM (BEST)

### First-Thought Principle

Majority element **cancel** hone ke baad bhi bachta hai

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### Logic

- Count = 0  $\rightarrow$  new candidate
  - Same  $\rightarrow$  count++
  - Different  $\rightarrow$  count--
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### Complexity

- Time:  $O(n)$
  - Space:  $O(1)$
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## Golden Interview Line

“Moore's Voting Algorithm finds majority element in linear time and constant space.”





## REAL LEARNING FROM LECTURE 09

Concept	Skill Built
Rotation	Index manipulation
Reverse	Two pointer mastery
Frequency	Constraint-based optimization
Max problems	Multi-pass logic
Segregation	Pointer movement
Majority	Mathematical cancellation



## FINAL SUMMARY (SAVE THIS)

- Brute force = clarity, not efficiency
  - Modulo = index rotation magic
  - Reverse = space-optimal rotation
  - Frequency = constraint exploitation
  - Two pointer = in-place optimization
  - Moore's Voting = pure algorithmic beauty
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## INTERVIEW GOLD LINES

- “Reverse technique reduces space to  $O(1)$ .”
- “Two pointer avoids extra memory.”
- “Moore’s algorithm relies on cancellation.”

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