

# 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:**  $O(1)$
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### ⭐ Interview Tip

“Always think about extreme constraints.”

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## ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ 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

### ⌚ Complexity

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

### 🧠 Logic

- Left pointer → 0 dhundhe
- Right pointer → 1 dhundhe
- Galat jagah mile → 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 → new candidate
  - Same → count++
  - Different → 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.”

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## REAL LEARNING FROM LECTURE 09

### Concept                      Skill Built

Rotation                      Index manipulation

Reverse                      Two pointer mastery

Frequency                      Constraint-based optimization

Max problem                      Multi-pass logic

Segregation                      Pointer movement

Majority                      Mathematical cancellation

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## 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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