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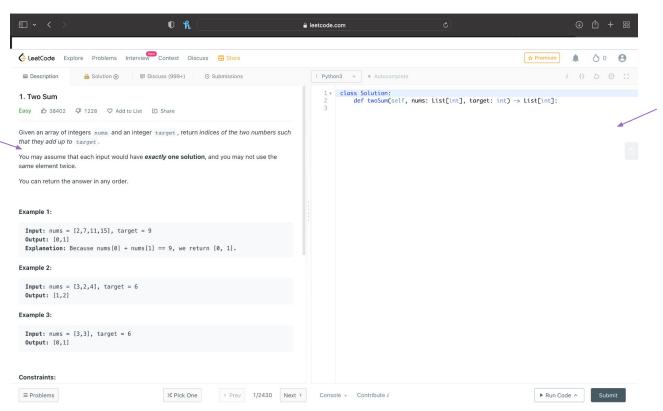
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### LeetCode Platform Overview

Free Tier

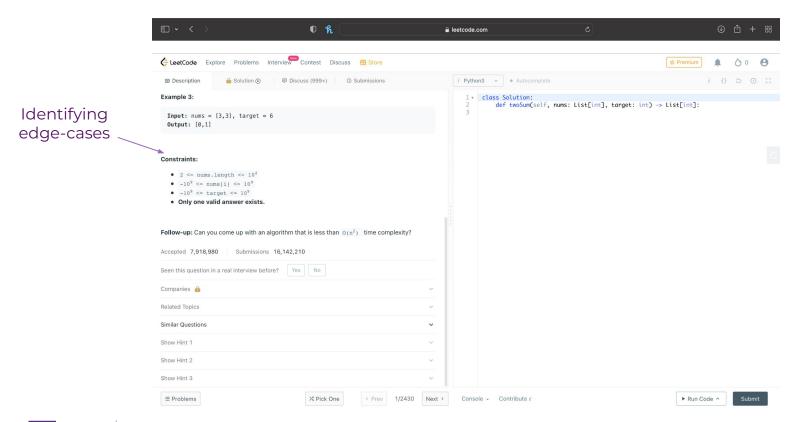






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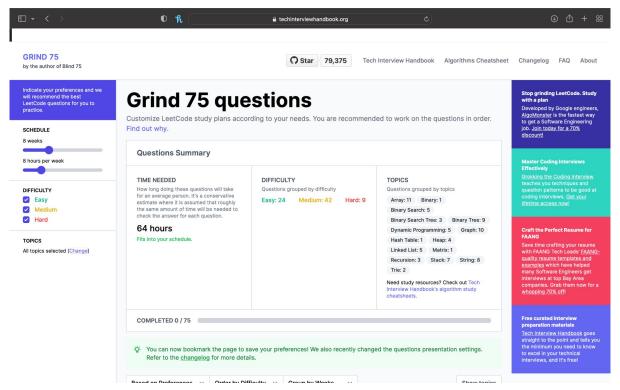




## Tech Interview Resources

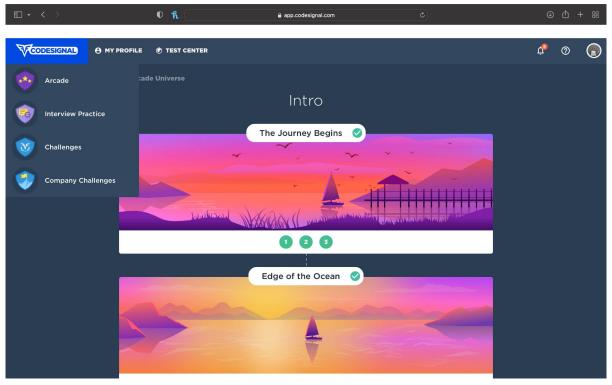
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### **Tech Interview Handbook**





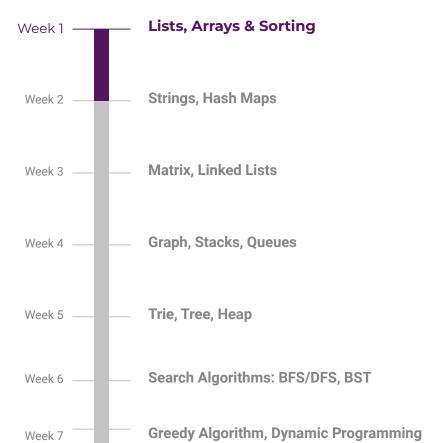
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### Bootcamp Course Structure

### **Bootcamp Timeline**





# Introduction to Lists, Arrays & Sorting

#### **Array**

Container of elements of similar data type.

Stored at adjacent memory locations.

### Disadvantages

Memory wastage.

Insertion and deletion of elements are costly.

### **Built-in Methods**

- len()
- append()
- clear()
- count()
- index()
- insert()
- pop()
- remove()
- reverse()
- sort()

#### **Advantages**

Mutable and not fixed in size, making them flexible.

Faster access of elements using the index value.

#### How to use?

Using the *array* module in Python.

Using the NumPy package arrays.



### **Problem Sets**

### Steps to approach the question:

Understand the problem

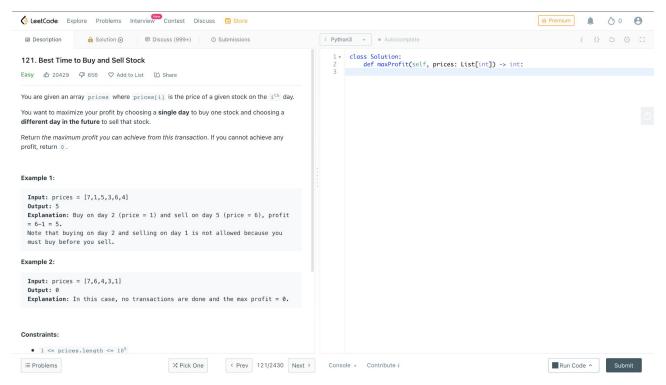
Code your solution

Manage your time

Take time to carefully read through the problem from start to finish is critical in finding the correct and complete solution to the problem in hand. Map out your solution before you write any code. Avoid too much time trying to find the perfect solution. Validate your solution early and often. Don't forget, you have multiple questions to complete within a said time. Make sure you allocate enough time to carefully consider all problems.



### **Problem 1: Best time to Buy and Sell Stock**





### **Approach 1: Brute Force**

```
class Solution:
  def maxProfit(self, prices: List[int]) -> int:
      max_profit = 0
      for i in range(len(prices) - 1):
          for j in range(i + 1, len(prices)):
              profit = prices[j] - prices[i]
               if profit > max_profit:
                     max_profit
                    return max_profit
```

Time complexity: O(n²), loop runs n(n-1)/2 times

**Space complexity:** O(1), only two variables *max\_profit* and *profit* 



### **Approach 2: Single Pass**

```
class Solution:
  def maxProfit(self, prices: List[int]) -> int:
      min_price = float('inf')
      max_profit = 0

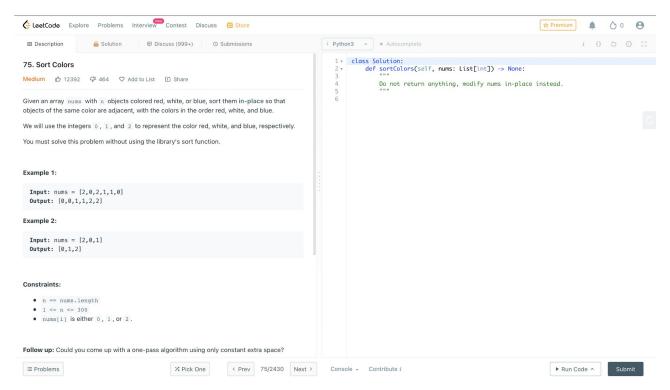
  for i in range(len(prices)):
      if prices[i] < min_price:
          min_price = prices[i]
      elif prices[i] - min_price > max_profit:
      max_profit = prices[i] - min_price
  return max_profit
```

Time complexity: O(n), only single pass is needed

**Space complexity:** O(1), only two variables max\_profit and min\_price



### **Problem 2: Sort Colors**





### **Approach 1: Single Pass**

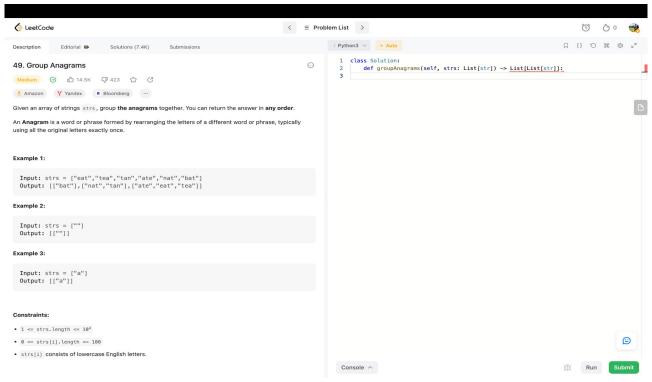
```
class Solution:
def sortColors(self, nums: List[int]) -> None:
  p0 = curr = 0
  p2 = len(nums) - 1
  while curr <= p2:
    if nums[curr] == 0:
      nums[p0], nums[curr] = nums[curr], nums[p0]
      p0 += 1
      curr += 1
    elif nums[curr] == 2:
      nums[curr], nums[p2] = nums[p2], nums[curr]
      p2 = 1
    else:
      curr += 1
```

**Time complexity:** O(n), loop runs one pass along the length

Space complexity: O(1), constant space



### **Problem 3: Group Anagrams**





### **Approach 1: Categorize by Sorted String**

```
class Solution(object):
  def groupAnagrams(self, strs):
      ans = collections.defaultdict(list)
      for s in strs:
          ans[tuple(sorted(s))].append(s)
      return ans.values()
```

**Time complexity:**  $O(NK\log K)$ , N is the length of strs, and K is the maximum length of a string in strs

**Space complexity:** O(NK), constant space NK



### **Approach 2: Categorize by Count**

**Time complexity:** O(NK), N is the length of strs, and K is the maximum length of a string in strs

**Space complexity:** O(NK), constant space NK



### Q/A

### **Slack Invite**

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### Problem Assignments

- **01.** Contains Duplicate (Easy)
- **02.** Container With Most Water (Medium)
- **03.** Sliding Window Maximum (Hard)



