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#2: Combination Sum III

Medium

Find all valid combinations of k numbers that sum up to n such that the following conditions are true:

- Only numbers 1 through 9 are used.
- Each number is used **at most once**.

Return *a list of all possible valid combinations*. The list must not contain the same

combination twice, and the combinations may be returned in any order.

Example:

Input: $k = 3, n = 9$

Output: $[[1,2,6], [1,3,5], [2,3,4]]$

Explanation:

$1 + 2 + 6 = 9$

$1 + 3 + 5 = 9$

$2 + 3 + 4 = 9$

There are no other valid combinations.

Constraints:

- $2 \leq k \leq 9$
- $1 \leq n \leq 60$

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vector<vector<int>>res;
vector<int>temp;
void comb(vector<int>nums,int n,int sum,int k)
{
    if(sum==0 && k==0)
    {
        res.push_back(temp);
        return;
    }
    if(sum<0 || n<0)
        return;
    temp.push_back(nums[n]);
    comb(nums,n-1,sum-nums[n],k-1);
    temp.pop_back();
    comb(nums,n-1,sum,k);
}
vector<vector<int>> combinationSum3(int k, int n) {
    vector<int>nums;
    for(int i=1;i<=9;i++)
        nums.push_back(i);
    comb(nums,8,n,k);
    return res;
}
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#2 Explanation:

This is simple backtracking problem. First we push the numbers from 1 to 9 into a vector then we'll pass k and n as target. Then we'll backtrack with two choices either we can take the element from the array in that case we'll subtract the element from sum (sum-element) and push that element into temp vector and and second choice we don't pick the element and if sum and k becomes 0 we'll push the temp vector into resultant vector

Complexity

- Time complexity: $O(9^k)$
- Space complexity: $O(k)$