

★ THE COMPLETE DSA ROADMAP (BEGINNER → ADVANCED)

(Includes all important topics + subtopics in the correct sequence)

■ PHASE 1 — Foundations (Week 1–2)

1 Arrays (Start here)

- Basics: indexing, iteration
- Insertion, deletion
- Searching in arrays
- Prefix Sum
- Kadane's Algorithm
- Sliding Window
- **Two-Pointer Technique** (subset of arrays)
 - Pair sum / triplet sum
 - Remove duplicates
 - Move zeroes
 - Reverse array
 - Dutch National Flag problem (sort colors)

2 Strings

- String traversal
- ASCII & character mapping

- Palindrome check
 - Anagrams
 - String sorting
 - Frequency count
 - Two-pointer problems on strings
 - Pattern matching basics
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3 STL in C++ (Start here itself)

Use from Day 1, parallel to all topics.

STL Containers:

- vector
- pair
- stack
- queue
- deque
- priority_queue
- set
- unordered_set
- map
- unordered_map

Algorithms:

- sort(), stable_sort()
- reverse()
- lower_bound(), upper_bound()

- accumulate()
- max_element(), min_element()

Iterators:

- begin(), end()
 - auto keyword
 - range-based for loops
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PHASE 2 — Linear Data Structures (Week 3–4)

4 Linked List

- Singly linked list
 - Insert, delete operations
 - Fast & slow pointer method
 - Reverse linked list
 - Detect cycle (Floyd's cycle detection)
 - Middle of LL
 - Merge two sorted LL
 - Remove nth node from end
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5 Stack

- Stack using array
- Stack using linked list

- Applications:
 - Valid parentheses
 - Next greater element
 - Infix \rightarrow postfix
 - Stock span
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6 Queue

- Queue using array
 - Circular queue
 - Queue using two stacks
 - Priority queue
 - Deque
 - Sliding window max using deque
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PHASE 3 — Algorithm Basics (Week 5–6)

7 Searching

- Linear search
 - Binary search
 - Binary search on answers (VERY important)
 - Aggressive cows
 - Allocate books
 - Koko eating bananas
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8 Sorting

- Bubble, Insertion, Selection
 - Merge sort
 - Quick sort
 - Heap sort (optional)
 - Counting sort (concept)
 - Custom comparator (STL)
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9 Recursion

- Base case
 - Recursive tree
 - Factorial, Fibonacci
 - Sum of array
 - Reverse array via recursion
 - Subsequence generation
 - Recursion with strings
 - Recursion with backtracking basics
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PHASE 4 — Greedy Algorithms (Week 7)

10 Greedy Algorithm Topics

- Greedy choice property
- Activity selection
- Fractional knapsack

- Job sequencing
 - Minimum meeting rooms
 - Interval scheduling problems
 - Gas station
 - Jump game
 - Huffman Coding
 - Minimum coin change (greedy version)
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PHASE 5 — Backtracking (Week 8)

- N-Queens
 - Sudoku solver
 - Subsets
 - Permutations
 - Combination sum
 - Rat in a maze
 - Word search
 - Palindrome partitioning
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PHASE 6 — Trees (Week 9–10)

Binary Trees

- Node structure
- DFS traversals

- Inorder, Preorder, Postorder
- BFS (level order traversal)
- Height, depth
- Diameter of tree
- Balanced tree
- Sum tree
- Boundary traversal

Binary Search Trees (BST)

- Insertion
- Searching
- Deletion
- Validate BST
- Kth smallest/largest

Advanced Trees

- AVL trees (concept)
- Segment tree (optional)
- Trie (important for strings)



PHASE 7 — Graphs (Week 11–12)

Graph Basics

- Adjacency list
- BFS

- DFS
- Connected components
- Cycle detection (directed + undirected)
- Bipartite graph

Shortest Paths

- Dijkstra (Greedy + Priority Queue)
- Bellman-Ford
- Floyd–Warshall

Minimum Spanning Trees (Greedy)

- Prim's algorithm
- Kruskal's algorithm (with DSU/Union-Find)

Topological Sort

- Kahn's algorithm
- DFS-based topo sort

PHASE 8 — Dynamic Programming (Week 13–16)

Beginner Level

- Fibonacci
- Climbing stairs
- Grid path (2D DP)
- Subset sum

- 0/1 Knapsack

Intermediate

- LIS
- LCS
- Edit distance
- Matrix chain multiplication

Advanced

- DP on Trees
- DP on Graphs
- Bitmask DP

FINAL SUMMARY — COMPLETE TOPIC ORDER

1. Arrays
2. Strings
3. 2-Pointer
4. STL
5. Linked List
6. Stack
7. Queue
8. Searching
9. Sorting

10. Recursion

11. Greedy

12. Backtracking

13. Trees

14. BST

15. Graphs

16. DP