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## MR22-1 CS0208- DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

Holiday Assignment Questions

LEETCODE DAA Challenges

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You are expected to work through the DAA exercises and challenges available at the following link: <https://leetcode.com/problem-list/linked-list/>

### Q1. Find the Index of the First occurrence in a String:

Given two strings needle and haystack, return the index of the first occurrence of needle in haystack, or -1 if needle is not part of haystack.

Input: haystack = "sadbutsad", needle = "sad"

Output: 0

Explanation: "sad" occurs at index 0 and 6.

The first occurrence is at index 0, so we return 0.

Example 2:

Input: haystack = "leetcode", needle = "leeto"

Output: -1

Explanation: "leeto" did not occur in "leetcode", so we return -1.

### Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{haystack.length}, \text{needle.length} \leq 10^4$
- haystack and needle consist of only lowercase English characters.

### 1A. Code:

```
#include <string>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
    int strStr(string haystack, string needle) {
```

```
        // Find the position of the first occurrence of needle in haystack
```

```
        size_t pos = haystack.find(needle);
```

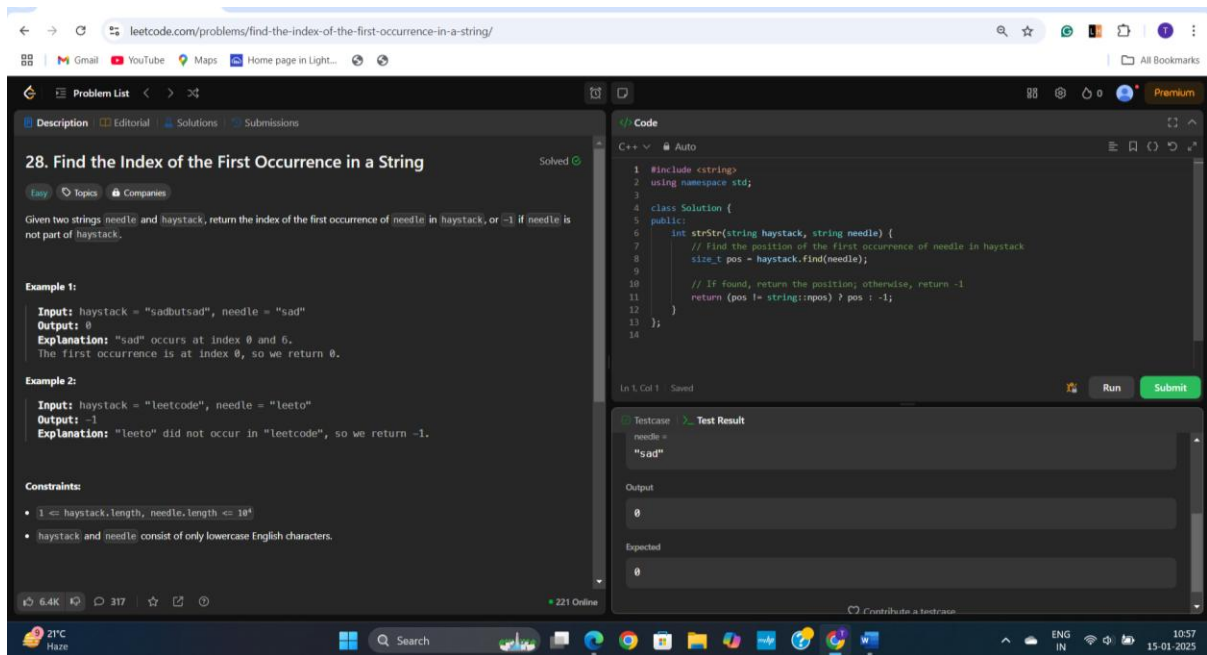
```
        // If found, return the position; otherwise, return -1
```

```
        return (pos != string::npos) ? pos : -1;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

**Output:**



## Q2. Bitwise and of Number Range e

### 201. Bitwise AND of Numbers Range

Given two integers *left* and *right* that represent the range [*left*, *right*], return *the bitwise AND of all numbers in this range, inclusive*.

Example 1:

Input: *left* = 5, *right* = 7

Output: 4

Example 2:

Input: *left* = 0, *right* = 0

Output: 0

Example 3:

Input: *left* = 1, *right* = 2147483647

Output: 0

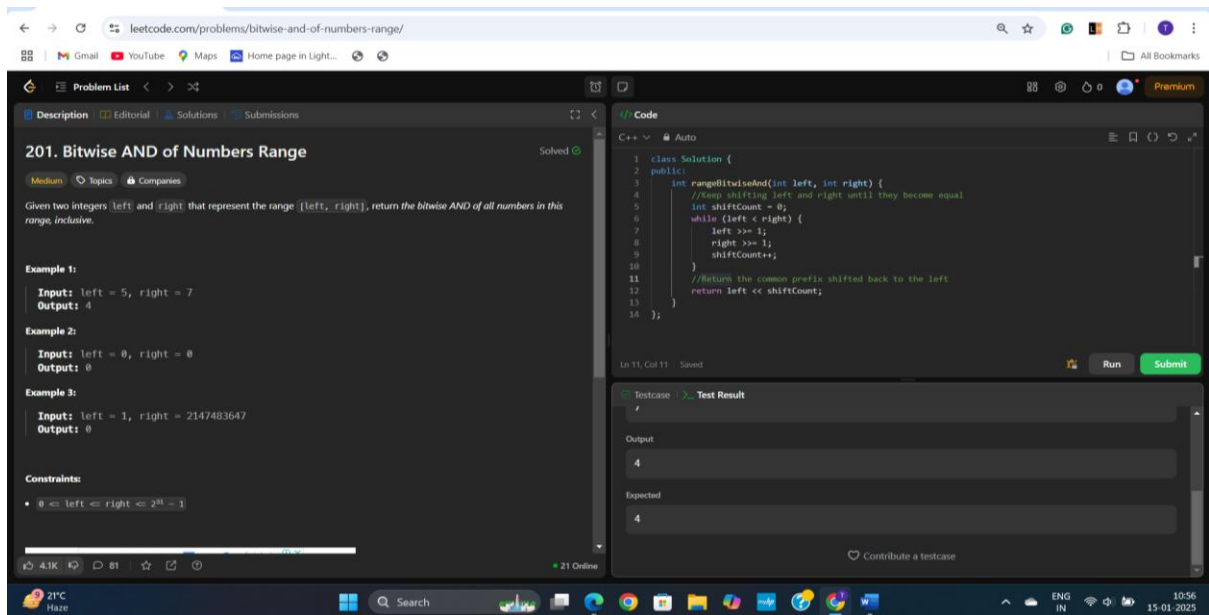
Constraints:

- $0 \leq \text{left} \leq \text{right} \leq 2^{31} - 1$

2A. Code:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int rangeBitwiseAnd(int left, int right) {
        //Keep shifting left and right until they become equal
        int shiftCount = 0;
        while (left < right) {
            left >>= 1;
            right >>= 1;
            shiftCount++;
        }
        //Return the common prefix shifted back to the left
        return left << shiftCount;
    }
};
```

Output:



### Q3. Square Root

#### 69. Sqrt(x)

Given a non-negative integer  $x$ , return *the square root of  $x$  rounded down to the nearest integer*. The returned integer should be non-negative as well.

You must not use any built-in exponent function or operator.

- For example, do not use `pow(x, 0.5)` in c++ or `x ** 0.5` in python.

Example 1:

Input:  $x = 4$

Output: 2

Explanation: The square root of 4 is 2, so we return 2.

Example 2:

Input:  $x = 8$

Output: 2

Explanation: The square root of 8 is 2.82842..., and since we round it down to the nearest integer, 2 is returned.

Constraints:

- $0 \leq x \leq 2^{31} - 1$

#### 3A. Code:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
    int mySqrt(int x) {
```

```
        if (x == 0 || x == 1) return x; // Handle edge cases
```

```
        int left = 0, right = x, result = 0;
```

```
        while (left <= right) {
```

```
            long long mid = left + (right - left) / 2; // Use long long to avoid overflow
```

```

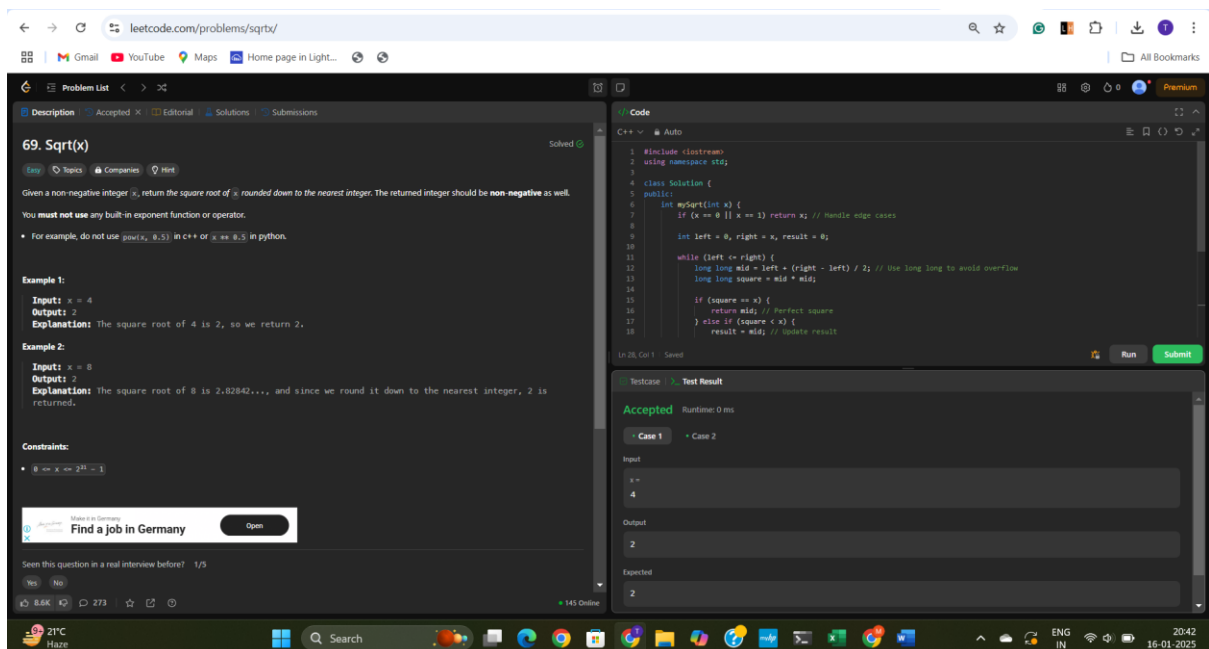
        long long square = mid * mid;

        if (square == x) {
            return mid; // Perfect square
        } else if (square < x) {
            result = mid; // Update result
            left = mid + 1; // Search in the right half
        } else {
            right = mid - 1; // Search in the left half
        }
    }

    return result; // Return the largest integer whose square <= x
}
};

```

**Output:**



## Q4. Largest Number

### 179. Largest Number

Given a list of non-negative integers nums, arrange them such that they form the largest number and return it.

Since the result may be very large, so you need to return a string instead of an integer.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** nums = [10,2]

**Output:** "210"

**Example 2:**

**Input:** nums = [3,30,34,5,9]

**Output:** "9534330"

**Constraints:**

- 1 ≤ nums.length ≤ 100

- $0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^9$

#### **4A. Code:**

```
#include <vector>
#include <string>
#include <algorithm>
using namespace std;

class Solution {
public:
    string largestNumber(vector<int>& nums) {
        vector<string> strNums;
        for (int num : nums) {
            strNums.push_back(to_string(num));
        }

        auto compare = [](const string& a, const string& b) {
            return a + b > b + a;
        };

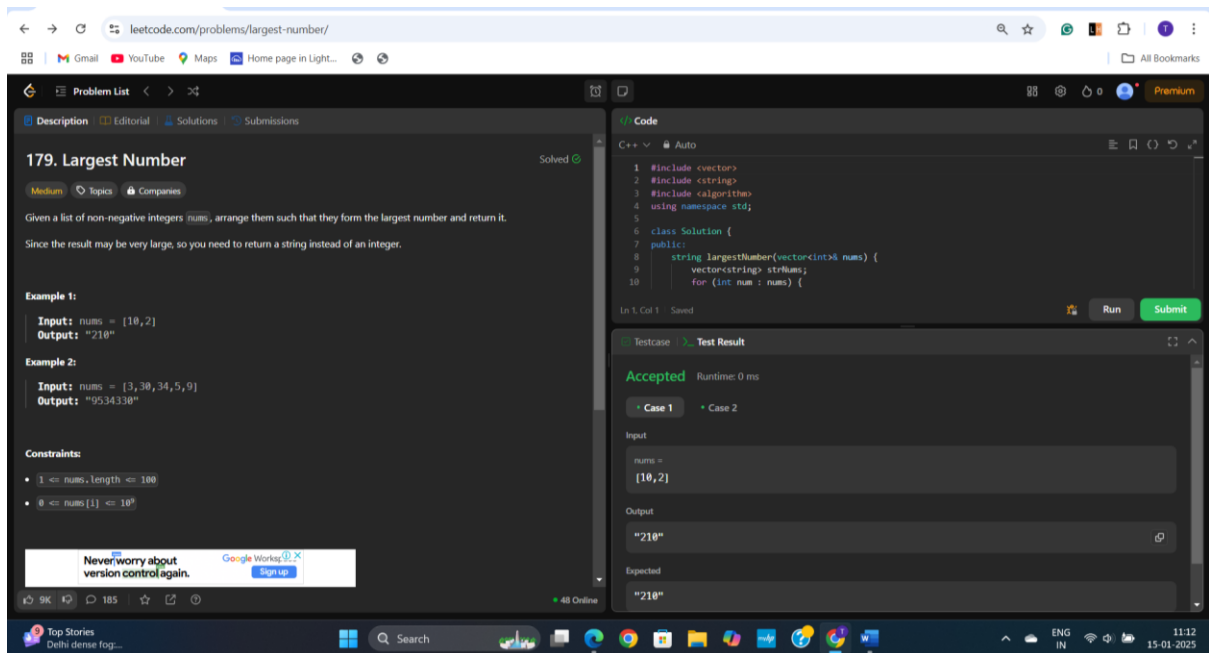
        sort(strNums.begin(), strNums.end(), compare);

        string result;
        for (const string& str : strNums) {
            result += str;
        }

        if (result[0] == '0') {
            return "0";
        }

        return result;
    }
};
```

**Output:**



## Q5. Valid Parenthesis

### 20. Valid Parentheses

Given a string `s` containing just the characters `'('`, `)'`, `'{'`, `'}'`, `'['` and `']'`, determine if the input string is valid.

An input string is valid if:

1. Open brackets must be closed by the same type of brackets.
2. Open brackets must be closed in the correct order.
3. Every close bracket has a corresponding open bracket of the same type.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `s = "()"`

**Output:** `true`

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `s = "()[]{}"`

**Output:** `true`

**Example 3:**

**Input:** `s = "("`

**Output:** `false`

**Example 4:**

**Input:** `s = "([])"`

**Output:** `true`

**Constraints:**

- $1 \leq \text{s.length} \leq 10^4$
- `s` consists of parentheses only `'()[]{}'`.

### 5A. Code:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <stack>
```

```
#include <string>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class Solution {
public:
```

```

bool isValid(string s) {
    stack<char> stack;

    for (char c : s) {
        // If the character is an opening bracket, push it onto the stack
        if (c == '(' || c == '{' || c == '[') {
            stack.push(c);
        }
        // If the character is a closing bracket, check if it matches the top of the stack
        else if (c == ')' || c == '}' || c == ']') {
            if (stack.empty()) {
                return false; // No opening bracket to match with
            }
            char top = stack.top();
            stack.pop();

            // Check if the top of the stack matches the corresponding opening bracket
            if ((c == ')' && top != '(') || (c == '}' && top != '{') || (c == ']' && top != '[')) {
                return false;
            }
        }
    }

    // If the stack is empty, all brackets were matched, otherwise return false
    return stack.empty();
}
};

```

**Output:**

The screenshot shows the LeetCode interface for the 'Valid Parentheses' problem. The problem description states: 'Given a string s containing just the characters '(', ')', '{', '}', '[', and ']', determine if the input string is valid. An input string is valid if: 1. Open brackets must be closed by the same type of brackets. 2. Open brackets must be closed in the correct order. 3. Every close bracket has a corresponding open bracket of the same type.' Examples provided include '(){}' (true), '({})' (true), '({})' (false), and '({})' (true). The C++ code in the editor implements a stack-based solution. The test results show 'Accepted' with a runtime of 0 ms. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 15-01-2025 and time as 12:19.

**Q6. Merge two Sorted List**

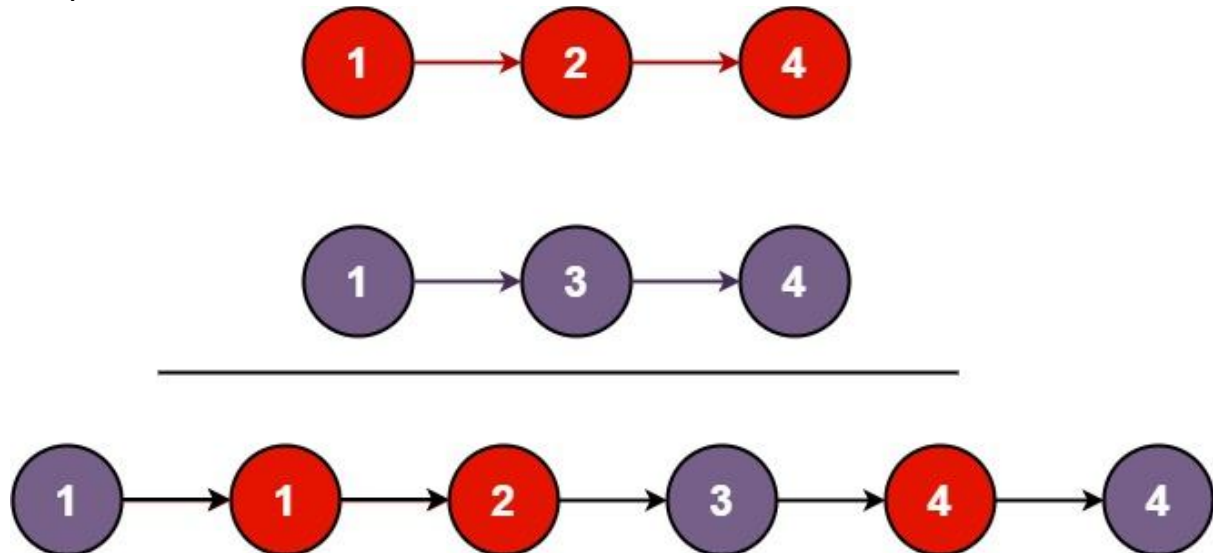
**21. Merge Two Sorted Lists**

You are given the heads of two sorted linked lists list1 and list2.

Merge the two lists into one sorted list. The list should be made by splicing together the nodes of the first two lists.

Return *the head of the merged linked list*.

Example 1:



Input: list1 = [1,2,4], list2 = [1,3,4]

Output: [1,1,2,3,4,4]

Example 2:

Input: list1 = [], list2 = []

Output: []

Example 3:

Input: list1 = [], list2 = [0]

Output: [0]

Constraints:

- The number of nodes in both lists is in the range [0, 50].
- $-100 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 100$
- Both list1 and list2 are sorted in non-decreasing order.

6A. Code:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <vector>
```

```
// Include the ListNode header
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
    ListNode* mergeTwoLists(ListNode* list1, ListNode* list2) {
```

```
        ListNode* dummy = new ListNode(0); // Create a dummy node to start the merged list
```

```
        ListNode* current = dummy; // Pointer to build the new list
```

```
        // Traverse both lists
```

```
        while (list1 != nullptr && list2 != nullptr) {
```

```
            if (list1->val <= list2->val) {
```

```
                current->next = list1; // Attach list1 node to merged list
```

```
                list1 = list1->next; // Move the list1 pointer forward
```



```

    } else {
        current->next = list2; // Attach list2 node to merged list
        list2 = list2->next; // Move the list2 pointer forward
    }
    current = current->next; // Move the current pointer forward in the merged list
}

// If there are remaining nodes in list1 or list2, attach them
if (list1 != nullptr) {
    current->next = list1;
} else if (list2 != nullptr) {
    current->next = list2;
}

return dummy->next; // Return the merged list starting from the first node
}
};

```

// Helper function to create a linked list from a vector

```

ListNode* createList(const vector<int>& nums) {
    ListNode* head = nullptr;
    ListNode* current = nullptr;
    for (int num : nums) {
        if (!head) {
            head = new ListNode(num);
            current = head;
        } else {
            current->next = new ListNode(num);
            current = current->next;
        }
    }
    return head;
}

```

// Helper function to print the linked list

```

void printList(ListNode* head) {
    while (head != nullptr) {
        cout << head->val << " ";
        head = head->next;
    }
    cout << endl;
}

```

**Output:**

The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL `leetcode.com/problems/merge-two-sorted-lists/`. The page displays the problem description and a C++ solution. The solution code is as follows:

```
9 ListNode* dummy =  
10 new ListNode(0); // Create a dummy node to start the merged list  
11 ListNode* current = dummy; // Pointer to build the new list  
12  
13 // Traverse both lists  
14 while (list1 != nullptr && list2 != nullptr) {  
15     if (list1->val <= list2->val) {  
16         current->next = list1; // Attach list1 node to merged list  
17         list1 = list1->next; // Move the list1 pointer forward  
18     } else {  
19         current->next = list2; // Attach list2 node to merged list  
20         list2 = list2->next; // Move the list2 pointer forward  
21     }  
22     current = current->next; // Move the current pointer forward in the  
23     // merged list  
24 }  
25
```

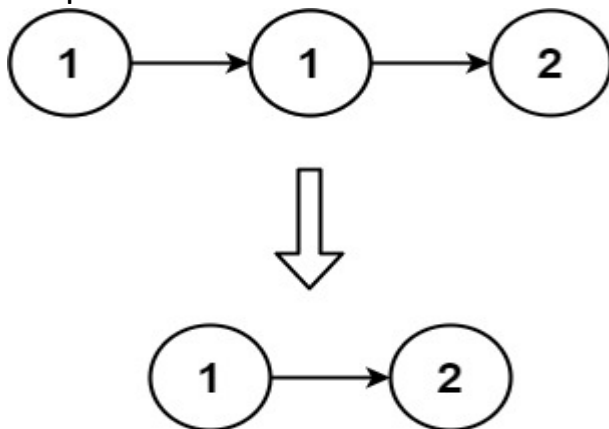
Below the code, the test results are shown. The input lists are `list1 = [1,2,4]` and `list2 = [1,3,4]`. The output is `[1,1,2,3,4,4]`, which matches the expected result `[1,1,2,3,4,4]`.

## Q7. Remove duplicates from sorted list

### 83. Remove Duplicates from Sorted List

Given the head of a sorted linked list, *delete all duplicates such that each element appears only once*.  
Return *the linked list sorted as well*.

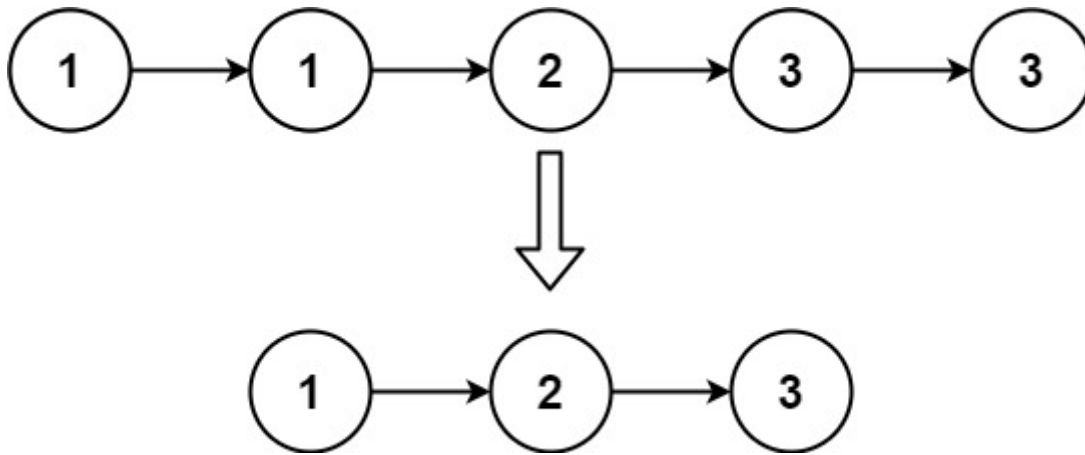
Example 1:



Input: head = [1,1,2]

Output: [1,2]

Example 2:



**Input:** head = [1,1,2,3,3]

**Output:** [1,2,3]

**Constraints:**

- The number of nodes in the list is in the range [0, 300].
- $-100 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 100$
- The list is guaranteed to be sorted in ascending order.

**7A. Code:**

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
// Assume ListNode structure is already defined and precompiled.
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
    ListNode* deleteDuplicates(ListNode* head) {
```

```
        ListNode* current = head;
```

```
        while (current != nullptr && current->next != nullptr) {
```

```
            if (current->val == current->next->val) {
```

```
                // Skip the duplicate node
```

```
                current->next = current->next->next;
```

```
            } else {
```

```
                // Move to the next node
```

```
                current = current->next;
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

```
        return head;
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

```
// Helper function to print the linked list
```

```
void printList(ListNode* head) {
```

```
    while (head != nullptr) {
```

```
        cout << head->val << " ";
```

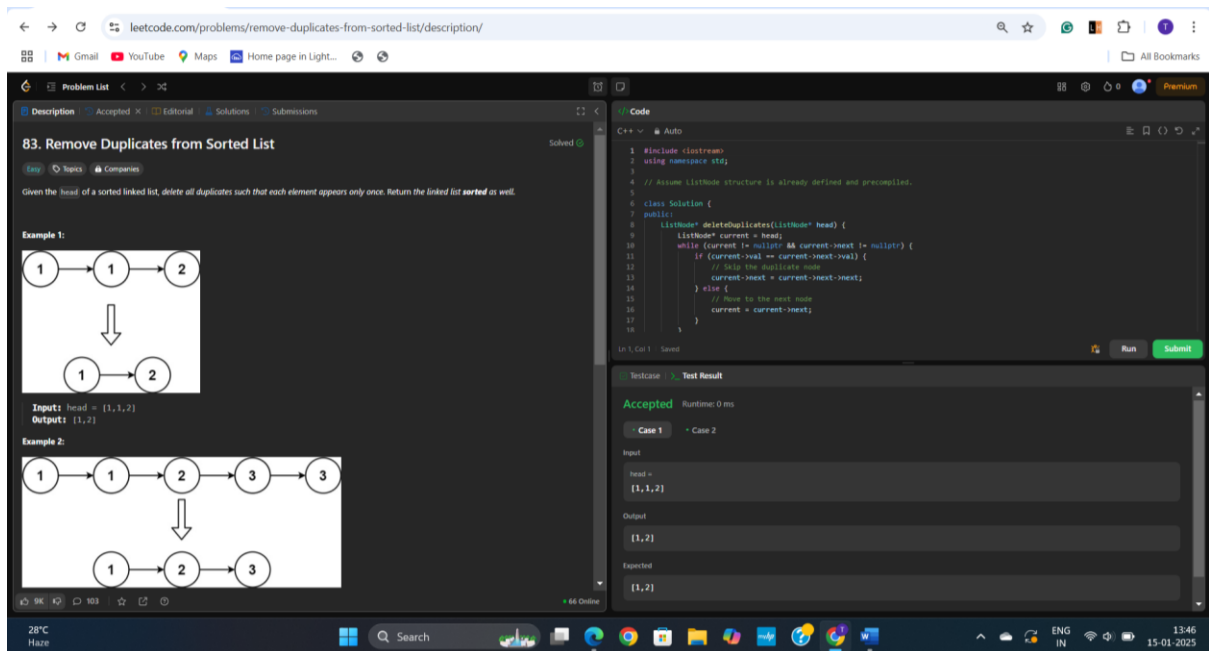
```
        head = head->next;
```

```
    }
```

```
    cout << endl;
```

```
}
```

**Output:**



## Q8. Find a Peak Element

### 162. Find Peak Element

A peak element is an element that is strictly greater than its neighbors.

Given a 0-indexed integer array `nums`, find a peak element, and return its index. If the array contains multiple peaks, return the index to any of the peaks.

You may imagine that `nums[-1] = nums[n] = -∞`. In other words, an element is always considered to be strictly greater than a neighbor that is outside the array.

You must write an algorithm that runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,2,3,1]`

Output: `2`

Explanation: 3 is a peak element and your function should return the index number 2.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [1,2,1,3,5,6,4]`

Output: `5`

Explanation: Your function can return either index number 1 where the peak element is 2, or index number 5 where the peak element is 6.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 1000$
- $-2^{31} \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 2^{31} - 1$
- $\text{nums}[i] \neq \text{nums}[i + 1]$  for all valid  $i$ .

**8A. Code:**

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <vector>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```

int findPeakElement(vector<int>& nums) {
    int left = 0, right = nums.size() - 1;

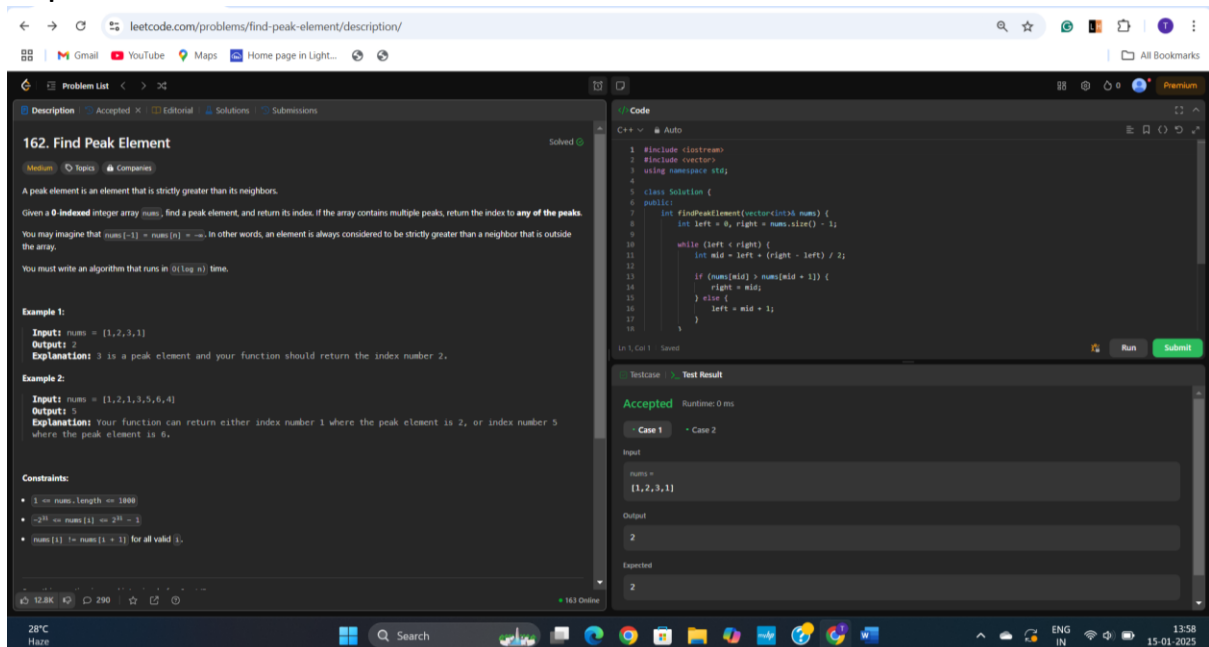
    while (left < right) {
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;

        if (nums[mid] > nums[mid + 1]) {
            right = mid;
        } else {
            left = mid + 1;
        }
    }

    return left;
}

```

**Output:**



## Q9. Binary Tree: IN order Traversal

### 94. Binary Tree Inorder Traversal

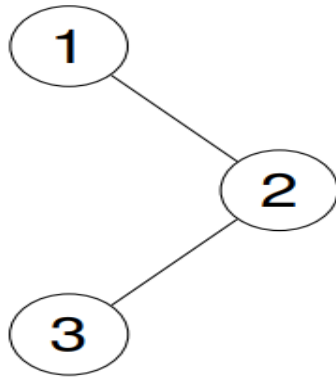
Given the root of a binary tree, return *the inorder traversal of its nodes' values*.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** root = [1,null,2,3]

**Output:** [1,3,2]

**Explanation:**

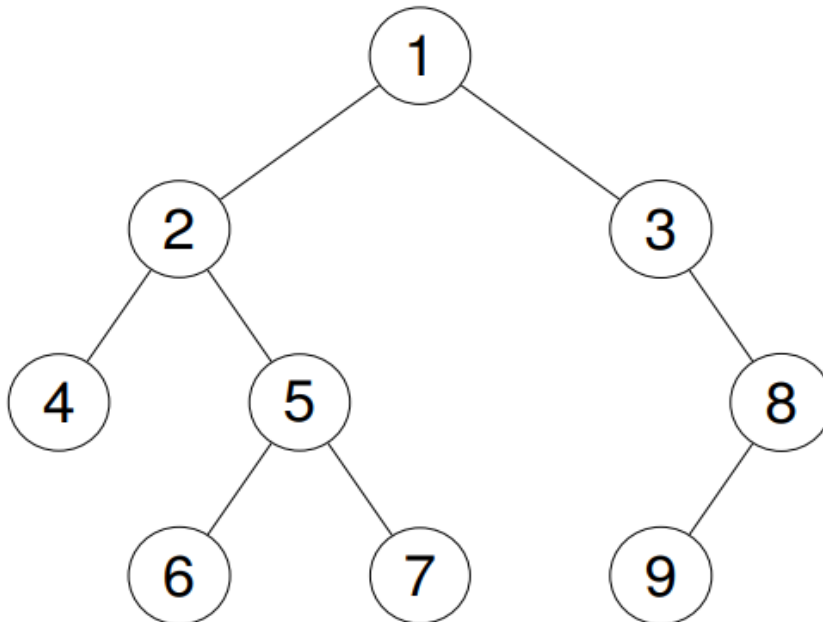


**Example 2:**

**Input:** root = [1,2,3,4,5,null,8,null,null,6,7,9]

**Output:** [4,2,6,5,7,1,3,9,8]

**Explanation:**



**Example 3:**

**Input:** root = []

**Output:** []

**Example 4:**

**Input:** root = [1]

**Output:** [1]

**Constraints:**

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range [0, 100].
- $-100 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 100$

**Follow up:** Recursive solution is trivial, could you do it iteratively?

**9A. Code:**

```
#include <iostream>
```

```

#include <vector>

using namespace std;

class Solution {
public:
    void inorderTraversalHelper(TreeNode* root, vector<int>& result) {
        if (root == nullptr) {
            return;
        }

        // Traverse left subtree
        inorderTraversalHelper(root->left, result);

        // Visit the root node
        result.push_back(root->val);

        // Traverse right subtree
        inorderTraversalHelper(root->right, result);
    }

    vector<int> inorderTraversal(TreeNode* root) {
        vector<int> result;
        inorderTraversalHelper(root, result);
        return result;
    }
};

```

### Output:

The screenshot shows the LeetCode interface for the problem "Binary Tree Inorder Traversal". On the left, a binary tree diagram is shown with root 1, left child 2, right child 3, and further nodes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Below the diagram, Example 3 and Example 4 are listed with their respective inputs and outputs. The constraints state that the number of nodes is in the range [1, 100] and node values are in the range [-100, 100]. A follow-up note suggests a recursive solution is trivial. On the right, the C++ solution code is displayed, which implements the recursive inorder traversal helper function. The code is shown in a dark-themed editor with line numbers. Below the code, the 'Test Result' section shows 'Accepted' with a runtime of 0 ms. A test case is visible with input root = [1,null,2,3] and expected output [1,3,2].

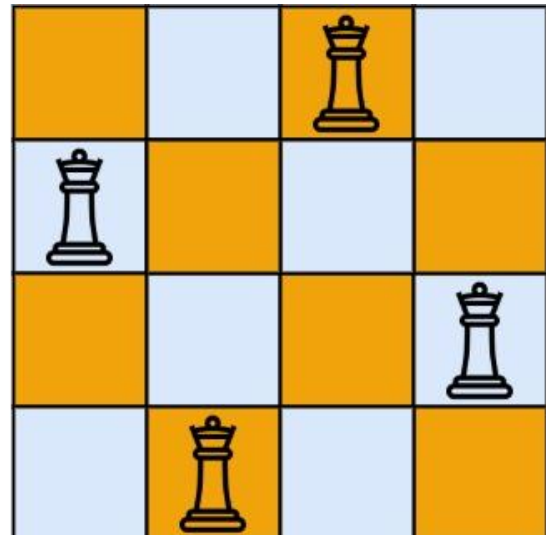
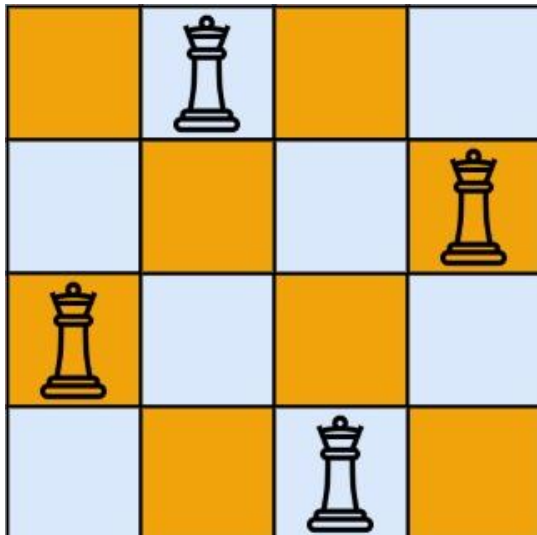
**Q10. N-Queens**  
**51. N-Queens**

The n-queens puzzle is the problem of placing n queens on an n x n chessboard such that no two queens attack each other.

Given an integer n, return *all distinct solutions to the n-queens puzzle*. You may return the answer in any order.

Each solution contains a distinct board configuration of the n-queens' placement, where 'Q' and '.' both indicate a queen and an empty space, respectively.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** n = 4

**Output:** [".Q...", "...Q", "Q...", "...Q."], [".Q.", "Q...", "...Q", ".Q.."]]

**Explanation:** There exist two distinct solutions to the 4-queens puzzle as shown above

**Example 2:**

**Input:** n = 1

**Output:** [["Q"]]

**Constraints:**

- $1 \leq n \leq 9$

**10A. Code:**

```
#include <vector>
```

```
#include <string>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
    vector<vector<string>> solveNQueens(int n) {
```

```
        vector<vector<string>> solutions;
```

```
        vector<string> board(n, string(n, '.')); // Initialize an empty n x n board
```

```
        vector<int> leftRow(n, 0), upperDiag(2 * n - 1, 0), lowerDiag(2 * n - 1, 0);
```

```
        backtrack(0, n, board, solutions, leftRow, upperDiag, lowerDiag);
```

```
        return solutions;
```

```
    }
```



private:

```
void backtrack(int col, int n, vector<string>& board, vector<vector<string>>& solutions,
               vector<int>& leftRow, vector<int>& upperDiag, vector<int>& lowerDiag) {
    if (col == n) {
        solutions.push_back(board);
        return;
    }

    for (int row = 0; row < n; ++row) {
        if (leftRow[row] == 0 && upperDiag[row + col] == 0 && lowerDiag[row - col + n - 1] == 0) {
            board[row][col] = 'Q';
            leftRow[row] = upperDiag[row + col] = lowerDiag[row - col + n - 1] = 1;

            backtrack(col + 1, n, board, solutions, leftRow, upperDiag, lowerDiag);

            // Undo the current placement
            board[row][col] = '.';
            leftRow[row] = upperDiag[row + col] = lowerDiag[row - col + n - 1] = 0;
        }
    }
};
```

Output:

The screenshot shows the LeetCode interface for the '51. N-Queens' problem. The problem description states: 'The n-queens puzzle is the problem of placing n queens on an n x n chessboard such that no two queens attack each other. Given an integer n, return all distinct solutions to the n-queens puzzle. You may return the answer in any order. Each solution contains a distinct board configuration of the n-queens' placement, where 'Q' and '.' both indicate a queen and an empty space, respectively.'

**Example 1:**

Input: n = 4  
Output: [["Q...","...Q","Q...","..Q."],["..Q","Q...","...Q",".Q.."]]  
Explanation: There exist two distinct solutions to the 4-queens puzzle as shown above

**Example 2:**

Input: n = 1  
Output: [["Q"]]

The code editor on the right shows the following C++ code:

```
1 #include <vector>
2 #include <string>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 class Solution {
6 public:
7     vector<vector<string>> solveNQueens(int n) {
8         vector<vector<string>> solutions;
9         vector<string> board(n, string(n, '.')); // Initialize an empty n x n board
10         vector<int> leftRow(n, 0), upperDiag(2 * n - 1, 0), lowerDiag(2 * n - 1, 0);
11         backtrack(0, n, board, solutions, leftRow, upperDiag, lowerDiag);
12         return solutions;
13     }
14
15 private:
16     void backtrack(int col, int n, vector<string>& board, vector<vector<string>>& solutions,
17                   vector<int>& leftRow, vector<int>& upperDiag, vector<int>& lowerDiag) {
18         if (col == n) {
19             solutions.push_back(board);
20             return;
21         }
22
23         for (int row = 0; row < n; ++row) {
24             if (leftRow[row] == 0 && upperDiag[row + col] == 0 && lowerDiag[row - col + n - 1] == 0) {
25                 board[row][col] = 'Q';
26                 leftRow[row] = upperDiag[row + col] = lowerDiag[row - col + n - 1] = 1;
27
28                 backtrack(col + 1, n, board, solutions, leftRow, upperDiag, lowerDiag);
29
30                 board[row][col] = '.';
31                 leftRow[row] = upperDiag[row + col] = lowerDiag[row - col + n - 1] = 0;
32             }
33         }
34     }
35 }
```

The test results section shows 'Accepted' with a runtime of 0 ms. The input and output fields are filled with the same data as in the example 1.