# **Data Structures & Algorithms Patterns**

Code templetes for Data Structures and Algorithms Crash Course from LeetCode (with some edits from me).

#### **Helper Flowchart**

NOTE: This is a helper flowchart, it covers majority of problems. But, it is not possible to cover all possible problems.

Input is an array or string Yes nput is sort (array) Problem satisfies property where "possible" and 'impossible'' Yes are two infinite No zones separated by a Number of ways to do something threshold Max/min possible of something ALL of something Decisions" need to b Is something possible? Not necessarily Prefix matching String building greedy. Distance between elements Continously finding Subarrays or Finding a specific substrings Max/min continuously removed Sliding window fashion

Question wants shortest path/fewest steps

Application wants shortest path/fewest steps

Application wants specific depths/levels

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Application wants specific location of working at specific depths/levels

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Input is ...

```
for(i in 1..<10) { print("$i ") }</pre>
val stack = Stack<Int>() ; stack.add(5) ; stack.removeAt(0)
stack.push(8) ; = stack.pop() ; = stack.peek()
val queue = ArrayDeque<Int>() ; queue.add(5)
var mutableList = mutableListOf("Mahipal","Nikhil","Rahul")
mutableList[0] = "Praveen"
mutableList.add("Abhi")
for(item in mutableList) { println(item) }
var mutableSet = mutableSetOf<Int>(6,10)
mutableSet.add(2)
for(item in mutableSet){ println(item) }
mutableSet.contains(str); mutableSet.remove("B");
var mutableMap = mutableMapOf<Int,String>(1 to "Neha",2 to "Puja")
mutableMap.put(1, "Rani")
mutableMap.put(4, "Abhi")
for(value in mutableMap.values){ println(value) }
for(key in immutableMap.keys){ println(immutableMap[key]) }
map.put(100, "Amit");
                       map.remove(102);
map.containsKey(5); map.containsValue("World");
```

```
fun main() {
   var myList = LinkedList()
   myList.addAtHead(99)
   myList.addAtHead("kkkk")
   println(myList.get(1))
}
class LinkedList {
   var head: Node? = null
   var tail: Node? = null
   var length: Int = 0
   inner class Node(var value: Any?){
        var next: Node? = null
    }
   fun addAtHead(value: Any?){
        val h = this.head
        val newNode = Node(value)
        newNode.next = this.head
        head = newNode
        if (h == null) tail = newNode
        this.length++
    }
   fun addAtTail(value: Any?){
        var h = head
        val newNode = Node(value)
        newNode.next = null
        while (h!!.next !=null) h = h.next
        h.next = newNode
        tail = newNode
       this.length++
   }
    fun addAtIndex(index: Int, value: Any?){
        var h = head
        var newNode = Node(value)
        var counter = 0
        if (index < 0 || index > this.length) return
        if (index == 0) {
            addAtHead(value)
            return
        }
        if (index == this.length) {
            addAtTail(value)
            return
        while (counter != index-1){
            h = h!!.next
            counter++
        newNode.next = h!!.next
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h.next = newNode
        this.length++
   }
   fun deleteAtIndex(index: Int) {
        var curr = this.head
        var prev:Node? = null
        var counter = 0
        if (index < 0 || index >= this.length) return
        if (index == 0){
            head = curr!!.next
            this.length--
            return
        while (counter != index){
            prev = curr
            curr = prev!!.next
            counter++
        }
        prev!!.next = curr!!.next
        if (index == length-1) tail = prev
        this.length--
   }
   fun get(index: Int): Any?{
        var h = head
        var counter = 0
        if (index < 0 || index >= this.length) return -1
        while (counter != index){
            h = h!!.next
            counter++
        return h!!.value
   }
}
```

```
java.util.*
**Types:** Boolean char-Character Byte Short int-Integer Long Float
int[] ar = new int[5]; int ar[] = {3, 1, 9, 2};
int c[][]=new int[2][3]; int a[][]={{1,3,4},{3,4,5}};
**Array Class:** List<Integer> l1 = Arrays.asList(ar);
Arrays.sort(ar); Arrays.binarySearch(ar,9);
List<String> al = new ArrayList<String>();
int size = al.size(); al.add("Ravi"); al.remove(0); //index
Set<String> hs = new HashSet<String>();
hs.add("A"); hs.contains(str); hs.remove("B");
for (String val:hs) { println(val);}
Map<Integer,String> map = new HashMap<Integer,String>();
map.put(100,"Amit");
                        map.remove(102);
                     map.containsValue("World");
map.containsKey(5);
for(Map.Entry m:map.entrySet()){    println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue
Collections.max(al); Collections.min(al); Collections.sort(al)
length can be used for int[], double[], String[]
**String Class:** i length(), ch charAt(i ind), bo contains(chSeq s
bo equals(Obj another), sr replace(ch old, ch new), sr trim()
sr[] split(sr regex), i indexOf(i ch), toLowerCase()
public class ListNode {
int val; ListNode next;
ListNode(int x) { val = x; }
public ListNode reverseList(ListNode head) {
     if(head == null || head.next == null)
                                           return head;
     -ListNode newHead=reverseList(head.next);
     -head.next.next=head; head.next=null;
    return newHead;}
```

# 1) Array - Two pointers: one input, opposite ends

```
public int fn(int[] arr) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = arr.length - 1;
    int ans = 0;

while (left < right) {
        // do some logic here with left and right
        if (CONDITION) {
            left++;
        } else {
            right--;
        }
    }

    return ans;
}</pre>
```

# 2) Array - Two pointers: two inputs, exhaust both

```
public int fn(int[] arr1, int[] arr2) {
    int i = 0, j = 0, ans = 0;
    while (i < arr1.length && j < arr2.length) {</pre>
        // do some logic here
        if (CONDITION) {
             i++;
        } else {
             j++;
        }
    }
    while (i < arr1.length) {</pre>
        // do logic
        i++;
    }
    while (j < arr2.length) {</pre>
        // do logic
        j++;
    }
    return ans;
}
```

# 3) Array - Sliding window

```
public int fn(int[] arr) {
   int left = 0, ans = 0, curr = 0;

for (int right = 0; right < arr.length; right++) {
      // do logic here to add arr[right] to curr

      while (WINDOW_CONDITION_BROKEN) {
            // remove arr[left] from curr
            left++;
      }

      // update ans
   }

return ans;
}</pre>
```

#### 4) Array - Build a prefix sum

```
public int[] fn(int[] arr) {
    int[] prefix = new int[arr.length];
    prefix[0] = arr[0];

    for (int i = 1; i < arr.length; i++) {
        prefix[i] = prefix[i - 1] + arr[i];
    }

    return prefix;
}</pre>
```

# 5) Efficient string building

```
public String fn(char[] arr) {
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    for (char c: arr) {
        sb.append(c);
    }
    return sb.toString();
}
```

# 6) Find number of subarrays that fit an exact criteria

```
public int fn(int[] arr, int k) {
    Map<Integer, Integer> counts = new HashMap<>();
    counts.put(0, 1);
    int ans = 0, curr = 0;

    for (int num: arr) {
        // do Logic to change curr
        ans += counts.getOrDefault(curr - k, 0);
        counts.put(curr, counts.getOrDefault(curr, 0) + 1);
    }

    return ans;
}
```

#### 7) Binary search

```
public int fn(int[] arr, int target) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = arr.length - 1;
    while (left <= right) {</pre>
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] == target) {
            // do something
            return mid;
        if (arr[mid] > target) {
            right = mid - 1;
        } else {
            left = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    // left is the insertion point
    return left;
}
```

# 8) Monotonic increasing stack

The same logic can be applied to maintain a monotonic queue.

```
public int fn(int[] arr) {
    Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<>();
    int ans = 0;

    for (int num: arr) {
        // for monotonic decreasing, just flip the > to <
        while (!stack.empty() && stack.peek() > num) {
            // do logic
            stack.pop();
        }

        stack.push(num);
    }

    return ans;
}
```

# 9) Find top k elements with heap

```
public int[] fn(int[] arr, int k) {
    PriorityQueue<Integer> heap = new PriorityQueue<>(CRITERIA);
    for (int num: arr) {
        heap.add(num);
        if (heap.size() > k) {
            heap.remove();
        }
    }
    int[] ans = new int[k];
    for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {
        ans[i] = heap.remove();
    }
    return ans;
}</pre>
```

# 10) Linked list: fast and slow pointer

```
public int fn(ListNode head) {
   ListNode slow = head;
   ListNode fast = head;
   int ans = 0;

   while (fast != null && fast.next != null) {
      // do Logic
      slow = slow.next;
      fast = fast.next.next;
   }

   return ans;
}
```

#### 11) Reversing a linked list

```
public ListNode fn(ListNode head) {
   ListNode curr = head;
   ListNode prev = null;
   while (curr != null) {
        ListNode nextNode = curr.next;
        curr.next = prev;
        prev = curr;
        curr = nextNode;
   }
   return prev;
}
```

# 12) Binary tree: DFS (recursive)

```
public int dfs(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) {
        return 0;
    }

    int ans = 0;
    // do logic
    dfs(root.left);
    dfs(root.right);
    return ans;
}
```

# 13) Binary tree: DFS (iterative)

```
public int dfs(TreeNode root) {
      Stack<TreeNode> stack = new Stack<>();
      stack.push(root);
      int ans = 0;
      while (!stack.empty()) {
          TreeNode node = stack.pop();
          // do Logic
          if (node.left != null) {
              stack.push(node.left);
          if (node.right != null) {
              stack.push(node.right);
          }
      }
      return ans;
  }
14) Binary tree: BFS (iterative)
  public int fn(TreeNode root) {
      Queue<TreeNode> queue = new LinkedList<>();
      queue.add(root);
      int ans = 0;
      while (!queue.isEmpty()) {
          int currentLength = queue.size();
          // do logic for current level
          for (int i = 0; i < currentLength; i++) {</pre>
```

TreeNode node = queue.remove();

if (node.left != null) {
 queue.add(node.left);

if (node.right != null) {
 queue.add(node.right);

// do Logic

# 15) Graph: DFS (recursive)

}

}

return ans;

}

}

For the graph templates, assume the nodes are numbered from 0 to n-1 and the graph is given as an adjacency list.

Depending on the problem, you may need to convert the input into an equivalent adjacency list before using the templates.

```
Set<Integer> seen = new HashSet<>();
public int fn(int[][] graph) {
    seen.add(START_NODE);
   return dfs(START_NODE, graph);
}
public int dfs(int node, int[][] graph) {
   int ans = 0;
   // do some logic
   for (int neighbor: graph[node]) {
        if (!seen.contains(neighbor)) {
            seen.add(neighbor);
            ans += dfs(neighbor, graph);
        }
    }
   return ans;
}
```

# 16) Graph: DFS (iterative)

```
public int fn(int[][] graph) {
    Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<>();
    Set<Integer> seen = new HashSet<>();
    stack.push(START_NODE);
    seen.add(START_NODE);
    int ans = 0;
   while (!stack.empty()) {
        int node = stack.pop();
        // do some logic
        for (int neighbor: graph[node]) {
            if (!seen.contains(neighbor)) {
                seen.add(neighbor);
                stack.push(neighbor);
            }
        }
    }
    return ans;
}
```

#### 17) Graph: BFS (iterative)

```
public int fn(int[][] graph) {
    Queue<Integer> queue = new LinkedList<>();
   Set<Integer> seen = new HashSet<>();
    queue.add(START_NODE);
    seen.add(START_NODE);
    int ans = 0;
   while (!queue.isEmpty()) {
        int node = queue.remove();
        // do some logic
        for (int neighbor: graph[node]) {
            if (!seen.contains(neighbor)) {
                seen.add(neighbor);
                queue.add(neighbor);
            }
        }
    }
   return ans;
}
```

18) Binary search: duplicate elements, left-most insertion point

```
public int fn(int[] arr, int target) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = arr.length;
    while (left < right) {
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] >= target) {
            right = mid;
        } else {
            left = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    return left;
}
```

19) Binary search: duplicate elements, right-most insertion point

```
public int fn(int[] arr, int target) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = arr.length;
    while (left < right) {
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] > target) {
            right = mid;
        } else {
            left = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    return left;
}
```

20) Binary search: for greedy problems - looking for minimum

```
public int fn(int[] arr) {
    int left = MINIMUM_POSSIBLE_ANSWER;
    int right = MAXIMUM_POSSIBLE_ANSWER;
    while (left <= right) {</pre>
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        if (check(mid)) {
            right = mid - 1;
        } else {
            left = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    return left;
}
public boolean check(int x) {
    // this function is implemented depending on the problem
    return BOOLEAN;
}
```

# 21) Binary search: for greedy problems - looking for maximum

```
public int fn(int[] arr) {
    int left = MINIMUM_POSSIBLE_ANSWER;
    int right = MAXIMUM_POSSIBLE_ANSWER;
    while (left <= right) {</pre>
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        if (check(mid)) {
            left = mid + 1;
        } else {
            right = mid - 1;
        }
    }
    return right;
}
public boolean check(int x) {
    // this function is implemented depending on the problem
    return BOOLEAN;
}
```

# 22) Backtracking problems

```
public int backtrack(STATE curr, OTHER_ARGUMENTS...) {
   if (BASE_CASE) {
        // modify the answer
        return 0;
   }

int ans = 0;
   for (ITERATE_OVER_INPUT) {
        // modify the current state
        ans += backtrack(curr, OTHER_ARGUMENTS...)
        // undo the modification of the current state
   }
}
```

#### 23) Dynamic programming: top-down memoization

```
Map<STATE, Integer> memo = new HashMap<>();
public int fn(int[] arr) {
    return dp(STATE_FOR_WHOLE_INPUT, arr);
}

public int dp(STATE, int[] arr) {
    if (BASE_CASE) {
        return 0;
    }

    if (memo.contains(STATE)) {
        return memo.get(STATE);
    }

    int ans = RECURRENCE_RELATION(STATE);
    memo.put(STATE, ans);
    return ans;
}
```

#### 24) Build a trie

```
// note: using a class is only necessary if you want to store data (
// otherwise, you can implement a trie using only hash maps.
class TrieNode {
    // you can store data at nodes if you wish
    int data;
    Map<Character, TrieNode> children;
    TrieNode() {
        this.children = new HashMap<>();
    }
}
public TrieNode buildTrie(String[] words) {
    TrieNode root = new TrieNode();
    for (String word: words) {
        TrieNode curr = root;
        for (char c: word.toCharArray()) {
            if (!curr.children.containsKey(c)) {
                curr.children.put(c, new TrieNode());
            }
            curr = curr.children.get(c);
        }
        // at this point, you have a full word at curr
        // you can perform more logic here to give curr an attribute
    }
    return root;
}
```

# 25) Dijkstra's algorithm

```
int[] distances = new int[n];
Arrays.fill(distances, Integer.MAX_VALUE);
distances[source] = 0;
Queue<Pair<Integer, Integer>> heap = new PriorityQueue<Pair<Integer</pre>
heap.add(new Pair(0, source));
while (!heap.isEmpty()) {
    Pair<Integer, Integer> curr = heap.remove();
    int currDist = curr.getKey();
    int node = curr.getValue();
    if (currDist > distances[node]) {
        continue;
    }
    for (Pair<Integer, Integer> edge: graph.get(node)) {
        int nei = edge.getKey();
        int weight = edge.getValue();
        int dist = currDist + weight;
        if (dist < distances[nei]) {</pre>
            distances[nei] = dist;
            heap.add(new Pair(dist, nei));
        }
   }
}
```