

Coding Questions

1) Array Manipulation

- Given an array of integers, write a function to move all zeros to the end without changing the order of non-zero elements.

Solution:

```
def move_zeros_to_end(nums):
```

```
    non_zeros = [num for num in nums if num != 0]
```

```
    zeros = [0] * (len(nums) - len(non_zeros))
```

```
    return non_zeros + zeros
```

2) Stack Implementation using Queues

- Implement a stack using queues. The stack should support the following operations: push, pop, top, and empty.

Solution:

```
from collections import deque
```

```
class Stack:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
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```
        self.queue = deque()
```

```
    def push(self, x):
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```
        self.queue.append(x)
```

```
        for _ in range(len(self.queue) - 1):
```

```
            self.queue.append(self.queue.popleft())
```

```
def pop(self):  
  
    return self.queue.popleft()
```

```
def top(self):  
  
    return self.queue[0]
```

```
def empty(self):  
  
    return len(self.queue) == 0
```

3) Valid Parentheses

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

Solution:

```
def is_valid(s):  
  
    stack = []  
  
    mapping = {'(': ')', '{': '}', '[': ']'}  
  
  
    for char in s:  
  
        if char in mapping:  
  
            top_element = stack.pop() if stack else '#'  
  
            if mapping[char] != top_element:  
  
                return False  
  
        else:  
  
            stack.append(char)
```

return not stack

4) Merge Two Sorted Lists

- Merge two sorted linked lists and return it as a new sorted list. The new list should be made by splicing together the nodes of the first two lists.

Solution:

class ListNode:

def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):

self.val = val

self.next = next

def merge_two_lists(l1, l2):

dummy = ListNode()

current = dummy

while l1 and l2:

if l1.val < l2.val:

current.next = l1

l1 = l1.next

else:

current.next = l2

l2 = l2.next

current = current.next

current.next = l1 if l1 else l2

return dummy.next

5) Linked List Cycle Detection

- Determine whether a linked list has a cycle in it.

Solution:

class ListNode:

def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):

self.val = val

self.next = next

def has_cycle(head):

slow = fast = head

while fast and fast.next:

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

if slow == fast:

return True

return False

6) Binary Tree Level Order Traversal

- Given a binary tree, return the level order traversal of its nodes' values. (i.e., from left to right, level by level).

Solution:

class TreeNode:

def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):

self.val = val

self.left = left

self.right = right

def level_order(root):

if not root:

return []

result = []

queue = [root]

while queue:

level = []

for _ in range(len(queue)):

node = queue.pop(0)

level.append(node.val)

if node.left:

queue.append(node.left)

if node.right:

queue.append(node.right)

result.append(level)

return result

7) Maximum Depth of Binary Tree

- Given a binary tree, find its maximum depth. The maximum depth is the number of nodes along the longest path from the root node down to the farthest leaf node.

Solution:

class TreeNode:

def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):

self.val = val

self.left = left

self.right = right

def max_depth(root):

if not root:

return 0

left_depth = max_depth(root.left)

right_depth = max_depth(root.right)

return max(left_depth, right_depth) + 1

8) Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Given a graph represented as an adjacency list and a starting vertex, implement BFS to traverse the graph.

Solution:

```
def bfs(graph, start):
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```
    visited = set()
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```
    queue = [start]
```

```
    while queue:
```

```
        vertex = queue.pop(0)
```

```
        if vertex not in visited:
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```
            print(vertex, end=' ')
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```
            visited.add(vertex)
```

```
            queue.extend(graph[vertex] - visited)
```

9) Depth-First Search (DFS)

- Implement DFS to traverse a graph given its adjacency list and a starting vertex.

Solution:

```
def dfs(graph, start, visited=None):
```

```
    if visited is None:
```

```
        visited = set()
```

```
    visited.add(start)
```

```
    print(start, end=' ')
```

```
    for neighbor in graph[start]:
```

```
        if neighbor not in visited:
```

```
            dfs(graph, neighbor, visited)
```

10) Validate BST

- Given the root of a binary tree, determine if it is a valid binary search tree (BST).

Solution:

class TreeNode:

def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):

self.val = val

self.left = left

self.right = right

def is_valid_bst(root, min_val=float('-inf'), max_val=float('inf')):

if not root:

return True

if not min_val < root.val < max_val:

return False

return (is_valid_bst(root.left, min_val, root.val) and

is_valid_bst(root.right, root.val, max_val))