

## Permutations

For this problem we need to generate all possible permutations of a list of distinct integers; the approach is backtracking.

### Key Idea:

- Build permutation incrementally.
- Use a used array (or in-place swapping) to track visited elements.
- When current permutation length  $=$   $\text{nums.size()}$ , add to result.

### Algorithm:

1. Initialize an empty result vector.
2. Use recursion (backtrack):
  - If  $\text{path.size()} == \text{nums.size()}$ , push path to result.
  - Otherwise, iterate over nums:
    - Skip already used elements.
    - Add current number, mark as used.
    - Recurse.
    - Backtrack: remove last number, mark unused.

### Alternative: In-Place Swapping:

- At each recursion level, swap current index with  $i$  and recurse.

### Complexity:

- Time:  $O(n \times m)$  - total permutation count is  $n!$
- Space:  $O(n)$  recursion stack.