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If you are someone who is able to solve questions during practice but struggles when faced with similar questions in online assessments (OA) or extended versions later on, please read this thoroughly. I used to face the same issue, and here I discuss the steps I took to overcome it.

Keep Things Organized

Instead of rushing to cover every topic, go with the flow. Focus on important topics one by one (if you want the roadmap in which I went through the topic, let me know in comments). While solving problems, focus on finding efficient approaches. Always prepare notes. Create a Google Drive folder for each topic, and within each folder, create a Google Doc containing links to all (I repeat all, no matter how much easier it is, just keep it in the Doc) the questions, along with your solutions and the logic you used. Below are screenshots from my Google Drive:

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Problems

1) [Maximum distance between two occurrences](#)

Intuition - We can keep storing the first occurrence of each number and checking if the distance is maximum or not.

TC - $O(n)$

SC - $O(n)$

2) [First Unique Character](#)

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Intuition - Maintain a variable unique index and a map. If after updating the frequency in the map. The character at unique_index is not unique now. Move until you find a unique index.

Time Complexity - $O(2 \cdot n)$ (Reason is the nested loop can run at max n times. Unique index can at max go to s.length()).

Space Complexity - $O(n)$

Revise Smartly

Now that you have notes, effective revision is key. Follow this strategy: Wake up at 7:30 AM and, before attempting any new questions, revise all the questions from 2-3 topics every day. Initially, this may take time, but with each revision, the time required will significantly decrease. After 2-3 revisions, remove questions you remember by heart from your list.

How and What to Revise?

Do not memorize solutions every day. Instead, read the problem and try to think of the logic. If you can't recall the logic, refer to your notes and attempt to code the solution. If you struggle to code it, check the attached code in the link. Only code if necessary.

Final Note

By revising 2-3 topics daily, you'll cover the entire Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) syllabus every 9-10 days. You'll be familiar with around 450 questions, to the point where solving them feels effortless. This familiarity will also help you tackle extended versions of problems, as you'll have already mastered the basics.

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there may be days when going through a new question seems unfruitful, and that's fine. But never skip revision, as you've kept notes in Google Drive, you can access them from your phone as well.

Many of you were asking for a roadmap and important questions for each topic. I will keep on adding the sheets here in order in which you should solve, so you can check them out.

- 1. **Hashing** - <https://leetcode.com/discuss/study-guide/4781120/Hashing-and-Prefix-Sum-%3A-Definitive-Guide>
- 2. **Sliding window (fixed size)** - [Under progress]



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array2002 February 24, 2024 9:18 PM
Hi everyone, many of you were asking for the sample doc link. So, here are my notes for hashing - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sn1Y7GiOHM0rI9B2FS2WOH3nIHbEd-2ZhWYWfq4GArc/edit?usp=sharing>
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bhishu February 24, 2024 3:04 AM
It's just because of people like you that makes this platform one of the best. Thank you!
Please share your roadmap too and also the google drive link if possible.
One more question, were you able to solve more contest questions after following this strategy? Actually i have done a lot problems but not able to solve more problems in a contest.
Have you ever done CP?
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array2002 February 25, 2024 10:04 AM
Hi everyone, thank you for this overwhelming response. I have updated the post and started adding the links to posts where I've included questions for each topic I will keep the topics in the order you should attempt them. Feel free to check them out and let me know if you have any questions!
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That's insightful. if possible, can you please put your sample note in a shared drive link for our reference :)
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Can you share the roadmap and the sample drive link. please
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mayursonowal7 February 24, 2024 11:40 AM
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