

1. Differentiate between FIFO and LIFO Branch & Bound.

ans • FIFO (First-In-First-Out) uses a queue. It explores nodes in the order they were added. Useful for breadth-first search.

• LIFO (Last-In-First-Out) uses a stack. It explores the most recently added nodes first - useful for depth-first search.

2. Define Vertex Cover Problem.

ans A Vertex Cover of a graph is a set of vertices such that every edge in the graph is incident to at least one vertex from this set. The problem is to find the minimum such set.

3. What is the need of Approximation Algorithm?

ans Approximation algorithms are needed for NP-hard problems where finding an exact solution is computationally infeasible. They provide near-optimal solutions in polynomial time.

4. What is a n -Queen's Problem?

ans The n -Queen's Problem involves placing n queens on an $n \times n$ chessboard such that no two queens threaten each other (i.e.,

no two queens share the same row, column, or diagonal).

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1. Write Robin-karp String matching algorithm.
ans The Robin-karp algorithm uses hashing to find any one of a set of pattern strings in a text.

- Calculate the hash value of the pattern and the first window of text.
- slide the window over the text, rehashing and comparing.
- If hash matches, verify actual substring to avoid false positives.
- Time complexity: Average and Best case $O(nm)$, worst case $O(nm)$.

2. Define the class P, NP, NPC and NP-hard Problems.

- P: Problems solvable in Polynomial time.
- NP: Problems verifiable in Polynomial time.
- NPC: (NP-Complete): Problems that are both in NP and as hard as any NP problem.
- NP-Hard: At least as hard as the hardest problems in NP, but not necessarily in NP.

1. Subset - Sum Problem:

Ques Given Set $W = \{5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18\}$
and $m = 30$.

find Subset such that the sum is 30:

Example solution: $\{12, 13, 5\}$.

The State space tree would include decisions at each level to include or exclude each number.

2. Short notes:

① Branch & Bound:

A Problem-solving Strategy that systematically considers branches and prunes them based on bounds to avoid ~~the~~ unnecessary work. Used in optimization Problems.

② Backtracking:

A recursive method to build solution incrementally and backtrack when a constraint is violated. Used in Problems like n-Queen, Sudoku, etc.