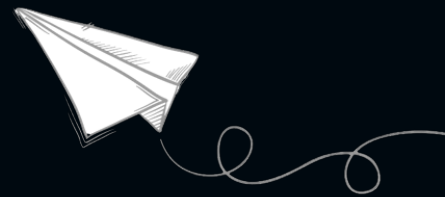


# TCS NQT

## Programming Problems with implementations



### Array & Strings-3

### Lecture 06



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#Q.

Maximum Subarray Sum – Kadane's Algorithm ★

**Problem Statement:** Given an array `arr[]`, the task is to find the subarray that has the maximum sum and return its sum.

Examples

Example 1:

Input: `arr[] = {2, 3, -8, 7, -1, 2, 3}`

Output: 11

Explanation: The subarray {7, -1, 2, 3} has the largest sum 11.

Example 2:

Input: `arr[] = {-2, -4}`

Output: -2

Explanation: The subarray {-2} has the largest sum -2.

Example 3:

Input: `arr[] = {5, 4, 1, 7, 8}`

Output: 25

Explanation: The subarray {5, 4, 1, 7, 8} has the largest sum 25.



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Interview

ex 1:-  $A = [2, 3, -8, 7, -1, 2, 3]$

~~5~~  $-3$   $7$   $7 + 5 - 1 = 11$

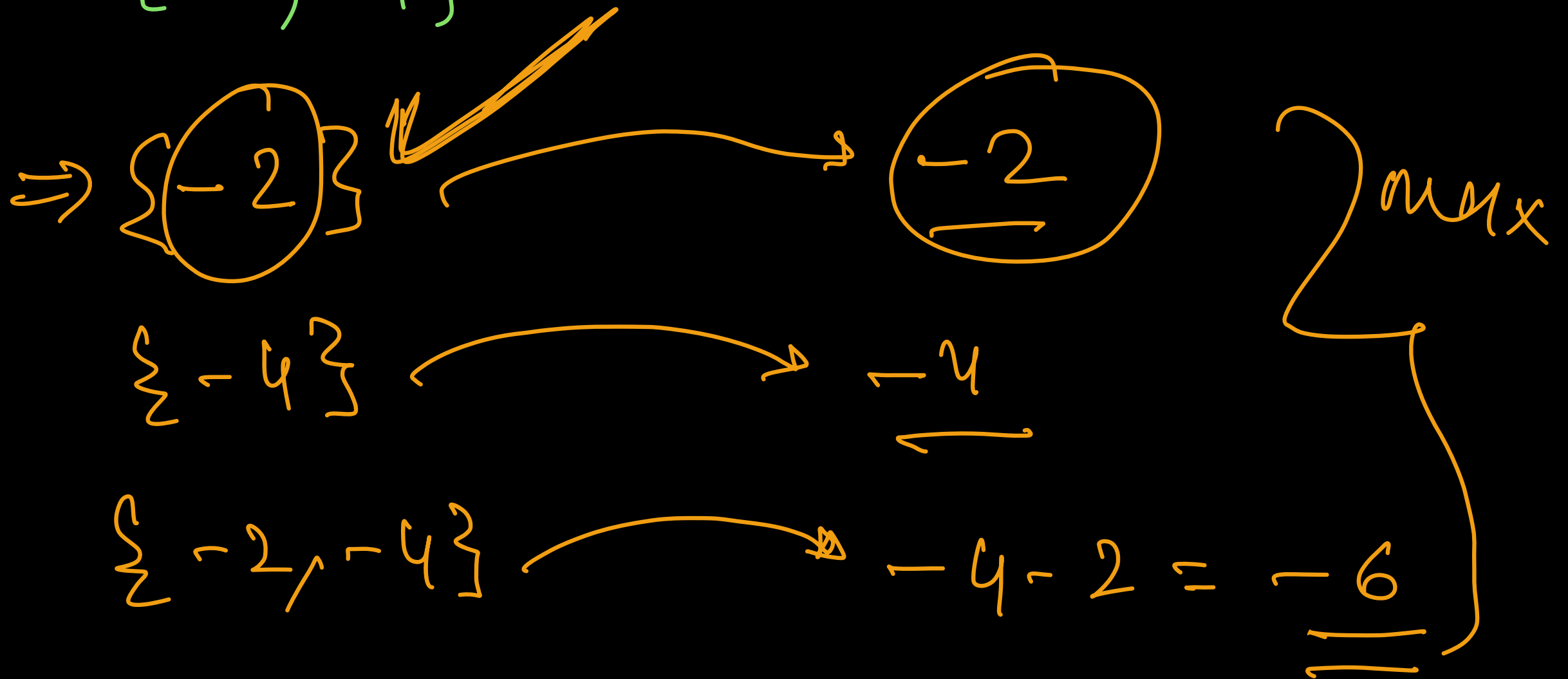
Sub array  
↓  
contiguous

Ans:- 11  $\{7, -1, 2, 3\}$

$\{2, 3, 7, 2, 3\}$

eg 2 :-

$$\{-2, -4\}$$



Q93:-

$$A = [5, 4, 1, 7, 8]$$

$$\{5\}$$

$$\{5, 4\}$$

$$\{4\}$$

$$\{5, 4, 1\}$$

$$\{1\}$$

$$\{5, 4, 1, 7\}$$

Ans:

$$= \frac{5 + 4 + 1 + 7 + 8}{10 + 15} = 25$$

App1 :- Brute Force → All possible Subarrays :

logic → find all possible Subarrays  
and calc their Sums.

and store it  
and keep ans of it

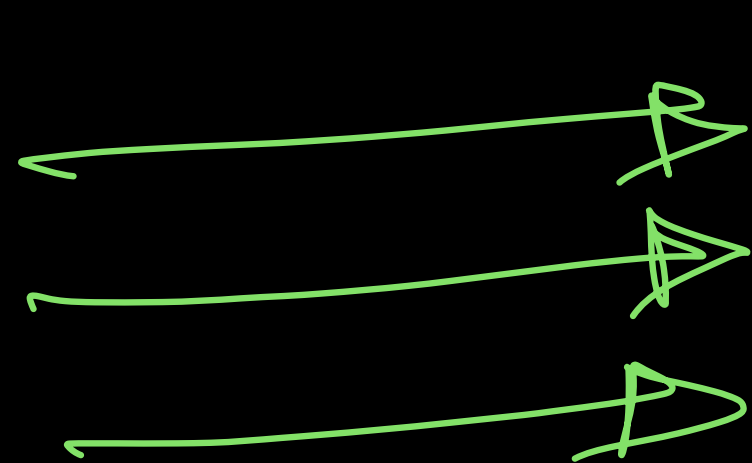


$[0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots n]$

$i \rightarrow$  start of subarray.

$j \rightarrow$  end point of subarray.

$[ [i \rightarrow j] ]$



same

$\{ 1, 2 \}$   
 $\{ 2, 1 \}$

ans = INT\_MIN;

for (i = 0 → n-1) →  $O(n)$

{  
sum = 0

i → j

for (j = i → n-1) →  $O(n)$

{  
|  
}

sum += a[j]

$O(n^2)$

ans = max(ans, sum)

}

# Appr 2 :- Kadane's Algo.

ex:-  $A = [2, 3, -8, 7, -1, 2, 3]$

$$ans = a(0)$$

$$curr\_sum = a(0)$$

For  $i = 1 \rightarrow n$

$$curr\_sum = \max(curr\_sum + a_i, a_i)$$

$$ans = \max(ans, curr\_sum);$$

$$A = [2, 3, -8, 7, -1, 2, 3]$$

$\xrightarrow{2+3}$   
 $\text{ans} = 5 - 8 = -3$

$\text{cum-sum} = -3 \neq 7$

$\text{cum-sum}$

$= \max(-3 + 7, 7)$

$\text{ans} = 7$

$(7, 6) \rightarrow (7, 8) \rightarrow (8, 11)$

$\rightarrow \underline{\underline{11}}$

$(-1, 6)$

$\rightarrow (6 + 2, 2)$

$(4, 7)$

$\rightarrow (8 + 3, 5)$

$= 11$

fresh start



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#Q. Find Smallest Missing Positive Number

**Problem Statement:** Given an unsorted array `arr[]` containing both positive and negative elements, the task is to find the smallest positive number missing from the array.

Note: You can modify the original array.

Examples

**Example 1:**

Input: `arr[] = {2, -3, 4, 1, 1, 7}`

Output: 3

Explanation: The positive numbers in sorted order are {1, 2, 4, 7}. The smallest missing positive number is 3.

**Example 2:**

Input: `arr[] = {5, 3, 2, 5, 1}`

Output: 4

Explanation: The positive numbers in sorted order are {1, 2, 3, 5, 5}. The smallest missing positive number is 4.

### Example 3:

Input:  $\text{arr}[] = \{-8, 0, -1, -4, -3\}$

Output: 1

Explanation: There are no positive numbers in the array, so the smallest missing positive number is 1.

#Q. Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

**Problem Statement:** Given two strings,  $s1$  and  $s2$ , the task is to find the length of the Longest Common Subsequence. If there is no common subsequence, return 0. A subsequence is a string generated from the original string by deleting 0 or more characters, without changing the relative order of the remaining characters.

For example, sub sequences of "ABC" are "", "A", "B", "C", "AB", "AC", "BC" and "ABC". In general, a string of length  $n$  has  $2^n$  sub sequences.

Examples

**Example 1:**

Input:  $s1 = \text{"ABC"}$ ,  $s2 = \text{"ACD"}$

Output: 2

Explanation: The longest subsequence common to both strings is "AC", which has a length of 2.

### Example 2:

- Input:  $s1 = \text{"AGGTAB"}, s2 = \text{"GXTXAYB"}$
- Output: 4

Explanation: The longest common subsequence is "GTAB", which has a length of 4.

### Example 3:

- Input:  $s1 = \text{"ABC"}, s2 = \text{"CBA"}$
- Output: 1

Explanation: The longest common sub sequences of length 1 are "A", "B", and "C". Hence, the result is 1.



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#Q. Remove All Occurrences of an Element in an Array

**Problem Statement:** Given an integer array `arr[]` and an integer `ele`, the task is to remove all occurrences of `ele` from `arr[]` in-place and return the count of elements that are not equal to `ele`.

Additionally, if there are `k` elements not equal to `ele`, then `arr[]` should be modified such that the first `k` elements contain those not equal to `ele`, while the remaining elements can be anything.

Note: The order of the first `k` elements may change.

Examples

**Example 1:**

Input: `arr[] = [3, 2, 2, 3]`, `ele = 3`

Output: 2

Explanation:

- There are 2 elements (2, 2) not equal to 3.
- Modify `arr[]` such that the first 2 elements contain 2.

### Example 2:

Input: `arr[] = [0, 1, 3, 0, 2, 2, 4, 2]`, `ele = 2`

Output: 5

Explanation:

- There are 5 elements (0, 1, 3, 0, 4) not equal to 2.
- Modify `arr[]` so that the first 5 elements contain these numbers.

Modified `arr[]`: `[0, 1, 3, 0, 4, _, _ _]`

## #Q. 0/1 Knapsack Problem

**Problem Statement:** Given  $n$  items where each item has some weight and profit associated with it and also given a bag with capacity  $W$ , [i.e., the bag can hold at most  $W$  weight in it]. The task is to put the items into the bag such that the sum of profits associated with them is the maximum possible. Note: The constraint here is we can either put an item completely into the bag or cannot put it at all [It is not possible to put a part of an item into the bag].

Input:  $W = 4$ ,  $\text{profit}[] = [1, 2, 3]$ ,  $\text{weight}[] = [4, 5, 1]$  Output: 3 Explanation: There are two items which have weight less than or equal to 4. If we select the item with weight 4, the possible profit is 1. And if we select the item with weight 1, the possible profit is 3. So the maximum possible profit is 3. Note that we cannot put both the items with weight 4 and 1 together as the capacity of the bag is 4.

Input:  $W = 3$ ,  $\text{profit}[] = [1, 2, 3]$ ,  $\text{weight}[] = [4, 5, 6]$  Output: 0

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#Q. Move all zeros to end of array

**Problem Statement :** Given an array of integers `arr[]`, the task is to move all the zeros to the end of the array while maintaining the relative order of all non-zero elements.

**Examples:**

Input: `arr[] = [1, 2, 0, 4, 3, 0, 5, 0]` Output: `arr[] = [1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 0, 0, 0]`  
Explanation: There are three 0s that are moved to the end.

- Input: `arr[] = [10, 20, 30]` Output: `arr[] = [10, 20, 30]` Explanation: No change in array as there are no 0s.
- Input: `arr[] = [0, 0]` Output: `arr[] = [0, 0]` Explanation: No change in array as there are all 0s.



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#Q. Second Largest Element in an Array

**Problem Statement:** Given an array of positive integers `arr[]` of size `n`, the task is to find the second largest distinct element in the array.

Note: If the second largest element does not exist, return -1.

**Examples:**

- Input: `arr[] = [12, 35, 1, 10, 34, 1]` Output: 34 Explanation: The largest element of the array is 35 and the second largest element is 34.
- Input: `arr[] = [10, 5, 10]` Output: 5 Explanation: The largest element of the array is 10 and the second largest element is 5.
- Input: `arr[] = [10, 10, 10]` Output: -1 Explanation: The largest element of the array is 10, but there is no second largest element.

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## #Q. Subset Sum Problem

**Problem Statement:** Given an array `arr[]` of non-negative integers and a value `sum`, the task is to check if there is a subset of the given array whose sum is equal to the given sum.

**Examples:**

- Input: `arr[] = {3, 34, 4, 12, 5, 2}`, `sum = 9` Output: True Explanation: There is a subset (4, 5) with sum 9.
- Input: `arr[] = {3, 34, 4, 12, 5, 2}`, `sum = 30` Output: False Explanation: There is no subset that adds up to 30.

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#Q. Rearrange Array Elements by Sign

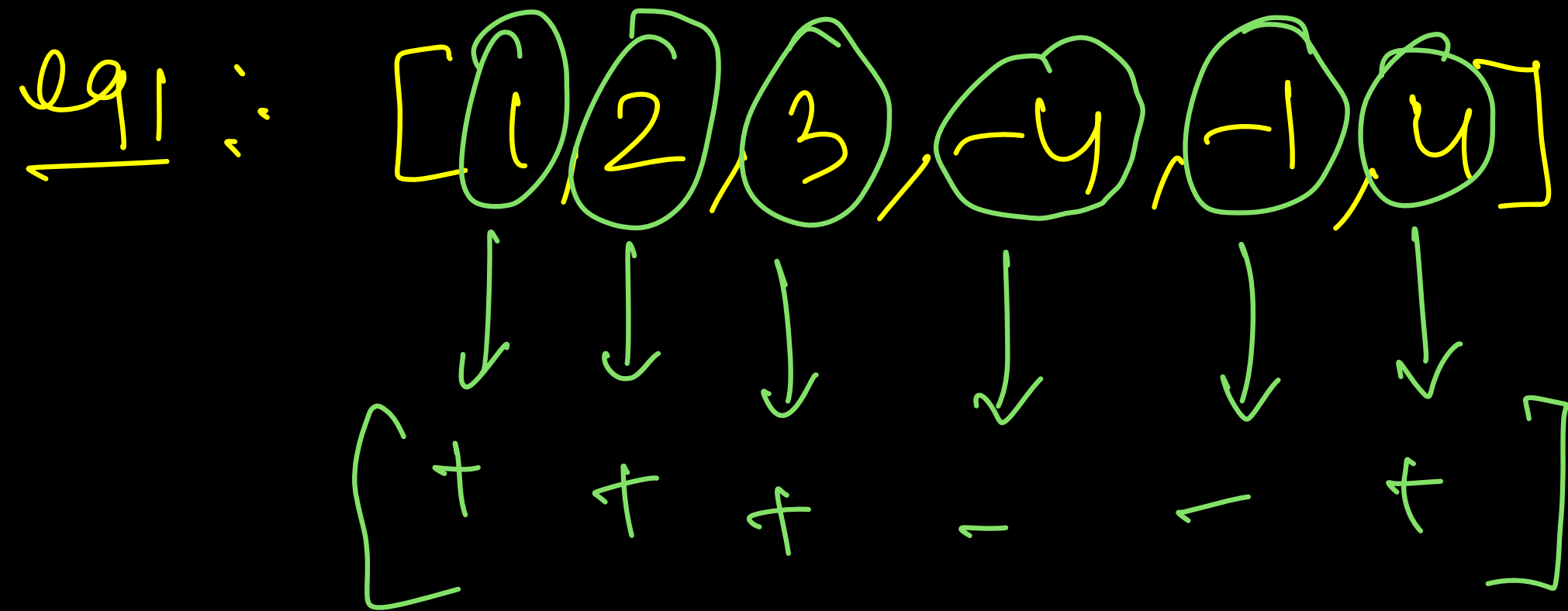
**Problem Statement:** Given an array `arr[]` of size `n`, the task is to rearrange it in an alternate positive and negative manner without changing the relative order of positive and negative numbers. In case of extra positive/negative numbers, they appear at the end of the array.

Note: The rearranged array should start with a positive number, and 0 (zero) should be considered as a positive number.

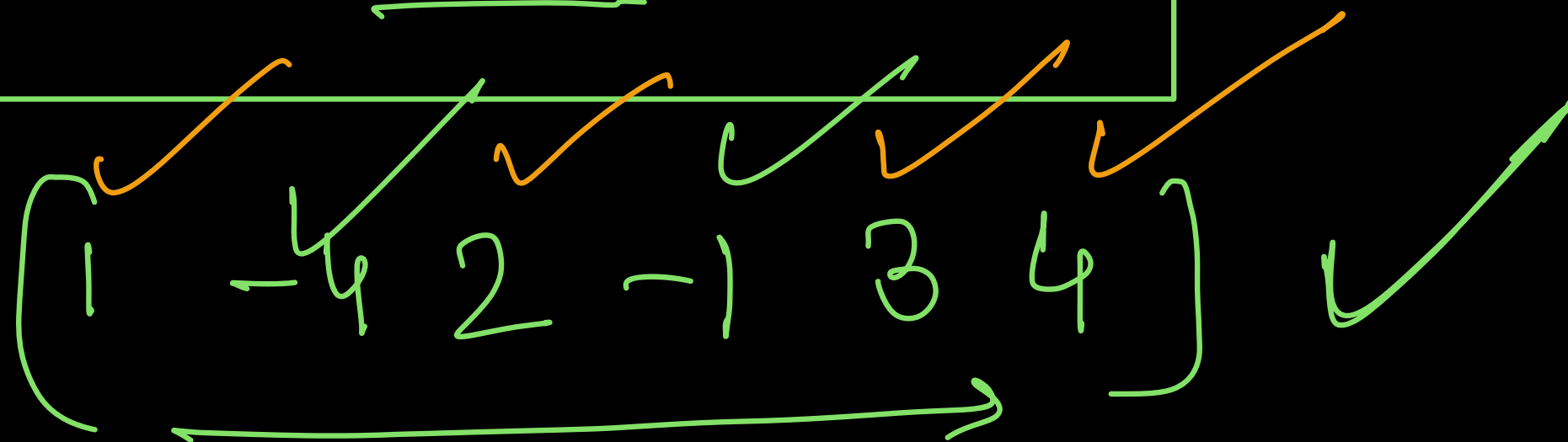
Examples:

- Input: `arr[] = [1, 2, 3, -4, -1, 4]` Output: `arr[] = [1, -4, 2, -1, 3, 4]`
- Input: `arr[] = [-5, -2, 5, 2, 4, 7, 1, 8, 0, -8]` Output: `arr[] = [5, -5, 2, -2, 4, -8, 7, 1, 8, 0]`

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Appro:-

pos  $\Rightarrow$  [1, 2, 3, 4]

neg  $\Rightarrow$  [-4, -1]

A = [1, -4, 2, -1, 3, 4]

Logic Code :-

0  $\rightarrow$  true

vector<int> pos, neg;

★ for (i = 0  $\rightarrow$  n-1)

{  
    if (a[i] < 0)  
    {  
        neg.pb(a[i]);  
    }  
    else {  
        pos.pb(a[i]);  
    }  
}

0 1 2 3  $\rightarrow$

pos  $\rightarrow$  [ ]

neg  $\rightarrow$  [ ]

int  $i=0$ ,  $j=0$ , ind=0

pos [           $n1$  ]  $i$

while (  $i < n1$  and  $j < n2$  )

neg [           $n2$  ]  $j$

$\{$   
    if (  $ind \% 2 == 0$  )  
        {  
             $a[ind] = pos[i];$   
             $i++$ ;  
        }  
    else  
        {  
             $a[ind] = neg[j];$   
             $j++$   
        }  
     $ind++$   
}

$\downarrow$   
0  
2  
4  
6  
 $\downarrow$

$\downarrow$   
3

while ( $i < n_1$ )

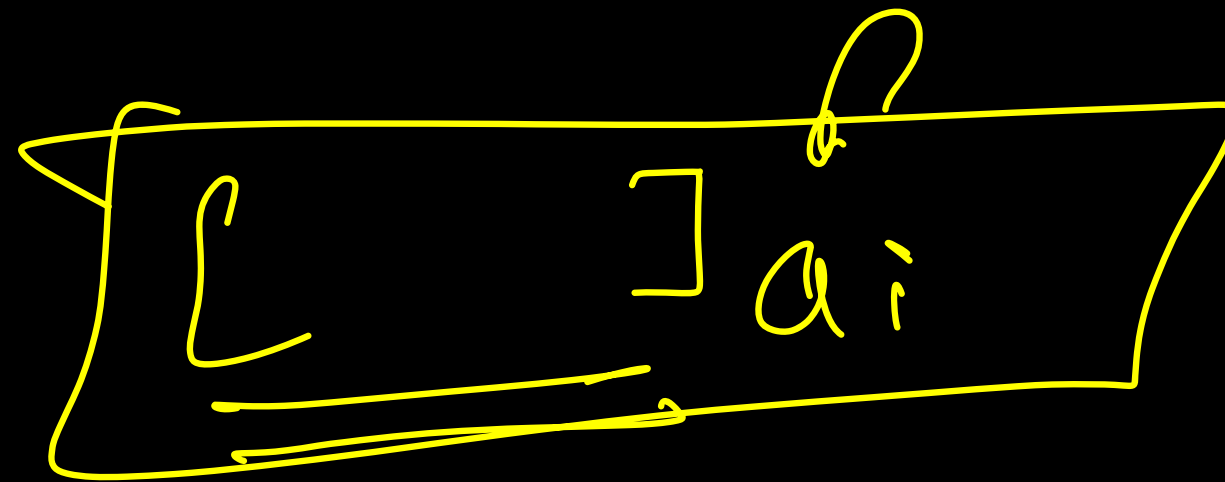
{  $a[ind] = pos[i]$   
     $ind++$   
     $i++$   
}

while ( $j < n_2$ )

{  $a[ind] = neg[j]$   
     $ind++$   
     $j++$   
}

$$\underline{\underline{\text{curr\_sum} + a_i > a_i}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{curr\_sum} > 0}}$$



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#Q. Missing ranges of numbers

**Problem Statement:** You have an inclusive interval [lower, upper] and a sorted array of unique integers arr[], all of which lie within this interval. A number x is considered missing if x is in the range [lower, upper] but not present in arr. Your task is to return the smallest set of sorted ranges that includes all missing numbers, ensuring no element from arr is within any range, and every missing number is covered exactly once.

### Examples

- Input: arr[] = [14, 15, 20, 30, 31, 45], lower = 10, upper = 50 Output: [[10, 13], [16, 19], [21, 29], [32, 44], [46, 50]] Explanation: These ranges represent all missing numbers between 10 and 50 not present in the array
- Input: arr[] = [-48, -10, -6, -4, 0, 4, 17], lower = -54, upper = 17 Output: [[-54, -49], [-47, -11], [-9, -7], [-5, -5], [-3, -1], [1, 3], [5, 16]] Explanation: These ranges represent all missing numbers between -54 and 17 not present in the array.



## Topic : Problem Statement

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**Problem Statement:** Valid Parentheses in an Expression

Given a string  $s$  representing an expression containing various types of brackets:  $\{$ ,  $()$ , and  $[]$ , the task is to determine whether the brackets in the expression are balanced or not. A balanced expression is one where every opening bracket has a corresponding closing bracket in the correct order.

Examples:

**Example 1:**

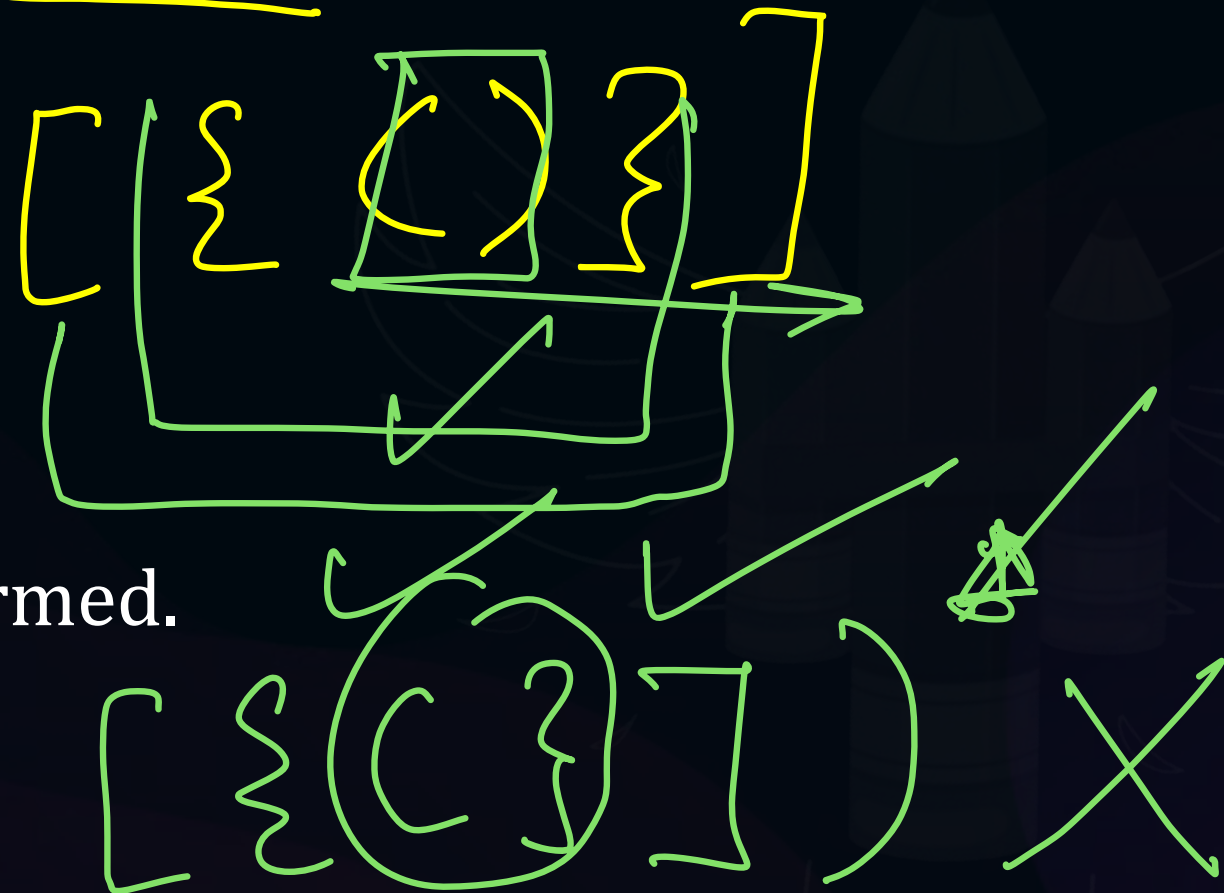
Input:

$s = "[\{()\}]"$

Output:

true

Explanation: All the brackets are well-formed.



## Example 2:

Input:

`s = "[00]{}"`

Output:

true

Explanation: All the brackets are well-formed.

## Example 3:

Input:

`s = "([["`

Output:

false

Explanation: The expression is not balanced as there is a missing ) at the end.

{ }

Fun { } X

[ { } ] { }

X ( [ ] ) X

→

Example 4:

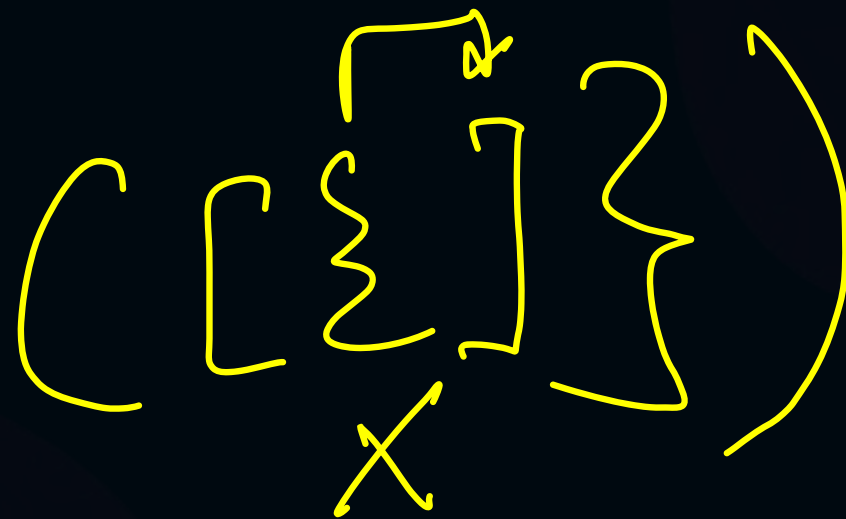
Input:

$s = "([{}])"$

Output:

false

Explanation: The expression is not balanced because there is a closing ] before the closing }.




Ans 1 :- when any open bracket comes.

→ push()

if ( $s(i) == '('$  or  $'{'$  or  $'['$ )

{  $st.push(s(i))$

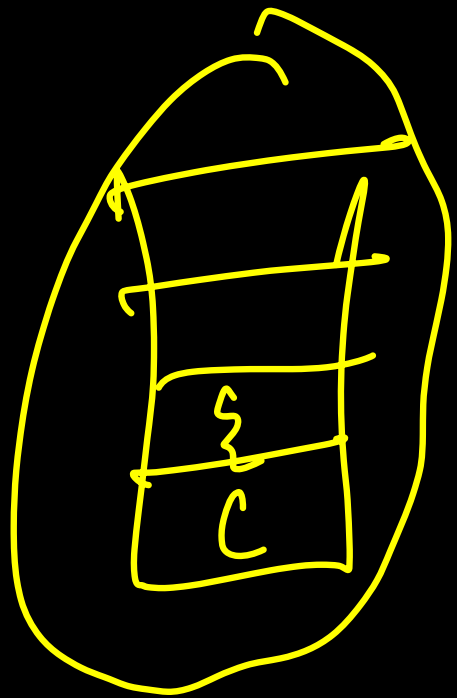
}

→ when if (  $!st.empty()$  ) and

1)  $s(i) == ')' and st.top() == '('$

2)  $s(i) == '}' OR and st.top() == '{$

3)  $s(i) == ']' OR and st.top() == '['$





(if (s(i) == '[' and st.top == -1))

→ st.push(i);

else {

ans = "NO";  
break;

}

}  
]



## Topic : Problem Statement

**Problem Statement:** Reverse a String using Stack

Given a string str, reverse it using a stack.

Examples:

**Example 1:**

Input:

str = "abc"

Output:

"cba"

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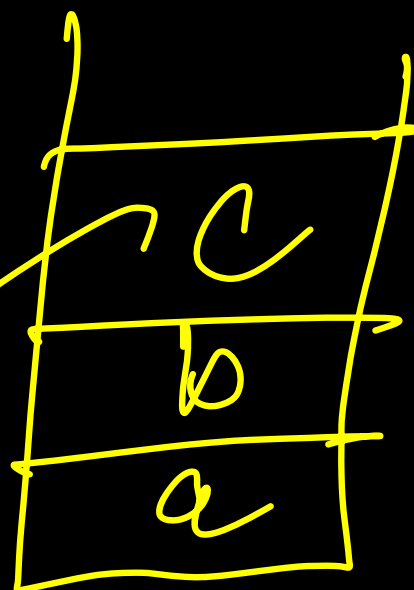
Soln:-

"abc" → "cba"

Stack →



"abc"



"cba"

s.clear()

$S = S + S.top()$

```
{ For (char c : s)  
    {  
        st.push(c);  
    }
```

```
}
```

```
s.clear();
```

```
while (!st.empty())
```

```
{
```

```
    s = s + st.top();
```

```
    st.pop();
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



## Topic : Problem Statement



**Problem Statement:** Check for Balanced Parentheses

Given a string  $s$  containing different types of brackets:  $\{\}$ ,  $()$ , and  $[]$ , the task is to determine whether the brackets are properly balanced. A well-balanced expression ensures that every opening bracket has a corresponding and correctly ordered closing bracket.

Examples:

**Example 1:**

Input:

$s = "[\{0\}]"$

Output:

true

Explanation: All brackets are correctly paired and properly nested.



### Example 2:

Input:

`s = "[00]{}"`

Output:

`true`

Explanation: The brackets are well-formed and correctly structured.

### Example 3:

Input:

`s = "([["`

Output:

`false`

Explanation: The expression is unbalanced due to a missing closing ).

#### Example 4:

Input:

`s = "([{}])"`

Output:

false

Explanation: The expression is incorrect as ] appears before } in an invalid sequence.



## Topic : Problem Statement

### Problem Statement: Delete Middle Element of a Stack

Given a stack with standard operations (`push()`, `pop()`, and `empty()`), the task is to remove the middle element from the stack without using any additional data structure.

Examples:

**Example 1:**

Input:

Stack (Top to Bottom): [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Output:

Stack (Top to Bottom): [1, 2, 4, 5]

Explanation: The middle element 3 is removed.

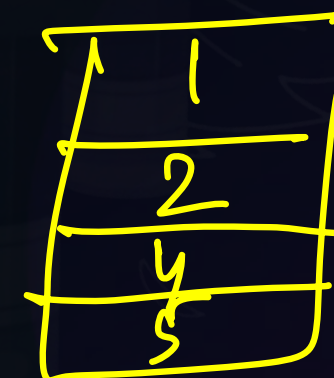
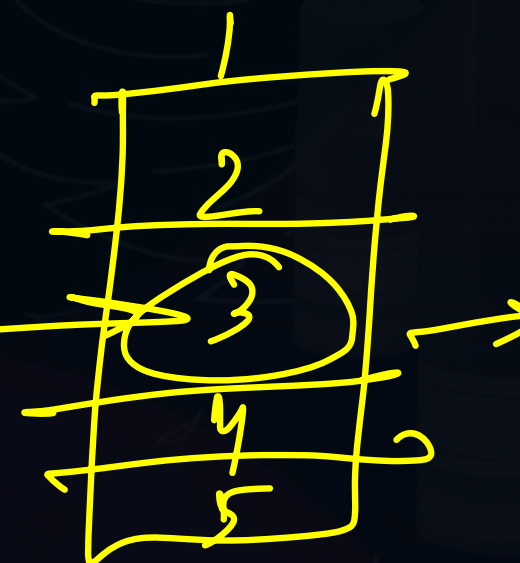
Stack

assume

given stack  
has odd

no. of  
elems.

mid



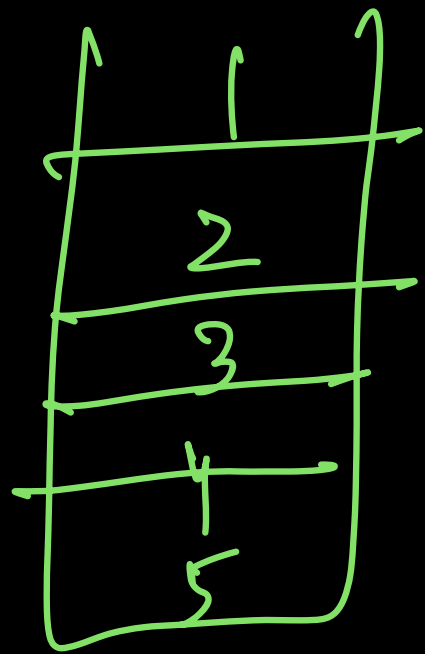
Stack < int > s1 → given

Stack < int > s2

n = s1.size()

mid = n/2

5/2 = 2



s1

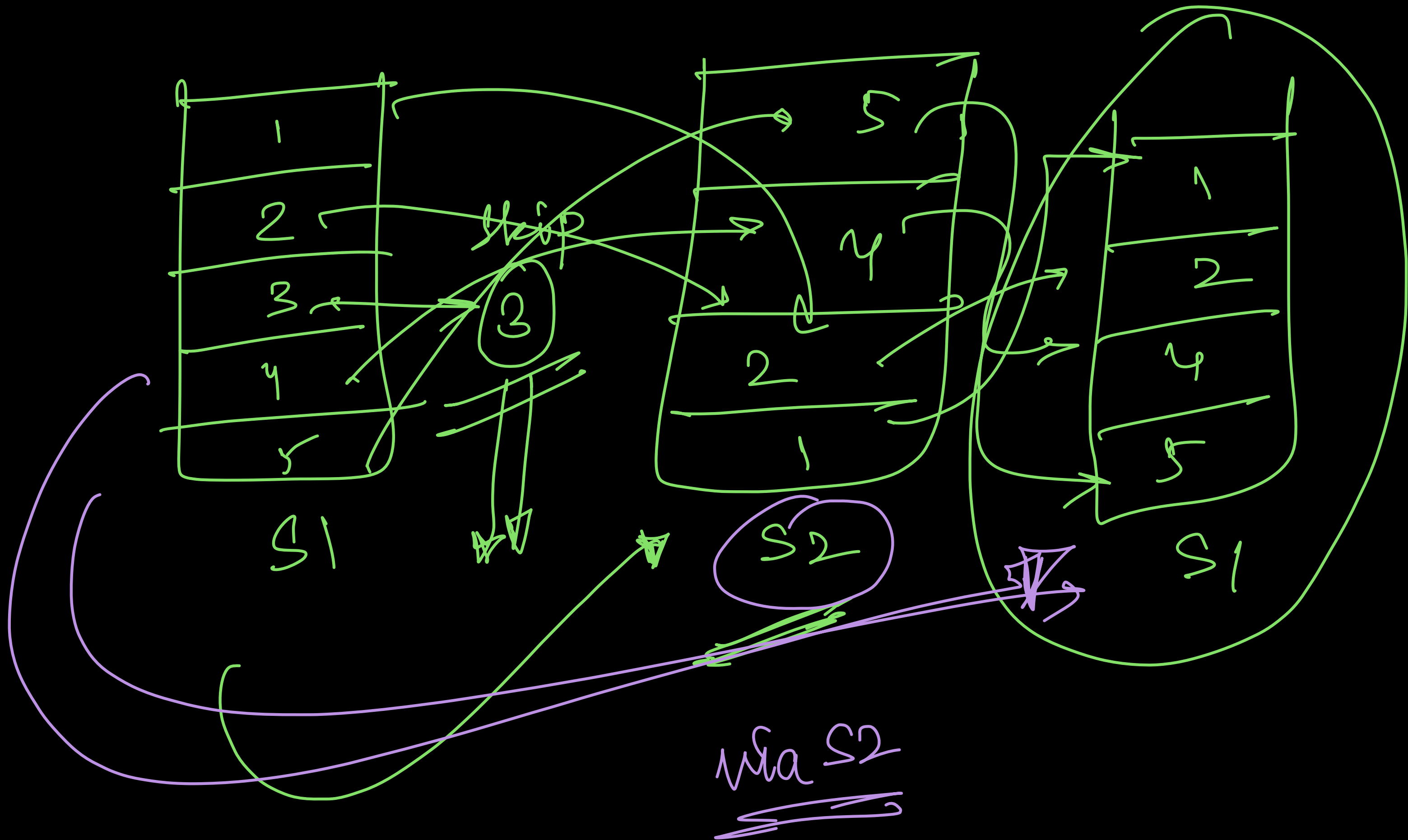
counting

for (i = 0 → n-1)

if (i != mid)

val = s1.top();  
s2.push(val)

s1.pop();







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