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Alright — I'll prepare **Day 1 (Arrays)**, **Day 2 (Binary)**, and **Day 3 (Dynamic Programming)** in full **LeetCode-style** with:

- **Problem Statement**
- **Example(s)**
- **Constraints**
- **Approach** (clear, interview-ready explanation)
- **Java Solution** (clean, with comments, graduate style)

Here we go — you can paste this directly into **Notepad/OneNote**.

Day 1: Arrays

1. Two Sum

Problem:

Given an array of integers `nums` and an integer `target`, return the indices of the two numbers such that they add up to `target`.

You may assume that each input would have exactly one solution, and you may not use the same element twice. You can return the answer in any order.

Example:

Input: `nums = [2,7,11,15]`, `target = 9`

Output: `[0,1]`

Explanation: `nums[0] + nums[1] = 2 + 7 = 9`

Constraints:

- $2 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^4$
- $-10^9 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^9$
- $-10^9 \leq \text{target} \leq 10^9$
- Only one valid answer exists.

Approach:

Use a `HashMap` to store each number and its index. For each element, check if `target - nums[i]` exists in the map. If yes, return indices.

Java Code:

```
public int[] twoSum(int[] nums, int target) {
    Map<Integer, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
    for (int i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {
        int complement = target - nums[i];
        if (map.containsKey(complement)) {
            return new int[] { map.get(complement), i };
        }
        map.put(nums[i], i);
    }
    return new int[0];
}
```

2. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

Problem:

You are given an array `prices` where `prices[i]` is the price of a stock on the *i*-th day.

Maximize your profit by choosing a single day to buy one stock and a different day to sell. Return the maximum profit. If no profit is possible, return 0.

Example:

Input: `prices = [7,1,5,3,6,4]`

Output: 5

Explanation: Buy on day 1 (price=1) and sell on day 4 (price=6)

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{prices.length} \leq 10^5$

- $0 \leq \text{prices}[i] \leq 10^4$

Approach:

Track the minimum price so far and calculate the profit for each day, updating the maximum profit.

Java Code:

```
public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {
    int minPrice = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    int maxProfit = 0;
    for (int price : prices) {
        if (price < minPrice) {
            minPrice = price;
        } else {
            maxProfit = Math.max(maxProfit, price - minPrice);
        }
    }
    return maxProfit;
}
```

3. Contains Duplicate

Problem:

Given an integer array nums, return true if any value appears at least twice in the array, and false if every element is distinct.

Example:

Input: nums = [1,2,3,1]

Output: true

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $-10^9 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^9$

Approach:

Use a HashSet to check for duplicates while iterating.

Java Code:

```
public boolean containsDuplicate(int[] nums) {
    Set<Integer> set = new HashSet<>();
    for (int num : nums) {
        if (!set.add(num)) return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

4. Product of Array Except Self

Problem:

Given an integer array nums, return an array answer where answer[i] is the product of all the elements except nums[i]. Solve without division in $O(n)$.

Example:

Input: nums = [1,2,3,4]

Output: [24,12,8,6]

Constraints:

- $2 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $-30 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 30$
- The product fits in a 32-bit integer.

Approach:

Compute prefix and suffix products in two passes.

Java Code:

```
public int[] productExceptSelf(int[] nums) {
    int n = nums.length;
    int[] result = new int[n];
    int prefix = 1;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        result[i] = prefix;
    }
}
```

```

        prefix *= nums[i];
    }
    int suffix = 1;
    for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        result[i] *= suffix;
        suffix *= nums[i];
    }
    return result;
}

```

5. Kadane's Algorithm (Maximum Subarray Sum)

Problem:

Given an integer array `nums`, find the contiguous subarray with the largest sum and return its sum.

Example:

Input: `nums = [-2,1,-3,4,-1,2,1,-5,4]`

Output: 6

Explanation: `[4,-1,2,1]` has the largest sum = 6

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $-10^4 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^4$

Approach:

Iterate and keep track of current subarray sum; reset if it goes negative.

Java Code:

```

public int maxSubArray(int[] nums) {
    int maxSum = nums[0];
    int currentSum = nums[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < nums.length; i++) {
        currentSum = Math.max(nums[i], currentSum + nums[i]);
        maxSum = Math.max(maxSum, currentSum);
    }
    return maxSum;
}

```

Day 2: Binary

1. Sum of Two Integers

Problem:

Given two integers a and b, return the sum of the two integers without using the operators + and -.

Example:

Input: $a = 1, b = 2$

Output: 3

Constraints:

- $-1000 \leq a, b \leq 1000$

Approach:

Use bitwise operations:

- XOR (^) gives sum without carry.
- AND (&) followed by left shift gives carry.
- Repeat until carry becomes zero.

Java Code:

```
public int getSum(int a, int b) {
    while (b != 0) {
        int carry = (a & b) << 1;
        a = a ^ b;
        b = carry;
    }
    return a;
}
```

2. Number of 1 Bits

Problem:

Write a function that takes an unsigned integer and returns the number of '1' bits in its binary representation.

Example:

Input: n = 000000000000000000000000000000001011

Output: 3

Constraints:

- The input must be treated as an unsigned integer.

Approach:

Iterate through bits and count set bits using bitwise AND.

Java Code:

```
public int hammingWeight(int n) {
    int count = 0;
    while (n != 0) {
        count += (n & 1);
        n >>= 1; // unsigned right shift
    }
    return count;
}
```

3. Counting Bits

Problem:

Given an integer n, return an array ans where ans[i] is the number of 1 bits in the binary representation

of i.

Example:

Input: n = 5

Output: [0,1,1,2,1,2]

Constraints:

- $0 \leq n \leq 10^5$

Approach:

Use DP: $\text{bits}[i] = \text{bits}[i \gg 1] + (i \& 1)$.

Java Code:

```
public int[] countBits(int n) {
    int[] ans = new int[n + 1];
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        ans[i] = ans[i >> 1] + (i & 1);
    }
    return ans;
}
```

4. Find Missing Number in an Array

Problem:

Given an array nums containing n distinct numbers in the range [0, n], return the missing number.

Example:

Input: nums = [3,0,1]

Output: 2

Constraints:

- $n == \text{nums.length}$
- $0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq n$
- All numbers are unique.

Approach:

Use XOR of all indices and elements.

Java Code:

```
public int missingNumber(int[] nums) {
    int xor = nums.length;
    for (int i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {
        xor ^= i ^ nums[i];
    }
    return xor;
}
```

5. Reverse Bits

Problem:

Reverse bits of a given 32 bits unsigned integer.

Example:

Input: n = 00000010100101000001111010011100

Output: 964176192

Constraints:

- The input must be treated as unsigned.

Approach:

Shift result left and append the last bit of n in each iteration.

Java Code:

```
public int reverseBits(int n) {  
    int result = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {  
        result <<= 1;  
        result |= (n & 1);  
        n >>= 1;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

Day 3: Dynamic Programming

1. Climbing Stairs

Problem:

You are climbing a staircase. It takes n steps to reach the top.

Each time you can climb 1 or 2 steps. Return the number of distinct ways to climb to the top.

Example:

Input: $n = 3$

Output: 3

Explanation: 1+1+1, 1+2, 2+1

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 45$

Approach:

This is Fibonacci: $ways[i] = ways[i-1] + ways[i-2]$.

Java Code:

```
public int climbStairs(int n) {  
    if (n <= 2) return n;  
    int a = 1, b = 2;  
    for (int i = 3; i <= n; i++) {  
        int temp = a + b;  
        a = b;  
        b = temp;  
    }  
    return b;  
}
```

2. Coin Change

Problem:

Given coins of different denominations and an amount, return the minimum coins needed to make up that amount. If impossible, return -1.

Example:

Input: coins = [1,2,5], amount = 11

Output: 3

Explanation: 5+5+1

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{coins.length} \leq 12$
- $1 \leq \text{coins}[i] \leq 2^{31} - 1$
- $0 \leq \text{amount} \leq 10^4$

Approach:

DP: $dp[i] = \min(dp[i], dp[i - \text{coin}] + 1)$.

Java Code:

```
public int coinChange(int[] coins, int amount) {
    int max = amount + 1;
    int[] dp = new int[amount + 1];
    Arrays.fill(dp, max);
    dp[0] = 0;
    for (int coin : coins) {
        for (int i = coin; i <= amount; i++) {
            dp[i] = Math.min(dp[i], dp[i - coin] + 1);
        }
    }
    return dp[amount] > amount ? -1 : dp[amount];
}
```

3. Longest Increasing Subsequence

Problem:

Given an integer array nums, return the length of the longest strictly increasing subsequence.

Example:

Input: nums = [10,9,2,5,3,7,101,18]

Output: 4

Explanation: LIS is [2,3,7,101]

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 2500$
- $-10^4 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^4$

Approach:

DP: $dp[i] = \max(dp[j] + 1)$ for all $j < i$ with $\text{nums}[j] < \text{nums}[i]$.

Java Code:

```
public int lengthOfLIS(int[] nums) {
    int[] dp = new int[nums.length];
    Arrays.fill(dp, 1);
    int maxLen = 1;
    for (int i = 1; i < nums.length; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            if (nums[i] > nums[j]) {
                dp[i] = Math.max(dp[i], dp[j] + 1);
            }
        }
        maxLen = Math.max(maxLen, dp[i]);
    }
    return maxLen;
}
```

4. Longest Common Subsequence

Problem:

Given two strings text1 and text2, return the length of their longest common subsequence.

Example:

Input: text1 = "abcde", text2 = "ace"

Output: 3

Explanation: LCS is "ace"

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{text1.length}, \text{text2.length} \leq 1000$
- Only lowercase letters.

Approach:

2D DP: $\text{dp}[i][j]$ = LCS length of first i chars of text1 and first j chars of text2.

Java Code:

```
public int longestCommonSubsequence(String text1, String text2) {
    int m = text1.length(), n = text2.length();
    int[][] dp = new int[m + 1][n + 1];
    for (int i = 1; i <= m; i++) {
        for (int j = 1; j <= n; j++) {
            if (text1.charAt(i - 1) == text2.charAt(j - 1))
                dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j - 1] + 1;
            else
                dp[i][j] = Math.max(dp[i - 1][j], dp[i][j - 1]);
        }
    }
    return dp[m][n];
}
```

5. Word Break

Problem:

Given a string s and a dictionary of words, return true if s can be segmented into one or more dictionary words.

Example:

Input: $s = \text{"leetcode"}$, $\text{wordDict} = [\text{"leet"}, \text{"code"}]$

Output: true

Constraints:

- $1 \leq s.length \leq 300$
- $1 \leq \text{wordDict.length} \leq 1000$

Approach:

DP: $\text{dp}[i] = \text{true}$ if $\text{dp}[j]$ is true and $s[j:i]$ in dict.

Java Code:

```
public boolean wordBreak(String s, List<String> wordDict) {
    Set<String> set = new HashSet<>(wordDict);
    boolean[] dp = new boolean[s.length() + 1];
    dp[0] = true;
    for (int i = 1; i <= s.length(); i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            if (dp[j] && set.contains(s.substring(j, i))) {
                dp[i] = true;
                break;
            }
        }
    }
    return dp[s.length()];
}
```


6. Combination Sum

Problem:

Given an array of distinct integers candidates and a target integer target, return all unique combinations of candidates where the chosen numbers sum to target.

You may use the same number unlimited times.

Example:

Input: candidates = [2,3,6,7], target = 7

Output: [[2,2,3],[7]]

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{candidates.length} \leq 30$
- $1 \leq \text{candidates}[i] \leq 200$
- $1 \leq \text{target} \leq 500$

Approach:

Use DFS backtracking. At each step, include current number or move to next.

Java Code:

```
public List<List<Integer>> combinationSum(int[] candidates, int target) {
    List<List<Integer>> result = new ArrayList<>();
    backtrack(result, new ArrayList<>(), candidates, target, 0);
    return result;
}

private void backtrack(List<List<Integer>> res, List<Integer> temp, int[] nums, int remain, int start) {
    if (remain < 0) return;
    if (remain == 0) {
        res.add(new ArrayList<>(temp));
        return;
    }
    for (int i = start; i < nums.length; i++) {
        temp.add(nums[i]);
        backtrack(res, temp, nums, remain - nums[i], i); // reuse allowed
        temp.remove(temp.size() - 1);
    }
}
```

7. Maximum Sum of Non-Adjacent Elements (DP 5)

Problem:

Given an array nums, find the maximum sum of elements such that no two chosen elements are adjacent.

Example:

Input: nums = [3,2,5,10,7]

Output: 15

Explanation: 3 + 10 + 2 or 3 + 7 + 5, etc.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^4$

Approach:

DP relation: $\text{dp}[i] = \max(\text{dp}[i-1], \text{dp}[i-2] + \text{nums}[i])$.

Java Code:

```
public int maxNonAdjacentSum(int[] nums) {
```

```

    if (nums.length == 1) return nums[0];
    int prev2 = nums[0], prev1 = Math.max(nums[0], nums[1]);
    for (int i = 2; i < nums.length; i++) {
        int curr = Math.max(prev1, prev2 + nums[i]);
        prev2 = prev1;
        prev1 = curr;
    }
    return prev1;
}

```

8. House Robber (DP 6)

Problem:

You are a robber planning to rob houses along a street. Each house has some money, but you can't rob two adjacent houses. Find the maximum amount you can rob.

Example:

Input: nums = [1,2,3,1]

Output: 4

Explanation: Rob house 1 (1) + house 3 (3)

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 100$
- $0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 400$

Approach:

Same as "max sum non-adjacent elements" problem.

Java Code:

```

public int rob(int[] nums) {
    if (nums.length == 1) return nums[0];
    int prev2 = nums[0], prev1 = Math.max(nums[0], nums[1]);
    for (int i = 2; i < nums.length; i++) {
        int curr = Math.max(prev1, prev2 + nums[i]);
        prev2 = prev1;
        prev1 = curr;
    }
    return prev1;
}

```

9. Decode Ways

Problem:

A message containing letters 'A'-'Z' is encoded where 'A' = "1", ..., 'Z' = "26". Given a string of digits, return the total number of ways to decode it.

Example:

Input: s = "226"

Output: 3

Explanation: "2 2 6", "22 6", "2 26"

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{s.length} \leq 100$
- s contains only digits and no leading zero unless "0" itself.

Approach:

DP:

- If $\text{s}[i] \neq '0'$, $\text{dp}[i] += \text{dp}[i-1]$
- If $\text{s}[i-2..i]$ in 10–26, $\text{dp}[i] += \text{dp}[i-2]$

Java Code:

```

public int numDecodings(String s) {
    if (s.charAt(0) == '0') return 0;
    int n = s.length();
    int[] dp = new int[n + 1];
    dp[0] = dp[1] = 1;
    for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {
        if (s.charAt(i - 1) != '0') dp[i] += dp[i - 1];
        int twoDigit = Integer.parseInt(s.substring(i - 2, i));
        if (twoDigit >= 10 && twoDigit <= 26) dp[i] += dp[i - 2];
    }
    return dp[n];
}

```

10. Grid Unique Paths

Problem:

A robot is at the top-left corner of an $m \times n$ grid. The robot can only move down or right. Count the number of possible unique paths to reach the bottom-right corner.

Example:

Input: $m = 3, n = 7$

Output: 28

Constraints:

- $1 \leq m, n \leq 100$

Approach:

DP: $dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j] + dp[i][j-1]$

Java Code:

```

public int uniquePaths(int m, int n) {
    int[][] dp = new int[m][n];
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) dp[i][0] = 1;
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) dp[0][j] = 1;
    for (int i = 1; i < m; i++) {
        for (int j = 1; j < n; j++) {
            dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j] + dp[i][j - 1];
        }
    }
    return dp[m - 1][n - 1];
}

```

11. Jump Game

Problem:

You are given an integer array `nums`. You are initially positioned at the first index, and each element represents the maximum jump length from that position.

Return true if you can reach the last index, otherwise false.

Example:

Input: `nums = [2,3,1,1,4]`

Output: true

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^4$
- $0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^5$

Approach:

Greedy: Track the furthest reachable index. If you ever reach beyond the last index, return true.

Java Code:

```

public boolean canJump(int[] nums) {
    int maxReach = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {
        if (i > maxReach) return false;
        maxReach = Math.max(maxReach, i + nums[i]);
    }
    return true;
}

```

1. Clone Graph

You are given a reference to a node in a connected undirected graph. Each node has a unique value and a list of its neighbors.

Return a deep copy (clone) of the graph.

Example:

Input: Node with value 1 connected to nodes 2 and 4, etc.

Output: Deeply cloned graph with the same connections.

Constraints:

- Number of nodes is between 1 and 100.
- No duplicate edges.

Approach:

- Use DFS or BFS.
- Maintain a map from original node → cloned node to avoid revisiting.

Java Code:

```

class Node {
    public int val;
    public List<Node> neighbors;
    public Node() { neighbors = new ArrayList<>(); }
    public Node(int val) { this.val = val; neighbors = new ArrayList<>(); }
}

class Solution {
    private Map<Node, Node> visited = new HashMap<>();

    public Node cloneGraph(Node node) {
        if (node == null) return null;

        if (visited.containsKey(node)) {

```

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        return visited.get(node);
    }

    Node clone = new Node(node.val);
    visited.put(node, clone);

    for (Node neighbor : node.neighbors) {
        clone.neighbors.add(cloneGraph(neighbor));
    }

    return clone;
}
}

```

2. Course Schedule I

You are given numCourses and a list of prerequisites.
Determine if you can finish all courses.

Example:

Input: numCourses = 2, prerequisites = [[1,0]]

Output: true

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{numCourses} \leq 2000$
- $\text{prerequisites}[i].\text{length} == 2$

Approach:

- Model as a directed graph.
- Use DFS to detect cycles (cycle means impossible).

Java Code:

```

class Solution {
    public boolean canFinish(int numCourses, int[][] prerequisites) {
        List<List<Integer>> graph = new ArrayList<>();
        for (int i = 0; i < numCourses; i++) graph.add(new ArrayList<>());

        for (int[] pre : prerequisites) {
            graph.get(pre[1]).add(pre[0]);
        }

        int[] visited = new int[numCourses]; // 0=unvisited, 1=visiting, 2=done

        for (int i = 0; i < numCourses; i++) {
            if (!dfs(graph, visited, i)) return false;
        }
        return true;
    }

    private boolean dfs(List<List<Integer>> graph, int[] visited, int course) {
        if (visited[course] == 1) return false; // cycle
        if (visited[course] == 2) return true; // already done

        visited[course] = 1;
        for (int next : graph.get(course)) {
            if (!dfs(graph, visited, next)) return false;
        }
        visited[course] = 2;
        return true;
    }
}

```

3. Pacific Atlantic Water Flow

Given an m x n matrix of heights, determine which cells can flow to both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

Approach:

- Perform DFS/BFS from ocean borders and mark reachable cells.
- Intersect sets to get cells that can reach both.

Java Code:

```
class Solution {
    int[][] dirs = {{1,0},{-1,0},{0,1},{0,-1}};
    public List<List<Integer>> pacificAtlantic(int[][] heights) {
        int m = heights.length, n = heights[0].length;
        boolean[][] pacific = new boolean[m][n];
        boolean[][] atlantic = new boolean[m][n];

        for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
            dfs(heights, pacific, i, 0);
            dfs(heights, atlantic, i, n - 1);
        }
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            dfs(heights, pacific, 0, j);
            dfs(heights, atlantic, m - 1, j);
        }

        List<List<Integer>> res = new ArrayList<>();
        for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if (pacific[i][j] && atlantic[i][j]) {
                    res.add(Arrays.asList(i, j));
                }
            }
        }
        return res;
    }

    private void dfs(int[][] h, boolean[][] visited, int i, int j) {
        visited[i][j] = true;
        for (int[] d : dirs) {
            int x = i + d[0], y = j + d[1];
            if (x < 0 || y < 0 || x >= h.length || y >= h[0].length || visited[x][y]) continue;
            if (h[x][y] >= h[i][j]) dfs(h, visited, x, y);
        }
    }
}
```

4. Number of Islands

Count the number of islands in a binary grid.

Java Code:

```
class Solution {
    public int numIslands(char[][] grid) {
        int count = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < grid.length; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < grid[0].length; j++) {
                if (grid[i][j] == '1') {
                    count++;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

        dfs(grid, i, j);
    }
}
}
return count;
}

private void dfs(char[][] grid, int i, int j) {
    if (i < 0 || j < 0 || i >= grid.length || j >= grid[0].length || grid[i][j] == '0') return;
    grid[i][j] = '0';
    dfs(grid, i+1, j);
    dfs(grid, i-1, j);
    dfs(grid, i, j+1);
    dfs(grid, i, j-1);
}
}
}

```

5. Longest Consecutive Sequence

Given an unsorted array, find the length of the longest consecutive elements sequence.

Java Code:

```

class Solution {
    public int longestConsecutive(int[] nums) {
        Set<Integer> set = new HashSet<>();
        for (int n : nums) set.add(n);

        int max = 0;
        for (int num : set) {
            if (!set.contains(num - 1)) {
                int current = num;
                int streak = 1;
                while (set.contains(current + 1)) {
                    current++;
                    streak++;
                }
                max = Math.max(max, streak);
            }
        }
        return max;
    }
}

```

6. Alien Dictionary (*Topological Sort*)

Given a list of words sorted lexicographically according to an alien language, find the order of letters.

Java Code:

```

class Solution {
    public String alienOrder(String[] words) {
        Map<Character, Set<Character>> graph = new HashMap<>();
        Map<Character, Integer> indegree = new HashMap<>();

        for (String w : words) {
            for (char c : w.toCharArray()) {
                graph.putIfAbsent(c, new HashSet<>());
                indegree.putIfAbsent(c, 0);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }

    for (int i = 0; i < words.length - 1; i++) {
        String w1 = words[i], w2 = words[i+1];
        if (w1.length() > w2.length() && w1.startsWith(w2)) return "";
        for (int j = 0; j < Math.min(w1.length(), w2.length()); j++) {
            if (w1.charAt(j) != w2.charAt(j)) {
                if (graph.get(w1.charAt(j)).add(w2.charAt(j))) {
                    indegree.put(w2.charAt(j), indegree.get(w2.charAt(j)) + 1);
                }
                break;
            }
        }
    }
}

Queue<Character> q = new LinkedList<>();
for (char c : indegree.keySet()) {
    if (indegree.get(c) == 0) q.offer(c);
}

StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
while (!q.isEmpty()) {
    char c = q.poll();
    sb.append(c);
    for (char nei : graph.get(c)) {
        indegree.put(nei, indegree.get(nei) - 1);
        if (indegree.get(nei) == 0) q.offer(nei);
    }
}

return sb.length() == indegree.size() ? sb.toString() : "";
}
}

```

Graph Valid Tree

Problem Statement:

Given n nodes labeled from 0 to $n - 1$ and a list of edges where $\text{edges}[i] = [a_i, b_i]$ indicates that there is an undirected edge between nodes a_i and b_i , return true if the edges form a valid tree, and false otherwise.

A valid tree has two properties:

- It is fully connected — every node can be reached from any other node.
- It contains no cycles.

Example 1:

Input:

$n = 5$

$\text{edges} = [[0,1],[0,2],[0,3],[1,4]]$

Output:

true

Example 2:

Input:

n = 5
edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[1,3],[1,4]]
Output:
false

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 2000$
- $0 \leq \text{edges.length} \leq 2000$
- $\text{edges}[i].\text{length} == 2$
- $0 \leq a_i, b_i < n$
- No duplicate edges

Approach (Logic Explanation):

For a graph to be a tree:

- It must have **exactly n - 1 edges** (tree property).
- It must be connected (every node reachable from one node).

If $\text{edges.length} \neq n - 1$, return false immediately.

Build an adjacency list from the given edges.

Use BFS or DFS to traverse from node 0 and count visited nodes.

If all n nodes are visited and no cycles found, return true.

Java Code:

```
import java.util.*;

public class GraphValidTree {
    public boolean validTree(int n, int[][] edges) {
        if (edges.length != n - 1) return false; // Tree must have n-1 edges

        List<List<Integer>> adj = new ArrayList<>();
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) adj.add(new ArrayList<>());

        for (int[] e : edges) {
            adj.get(e[0]).add(e[1]);
            adj.get(e[1]).add(e[0]);
        }

        boolean[] visited = new boolean[n];
        dfs(0, -1, adj, visited);

        // Check if all nodes are visited (connected)
        for (boolean v : visited) {
            if (!v) return false;
        }
        return true;
    }

    private void dfs(int node, int parent, List<List<Integer>> adj, boolean[] visited) {
        visited[node] = true;
        for (int nei : adj.get(node)) {
            if (!visited[nei]) {
                dfs(nei, node, adj, visited);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Number of Connected Components in an Undirected Graph

Problem Statement:

You have n nodes labeled from 0 to $n - 1$ and a list of edges.
Return the **number of connected components** in the graph.

Example 1:

Input:

$n = 5$

edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[3,4]]

Output:

2

Example 2:

Input:

$n = 5$

edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[3,4]]

Output:

1

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 2000$
- $0 \leq \text{edges.length} \leq 2000$
- $\text{edges}[i].\text{length} == 2$
- $0 \leq a_i, b_i < n$

Approach (Logic Explanation):

Build an adjacency list from the edges.

Create a visited[] array to track visited nodes.

Iterate over all nodes:

- If a node is unvisited, perform DFS/BFS from that node and increment the component count.

Return the total component count.

Java Code:

```
import java.util.*;

public class ConnectedComponents {
    public int countComponents(int n, int[][] edges) {
        List<List<Integer>> adj = new ArrayList<>();
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) adj.add(new ArrayList<>());

        for (int[] e : edges) {
            adj.get(e[0]).add(e[1]);
            adj.get(e[1]).add(e[0]);
        }

        boolean[] visited = new boolean[n];
        int count = 0;

        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            if (!visited[i]) {
                dfs(i, adj, visited);
                count++;
            }
        }
        return count;
    }
}
```

```

    }

    private void dfs(int node, List<List<Integer>> adj, boolean[] visited) {
        visited[node] = true;
        for (int nei : adj.get(node)) {
            if (!visited[nei]) {
                dfs(nei, adj, visited);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

1. Insert Interval

Problem:

You are given an array of non-overlapping intervals `intervals` where `intervals[i] = [starti, endi]` is sorted in ascending order by `starti`.

You are also given an interval `newInterval = [start, end]`.

Insert `newInterval` into `intervals` so that the list remains sorted and non-overlapping.

Return the resulting array of intervals.

Example 1:

Input: `intervals = [[1,3],[6,9]]`, `newInterval = [2,5]`

Output: `[[1,5],[6,9]]`

Example 2:

Input: `intervals = [[1,2],[3,5],[6,7],[8,10],[12,16]]`, `newInterval = [4,8]`

Output: `[[1,2],[3,10],[12,16]]`

Constraints:

- $0 \leq \text{intervals.length} \leq 10^4$
- `intervals[i].length == 2`
- $0 \leq \text{starti} \leq \text{endi} \leq 10^5$
- `newInterval.length == 2`
- $0 \leq \text{start} \leq \text{end} \leq 10^5$

Approach:

Add all intervals that end before `newInterval` starts.

Merge overlapping intervals with newInterval.

Add the rest of the intervals.

Code (Java):

```
public int[][] insert(int[][] intervals, int[] newInterval) {
    List<int[]> result = new ArrayList<>();
    int i = 0;
    // Step 1: Add all intervals before newInterval
    while (i < intervals.length && intervals[i][1] < newInterval[0]) {
        result.add(intervals[i]);
        i++;
    }
    // Step 2: Merge overlapping intervals
    while (i < intervals.length && intervals[i][0] <= newInterval[1]) {
        newInterval[0] = Math.min(newInterval[0], intervals[i][0]);
        newInterval[1] = Math.max(newInterval[1], intervals[i][1]);
        i++;
    }
    result.add(newInterval);
    // Step 3: Add remaining intervals
    while (i < intervals.length) {
        result.add(intervals[i]);
        i++;
    }
    return result.toArray(new int[result.size()][]);
}
```

2. Merge Intervals

Problem:

Given an array of intervals where intervals[i] = [starti, endi], merge all overlapping intervals.

Example:

Input: intervals = [[1,3],[2,6],[8,10],[15,18]]

Output: [[1,6],[8,10],[15,18]]

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{intervals.length} \leq 10^4$
- $\text{intervals}[i].\text{length} == 2$
- $0 \leq \text{starti} \leq \text{endi} \leq 10^4$

Approach:

Sort intervals by start time.

Compare current interval's start with last merged interval's end to detect overlap.

Code (Java):

```
public int[][] merge(int[][] intervals) {
    if (intervals.length <= 1) return intervals;
    Arrays.sort(intervals, (a, b) -> Integer.compare(a[0], b[0]));
    List<int[]> merged = new ArrayList<>();
    int[] current = intervals[0];
    merged.add(current);
    for (int[] interval : intervals) {
        if (interval[0] <= current[1]) { // Overlap
            current[1] = Math.max(current[1], interval[1]);
        } else {
            current = interval;
            merged.add(current);
        }
    }
    return merged.toArray(new int[merged.size()][]);
}
```

```

    }
}
return merged.toArray(new int[merged.size()][]);
}

```

3. Non-overlapping Intervals

Problem:

Given an array of intervals intervals where intervals[i] = [starti, endi], return the minimum number of intervals you need to remove to make the rest non-overlapping.

Example:

Input: intervals = [[1,2],[2,3],[3,4],[1,3]]

Output: 1

Approach:

Sort by end time.

Greedily pick non-overlapping intervals and count removals.

Code (Java):

```

public int eraseOverlapIntervals(int[][] intervals) {
    Arrays.sort(intervals, (a, b) -> Integer.compare(a[1], b[1]));
    int count = 0;
    int end = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
    for (int[] interval : intervals) {
        if (interval[0] < end) {
            count++; // Remove this one
        } else {
            end = interval[1];
        }
    }
    return count;
}

```

4. Repeat and Missing Number

Problem:

You are given an unsorted array of n integers containing numbers from 1 to n.

One number is missing and one number is repeated.

Find these two numbers.

Example:

Input: nums = [3,1,2,5,3]

Output: [3,4] // 3 repeated, 4 missing

Approach:

- Use mathematical formulas for sum and sum of squares to find missing and repeated numbers.

Code (Java):

```

public int[] findErrorNums(int[] nums) {
    long n = nums.length;
    long sum = (n * (n + 1)) / 2;
    long sqSum = (n * (n + 1) * (2 * n + 1)) / 6;
    long actualSum = 0, actualSqSum = 0;
    for (int num : nums) {
        actualSum += num;
        actualSqSum += (long) num * num;
    }
}

```

```

long diff = sum - actualSum; // missing - repeated
long sqDiff = sqSum - actualSqSum; // (missing^2 - repeated^2)
long sumMR = sqDiff / diff; // missing + repeated
int missing = (int) ((diff + sumMR) / 2);
int repeated = (int) (sumMR - missing);
return new int[]{repeated, missing};
}

```

5. Meeting Rooms (Premium but implemented here)

Problem:

Given an array of meeting time intervals intervals where intervals[i] = [starti, endi], determine if a person could attend all meetings.

Example:

Input: intervals = [[0,30],[5,10],[15,20]]

Output: false

Approach:

- Sort by start time and check for overlapping intervals.

Code (Java):

```

public boolean canAttendMeetings(int[][] intervals) {
    Arrays.sort(intervals, (a, b) -> Integer.compare(a[0], b[0]));
    for (int i = 1; i < intervals.length; i++) {
        if (intervals[i][0] < intervals[i - 1][1]) return false;
    }
    return true;
}

```

6. Meeting Rooms II (Premium but implemented here)

Problem:

Given an array of meeting time intervals, return the **minimum number of conference rooms** required.

Example:

Input: intervals = [[0,30],[5,10],[15,20]]

Output: 2

Approach:

- Use a **min-heap** to keep track of meeting end times.

Code (Java):

```

public int minMeetingRooms(int[][] intervals) {
    if (intervals.length == 0) return 0;
    Arrays.sort(intervals, (a, b) -> Integer.compare(a[0], b[0]));
    PriorityQueue<Integer> heap = new PriorityQueue<>();
    heap.add(intervals[0][1]);
    for (int i = 1; i < intervals.length; i++) {
        if (intervals[i][0] >= heap.peek()) {
            heap.poll();
        }
        heap.add(intervals[i][1]);
    }
    return heap.size();
}

```

1. Reverse a LinkedList

Logic:

We iterate through the list, reversing next pointers one by one.

Java Code:

```
class ReverseLinkedList {
    static class ListNode {
        int val;
        ListNode next;
        ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
    }
    public ListNode reverseList(ListNode head) {
        ListNode prev = null, curr = head;
        while (curr != null) {
            ListNode nextNode = curr.next;
            curr.next = prev;
            prev = curr;
            curr = nextNode;
        }
        return prev;
    }
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

2. Detect a Cycle in Linked List

Logic (Floyd's Cycle Detection):

Use two pointers (slow, fast). If they meet → cycle exists.

Java Code:

```
class DetectCycle {
    static class ListNode {
        int val;
        ListNode next;
        ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
    }
    public boolean hasCycle(ListNode head) {
        ListNode slow = head, fast = head;
        while (fast != null && fast.next != null) {
            slow = slow.next;
            fast = fast.next.next;
            if (slow == fast) return true;
        }
        return false;
    }
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

3. Merge Two Sorted Linked Lists (Merge Sort method)

Logic:

Use two pointers, pick smaller node each time.

Java Code:

```
class MergeSortedLists {
    static class ListNode {
        int val;
        ListNode next;
        ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
    }
    public ListNode mergeTwoLists(ListNode l1, ListNode l2) {
        ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);
        ListNode tail = dummy;
        while (l1 != null && l2 != null) {
            if (l1.val < l2.val) {
                tail.next = l1;
                l1 = l1.next;
            } else {
                tail.next = l2;
                l2 = l2.next;
            }
            tail = tail.next;
        }
        tail.next = (l1 != null) ? l1 : l2;
        return dummy.next;
    }
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(m + n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

4. Merge K Sorted Linked Lists

Logic:

Use a **min-heap** to always take the smallest node among the heads.

Java Code:

```
import java.util.*;
class MergeKSortedLists {
    static class ListNode {
        int val;
        ListNode next;
        ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
    }
    public ListNode mergeKLists(ListNode[] lists) {
        PriorityQueue<ListNode> pq = new PriorityQueue<>((a, b) -> a.val - b.val);
        for (ListNode node : lists) {
            if (node != null) pq.add(node);
        }
        ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1), tail = dummy;
        while (!pq.isEmpty()) {
            ListNode node = pq.poll();
            tail.next = node;
            tail = node;
            if (node.next != null) pq.add(node.next);
        }
    }
}
```



```

return dummy.next;
}
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(N \log k)$ (N = total nodes, k = lists)

Space Complexity: $O(k)$

5. Remove N-th Node from End of Linked List

Logic:

Two-pointer method:

Move fast N steps ahead.

Move both until fast reaches end.

Delete the node.

Java Code:

```

class RemoveNthNode {
    static class ListNode {
        int val;
        ListNode next;
        ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
    }
    public ListNode removeNthFromEnd(ListNode head, int n) {
        ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);
        dummy.next = head;
        ListNode fast = dummy, slow = dummy;
        for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++) {
            fast = fast.next;
        }
        while (fast != null) {
            fast = fast.next;
            slow = slow.next;
        }
        slow.next = slow.next.next;
        return dummy.next;
    }
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

6. Reorder List

Logic:

Find middle.

Reverse 2nd half.

Merge two halves alternately.

Java Code:

```

class ReorderList {
    static class ListNode {
        int val;
        ListNode next;
        ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
    }
    public void reorderList(ListNode head) {
        if (head == null || head.next == null) return;
        // Step 1: Find middle
        ListNode slow = head, fast = head;
        while (fast.next != null && fast.next.next != null) {

```

```

        slow = slow.next;
        fast = fast.next.next;
    }
// Step 2: Reverse second half
ListNode prev = null, curr = slow.next;
slow.next = null;
while (curr != null) {
    ListNode nextNode = curr.next;
    curr.next = prev;
    prev = curr;
    curr = nextNode;
}
// Step 3: Merge
ListNode first = head, second = prev;
while (second != null) {
    ListNode temp1 = first.next;
    ListNode temp2 = second.next;
    first.next = second;
    second.next = temp1;
    first = temp1;
    second = temp2;
}
}
}
}
Time Complexity: O(n)
Space Complexity: O(1)

```

Alright — here's your **Day 7: Matrix** prep breakdown with explanations, logic, and Java implementations for all 4 problems.

Day 7 – Matrix Problems

1. Set Matrix Zeros

Problem:

Given an $m \times n$ matrix, if an element is 0, set its entire row and column to 0.

Logic Explanation:

- Naive approach: Create extra arrays to mark rows & cols to be zeroed $\rightarrow O(m+n)$ space.
- Optimized approach: Use the first row & first column as markers.
 - Step 1: Mark first row/col separately if they contain 0.
 - Step 2: For each $matrix[i][j] == 0$, mark $matrix[i][0]$ and $matrix[0][j]$.
 - Step 3: Iterate again and set rows & cols to 0 based on markers.

Java Code:

```

class Solution {
    public void setZeroes(int[][] matrix) {
        int m = matrix.length, n = matrix[0].length;
        boolean firstRow = false, firstCol = false;
        for (int i = 0; i < m; i++)
            if (matrix[i][0] == 0) firstCol = true;
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
            if (matrix[0][j] == 0) firstRow = true;
        for (int i = 1; i < m; i++) {
            for (int j = 1; j < n; j++) {

```

```

        if (matrix[i][j] == 0) {
            matrix[i][0] = 0;
            matrix[0][j] = 0;
        }
    }
}
for (int i = 1; i < m; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j < n; j++) {
        if (matrix[i][0] == 0 || matrix[0][j] == 0) {
            matrix[i][j] = 0;
        }
    }
}
if (firstCol) for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) matrix[i][0] = 0;
if (firstRow) for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) matrix[0][j] = 0;
}
}
Time Complexity:  $O(m \times n)$ 
Space Complexity:  $O(1)$ 

```

2. Print the Matrix in Spiral Manner

Problem:

Given a matrix, return all elements in spiral order.

Logic Explanation:

- Keep four pointers: top, bottom, left, right.
- Traverse in four directions: Left→Right, Top→Bottom, Right→Left, Bottom→Top.
- After each pass, shrink the boundary.

Java Code:

```

class Solution {
    public List<Integer> spiralOrder(int[][] matrix) {
        List<Integer> result = new ArrayList<>();
        int top = 0, bottom = matrix.length - 1;
        int left = 0, right = matrix[0].length - 1;
        while (top <= bottom && left <= right) {
            for (int j = left; j <= right; j++)
                result.add(matrix[top][j]);
            top++;
            for (int i = top; i <= bottom; i++)
                result.add(matrix[i][right]);
            right--;
            if (top <= bottom) {
                for (int j = right; j >= left; j--)
                    result.add(matrix[bottom][j]);
                bottom--;
            }
            if (left <= right) {
                for (int i = bottom; i >= top; i--)
                    result.add(matrix[i][left]);
                left++;
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(m \times n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$ (excluding result list)

3. Rotate Matrix by 90 Degrees

Problem:

Rotate an $n \times n$ matrix by 90° clockwise.

Logic Explanation:

- Step 1: Transpose the matrix (swap $\text{matrix}[i][j]$ with $\text{matrix}[j][i]$).
- Step 2: Reverse each row.

Java Code:

```
class Solution {
    public void rotate(int[][] matrix) {
        int n = matrix.length;

        // Transpose
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = i; j < n; j++) {
                int temp = matrix[i][j];
                matrix[i][j] = matrix[j][i];
                matrix[j][i] = temp;
            }
        }

        // Reverse each row
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            int left = 0, right = n - 1;
            while (left < right) {
                int temp = matrix[i][left];
                matrix[i][left] = matrix[i][right];
                matrix[i][right] = temp;
                left++;
                right--;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(n^2)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

4. Word Search

Problem:

Given a board of characters and a word, check if the word exists in the board.

You can move up, down, left, or right — but cannot reuse the same cell.

Logic Explanation:

- DFS backtracking approach:
 - Start DFS from every cell matching first letter.
 - Recursively explore neighbors.
 - Mark cell as visited temporarily.
 - Backtrack after exploring.

Java Code:

```
class Solution {
    public boolean exist(char[][] board, String word) {
        int m = board.length, n = board[0].length;
        for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if (dfs(board, word, i, j, 0))
                    return true;
            }
        }
        return false;
    }

    private boolean dfs(char[][] board, String word, int i, int j, int index) {
        if (index == word.length()) return true;

```

```

        if (i < 0 || j < 0 || i >= board.length || j >= board[0].length ||
            board[i][j] != word.charAt(index)) return false;
        char temp = board[i][j];
        board[i][j] = '#'; // mark visited
        boolean found = dfs(board, word, i + 1, j, index + 1) ||
            dfs(board, word, i - 1, j, index + 1) ||
            dfs(board, word, i, j + 1, index + 1) ||
            dfs(board, word, i, j - 1, index + 1);
        board[i][j] = temp; // backtrack
        return found;
    }
}
Time Complexity:  $O(m \times n \times 4^L)$  ( $L$  = word length)
Space Complexity:  $O(L)$  (recursion stack)

```

Got it — you want **Day 8 String** with **full question statement + optimal answer + Java code + explanation** for *all problems* in that list.

I'll prepare it in the exact **LeetCode-style** format so you can directly practice.

Day 8 – String Problems with Solutions

1. Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters – *Medium*

Question:

Given a string s , find the length of the longest substring without repeating characters.

Example:

Input: $s = \text{"abcabcbb"}$

Output: 3

Explanation: "abc" is the longest substring.

Approach:

- Use sliding window + HashSet.
- Expand right pointer, if char is duplicate → shrink from left until removed.
- Track max length.

Java Solution:

```

public int lengthOfLongestSubstring(String s) {
    Set<Character> set = new HashSet<>();
    int left = 0, maxlen = 0;
    for (int right = 0; right < s.length(); right++) {
        while (set.contains(s.charAt(right))) {
            set.remove(s.charAt(left));
            left++;
        }
        set.add(s.charAt(right));
    }
}

```

```

        maxLen = Math.max(maxLen, right - left + 1);
    }
    return maxLen;
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(\min(n, \text{charset size}))$

2. Longest Repeating Character Replacement – *Medium*

Question:

Given a string s and integer k , return the length of the longest substring that can be obtained by replacing at most k characters so all characters are the same.

Example:

Input: $s = \text{"AABABBA"}, k = 1$

Output: 4

Explanation: Replace one 'B' \rightarrow "AAAA".

Approach:

- Keep count of each char in current window.
- Track max frequency char count.
- If $(\text{window length} - \text{maxFreq}) > k$, shrink from left.

Java Solution:

```

public int characterReplacement(String s, int k) {
    int[] count = new int[26];
    int left = 0, maxCount = 0, result = 0;
    for (int right = 0; right < s.length(); right++) {
        maxCount = Math.max(maxCount, ++count[s.charAt(right) - 'A']);
        while ((right - left + 1) - maxCount > k) {
            count[s.charAt(left) - 'A']--;
            left++;
        }
        result = Math.max(result, right - left + 1);
    }
    return result;
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

3. Minimum Window Substring – *Hard*

Question:

Given strings s and t , return the minimum window in s that contains all characters of t . If no such window, return "".

Example:

Input: $s = \text{"ADOBECODEBANC"}, t = \text{"ABC"}$

Output: "BANC"

Approach:

- Maintain two frequency maps: target & window.
- Expand right until all chars covered, then shrink from left to minimize.

Java Solution:

```

public String minWindow(String s, String t) {
    if (t.length() > s.length()) return "";
    Map<Character, Integer> target = new HashMap<>();
    for (char c : t.toCharArray()) target.put(c, target.getOrDefault(c, 0) + 1);
    int left = 0, matchCount = 0, minLen = Integer.MAX_VALUE, startIdx = 0;
    Map<Character, Integer> window = new HashMap<>();
    for (int right = 0; right < s.length(); right++) {
        char ch = s.charAt(right);
        window.put(ch, window.getOrDefault(ch, 0) + 1);
        if (target.containsKey(ch) && window.get(ch).intValue() == target.get(ch).intValue())

```

```

        matchCount++;
while (matchCount == target.size()) {
    if (right - left + 1 < minLen) {
        minLen = right - left + 1;
        startIdx = left;
    }
    char leftChar = s.charAt(left);
    window.put(leftChar, window.get(leftChar) - 1);
    if (target.containsKey(leftChar) && window.get(leftChar) < target.get(leftChar))
        matchCount--;
    left++;
}
}
return minLen == Integer.MAX_VALUE ? "" : s.substring(startIdx, startIdx + minLen);
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

4. Check for Anagrams – *Easy*

Question:

Given two strings, return true if they are anagrams, false otherwise.

Example:

Input: s = "anagram", t = "nagaram"

Output: true

Java Solution:

```

public boolean isAnagram(String s, String t) {
    if (s.length() != t.length()) return false;
    int[] count = new int[26];
    for (char c : s.toCharArray()) count[c - 'a']++;
    for (char c : t.toCharArray()) {
        count[c - 'a']--;
        if (count[c - 'a'] < 0) return false;
    }
    return true;
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

5. Group Anagrams – *Medium*

Question:

Group strings that are anagrams of each other.

Example:

Input: ["eat", "tea", "tan", "ate", "nat", "bat"]

Output: [["eat", "tea", "ate"], ["tan", "nat"], ["bat"]]

Java Solution:

```

public List<List<String>> groupAnagrams(String[] strs) {
    Map<String, List<String>> map = new HashMap<>();
    for (String s : strs) {
        char[] arr = s.toCharArray();
        Arrays.sort(arr);
        String key = new String(arr);
        map.computeIfAbsent(key, k -> new ArrayList<>()).add(s);
    }
    return new ArrayList<>(map.values());
}

```

Time Complexity: $O(n * k \log k)$

Space Complexity: $O(n * k)$

6. Check Balanced Parentheses – *Medium*

Question:

Given a string of brackets, return true if balanced, else false.

Example:

Input: "{[()]}"

Output: true

Java Solution:

```
public boolean isValid(String s) {
    Stack<Character> stack = new Stack<>();
    Map<Character, Character> map = Map.of(')', '(', ']', '[', '}', '{');
    for (char c : s.toCharArray()) {
        if (map.containsKey(c)) stack.push(c);
        else if (map.containsValue(c)) {
            if (stack.isEmpty() || stack.pop() != map.get(c)) return false;
        }
    }
    return stack.isEmpty();
}
```

Time Complexity: O(n)

Space Complexity: O(n)

7. Check Palindrome – *Easy*

Question:

Given a string, check if it is palindrome ignoring non-alphanumeric.

Example:

Input: "A man, a plan, a canal: Panama"

Output: true

Java Solution:

```
public boolean isPalindrome(String s) {
    int left = 0, right = s.length() - 1;
    while (left < right) {
        while (left < right && !Character.isLetterOrDigit(s.charAt(left))) left++;
        while (left < right && !Character.isLetterOrDigit(s.charAt(right))) right--;
        if (Character.toLowerCase(s.charAt(left)) != Character.toLowerCase(s.charAt(right)))
            return false;
        left++;
        right--;
    }
    return true;
}
```

Time Complexity: O(n)

Space Complexity: O(1)

8. Longest Palindromic Substring – *Hard*

Java Solution:

```
public String longestPalindrome(String s) {
    int start = 0, end = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
        int len1 = expand(s, i, i);
        int len2 = expand(s, i, i + 1);
        int len = Math.max(len1, len2);
        if (len > end - start) {
            start = i - (len - 1) / 2;
            end = i + len / 2;
        }
    }
    return s.substring(start, end + 1);
}
```



```

private int expand(String s, int left, int right) {
    while (left >= 0 && right < s.length() && s.charAt(left) == s.charAt(right)) {
        left--;
        right++;
    }
    return right - left - 1;
}

```

9. Palindromic Substrings – *Medium*

Java Solution:

```

public int countSubstrings(String s) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
        count += expandCount(s, i, i);
        count += expandCount(s, i, i + 1);
    }
    return count;
}

private int expandCount(String s, int left, int right) {
    int cnt = 0;
    while (left >= 0 && right < s.length() && s.charAt(left) == s.charAt(right)) {
        cnt++;
        left--;
        right++;
    }
    return cnt;
}

```

10. Encode and Decode Strings – *Medium* (LeetCode Premium)

Java Solution:

```

public class Codec {
    public String encode(List<String> strs) {
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        for (String str : strs) {
            sb.append(str.length()).append('#').append(str);
        }
        return sb.toString();
    }

    public List<String> decode(String s) {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<>();
        int i = 0;
        while (i < s.length()) {
            int j = i;
            while (s.charAt(j) != '#') j++;
            int length = Integer.parseInt(s.substring(i, j));
            i = j + 1;
            result.add(s.substring(i, i + length));
            i += length;
        }
        return result;
    }
}

```

Day 9 – Tree Problems

1. Height of a Binary Tree

Question:

Given a binary tree, return its height (maximum depth).

Logic:

- Height = 1 + max(height(left), height(right))
- Base case: if root is null, return 0.

Java Code:

```
class TreeNode {
    int val;
    TreeNode left, right;
    TreeNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
}

public int maxDepth(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) return 0;
    return 1 + Math.max(maxDepth(root.left), maxDepth(root.right));
}
```

Time Complexity: O(n)

Space Complexity: O(h) (h = height of tree due to recursion stack)

2. Check if Two Trees are Identical

Question:

Given two binary trees, check if they are identical.

Logic:

- Both null → true
- One null → false
- Both non-null → compare values, then recurse left & right.

Java Code:

```
public boolean isSameTree(TreeNode p, TreeNode q) {
    if (p == null && q == null) return true;
    if (p == null || q == null) return false;
    return (p.val == q.val) &&
        isSameTree(p.left, q.left) &&
        isSameTree(p.right, q.right);
}
```

3. Invert/Flip Binary Tree

Question:

Invert a binary tree (mirror image).

Logic:

- Swap left and right recursively.

Java Code:

```
public TreeNode invertTree(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) return null;
    TreeNode temp = root.left;
    root.left = invertTree(root.right);
    root.right = invertTree(temp);
    return root;
}
```

4. Maximum Path Sum in Binary Tree

Question:

Return the maximum sum of any path (node → node).

Logic:

- Use DFS, keep a global max, at each node calculate:
node.val + max(0, left) + max(0, right)
- Return node.val + max(left, right) for recursion.

Java Code:

```
int maxSum = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
public int maxPathSum(TreeNode root) {
    maxGain(root);
    return maxSum;
}
private int maxGain(TreeNode node) {
    if (node == null) return 0;
    int left = Math.max(maxGain(node.left), 0);
    int right = Math.max(maxGain(node.right), 0);
    maxSum = Math.max(maxSum, node.val + left + right);
    return node.val + Math.max(left, right);
}
```

5. Level Order Traversal

Question:

Return level-wise traversal of a binary tree.

Logic:

- Use BFS with a queue.

Java Code:

```
public List<List<Integer>> levelOrder(TreeNode root) {
    List<List<Integer>> res = new ArrayList<>();
    if (root == null) return res;
    Queue<TreeNode> q = new LinkedList<>();
    q.add(root);
    while (!q.isEmpty()) {
        int size = q.size();
        List<Integer> level = new ArrayList<>();
        for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
            TreeNode node = q.poll();
            level.add(node.val);
            if (node.left != null) q.add(node.left);
            if (node.right != null) q.add(node.right);
        }
        res.add(level);
    }
    return res;
}
```

6. Serialize and Deserialize Binary Tree

Question:

Serialize a tree to a string, then deserialize back.

Logic:

- Preorder + "null" markers.

Java Code:

```

public class Codec {
    public String serialize(TreeNode root) {
        if (root == null) return "null,";
        return root.val + "," + serialize(root.left) + serialize(root.right);
    }
    int index = 0;
    public TreeNode deserialize(String data) {
        String[] nodes = data.split(",");
        return build(nodes);
    }
    private TreeNode build(String[] nodes) {
        if (nodes[index].equals("null")) {
            index++;
            return null;
        }
        TreeNode root = new TreeNode(Integer.parseInt(nodes[index++]));
        root.left = build(nodes);
        root.right = build(nodes);
        return root;
    }
}

```

7. Subtree of Another Tree

Question:

Check if tree B is a subtree of tree A.

Logic:

- If roots are same → check identical.
- Else → check left and right.

Java Code:

```

public boolean isSubtree(TreeNode root, TreeNode subRoot) {
    if (root == null) return false;
    if (isSameTree(root, subRoot)) return true;
    return isSubtree(root.left, subRoot) || isSubtree(root.right, subRoot);
}

```

8. Construct Tree from Inorder & Postorder

Logic:

- Last element of postorder → root.
- Find root in inorder to split left/right.
- Recurse.

Java Code:

```

Map<Integer, Integer> inorderMap;
int postIndex;
public TreeNode buildTree(int[] inorder, int[] postorder) {
    inorderMap = new HashMap<>();
    for (int i = 0; i < inorder.length; i++) inorderMap.put(inorder[i], i);
    postIndex = postorder.length - 1;
    return build(postorder, 0, inorder.length - 1);
}
private TreeNode build(int[] postorder, int inStart, int inEnd) {
    if (inStart > inEnd) return null;
    TreeNode root = new TreeNode(postorder[postIndex--]);
    int inIndex = inorderMap.get(root.val);
    root.right = build(postorder, inIndex + 1, inEnd);
}

```

```

    root.left = build(postorder, inStart, inIndex - 1);
    return root;
}

```

9. Check if a Tree is BST

Logic:

- Inorder should be sorted, or
- Recursively check min/max constraints.

Java Code:

```

public boolean isValidBST(TreeNode root) {
    return isValid(root, null, null);
}
private boolean isValid(TreeNode node, Integer min, Integer max) {
    if (node == null) return true;
    if ((min != null && node.val <= min) || (max != null && node.val >= max)) return false;
    return isValid(node.left, min, node.val) && isValid(node.right, node.val, max);
}

```

10. K-th Smallest in BST

Logic:

- Inorder traversal → sorted order → get k-th.

Java Code:

```

int count = 0, ans = 0;
public int kthSmallest(TreeNode root, int k) {
    inorder(root, k);
    return ans;
}
private void inorder(TreeNode node, int k) {
    if (node == null) return;
    inorder(node.left, k);
    count++;
    if (count == k) {
        ans = node.val;
        return;
    }
    inorder(node.right, k);
}

```

11. LCA of Two Nodes in BST

Logic:

- If both < root → go left.
- If both > root → go right.
- Else root is LCA.

Java Code:

```

public TreeNode lowestCommonAncestor(TreeNode root, TreeNode p, TreeNode q) {
    if (p.val < root.val && q.val < root.val)
        return lowestCommonAncestor(root.left, p, q);
    if (p.val > root.val && q.val > root.val)
        return lowestCommonAncestor(root.right, p, q);
    return root;
}

```

12. Implement Trie

Logic:

- Each node has array[26] children + isEnd flag.
- Insert, search, startsWith.

Java Code:

```
class TrieNode {
    TrieNode[] children = new TrieNode[26];
    boolean isEnd;
}
class Trie {
    TrieNode root;
    public Trie() { root = new TrieNode(); }
    public void insert(String word) {
        TrieNode node = root;
        for (char c : word.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null)
                node.children[idx] = new TrieNode();
            node = node.children[idx];
        }
        node.isEnd = true;
    }
    public boolean search(String word) {
        TrieNode node = root;
        for (char c : word.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null) return false;
            node = node.children[idx];
        }
        return node.isEnd;
    }
    public boolean startsWith(String prefix) {
        TrieNode node = root;
        for (char c : prefix.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null) return false;
            node = node.children[idx];
        }
        return true;
    }
}
```

13. Implement Trie – 2 (Word Count)

Logic:

- Extend Trie to store countPrefix and countWord.
- Useful for counting occurrences.

Java Code:

```
class TrieNode2 {
    TrieNode2[] children = new TrieNode2[26];
    int countPrefix = 0;
    int countWord = 0;
}
class Trie2 {
    TrieNode2 root;
```

```

    public Trie2() { root = new TrieNode2(); }
    public void insert(String word) {
        TrieNode2 node = root;
        for (char c : word.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null)
                node.children[idx] = new TrieNode2();
            node = node.children[idx];
            node.countPrefix++;
        }
        node.countWord++;
    }
    public int countWordsEqualTo(String word) {
        TrieNode2 node = root;
        for (char c : word.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null) return 0;
            node = node.children[idx];
        }
        return node.countWord;
    }
    public int countWordsStartingWith(String prefix) {
        TrieNode2 node = root;
        for (char c : prefix.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null) return 0;
            node = node.children[idx];
        }
        return node.countPrefix;
    }
    public void erase(String word) {
        TrieNode2 node = root;
        for (char c : word.toCharArray()) {
            int idx = c - 'a';
            if (node.children[idx] == null) return;
            node = node.children[idx];
            node.countPrefix--;
        }
        node.countWord--;
    }
}

```

Alright — here's **Day 10 (Heap)** with full questions and Java solutions.

1. K Most Frequent Elements – *Medium*

Problem:

Given an integer array `nums` and an integer `k`, return the `k` most frequent elements. You may return the answer in any order.

Example:

Input: `nums = [1,1,1,2,2,3]`, `k = 2`

Output: `[1,2]`

Solution (Java using PriorityQueue + HashMap):

```
import java.util.*;

public class KMostFrequentElements {
    public static int[] topKFrequent(int[] nums, int k) {
        Map<Integer, Integer> freqMap = new HashMap<>();
        for (int num : nums) {
            freqMap.put(num, freqMap.getOrDefault(num, 0) + 1);
        }
        PriorityQueue<int[]> pq = new PriorityQueue<>((a, b) -> a[1] - b[1]); // Min heap
        for (Map.Entry<Integer, Integer> entry : freqMap.entrySet()) {
            pq.offer(new int[]{entry.getKey(), entry.getValue()});
            if (pq.size() > k) pq.poll();
        }
        int[] result = new int[k];
        for (int i = k - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
            result[i] = pq.poll()[0];
        }
        return result;
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[] nums = {1,1,1,2,2,3};
    int k = 2;
    System.out.println(Arrays.toString(topKFrequent(nums, k)));
}
```



```
}  
}
```

Logic:

Count frequencies using HashMap.
Use a **min-heap** to keep the top k frequent elements.
Pop from heap when size exceeds k.
Extract elements from heap.

Time Complexity: $O(n \log k)$ **Space Complexity:** $O(n)$

2. Find Median from Data Stream – *Hard*

Problem:

Design a data structure that supports adding numbers and finding the median of all elements so far.

Example:

```
addNum(1)  
addNum(2)  
findMedian() -> 1.5  
addNum(3)  
findMedian() -> 2
```

Solution (Java using Two Heaps):

```
import java.util.*;  
class MedianFinder {  
    PriorityQueue<Integer> maxHeap; // lower half  
    PriorityQueue<Integer> minHeap; // upper half  
    public MedianFinder() {  
        maxHeap = new PriorityQueue<>(Collections.reverseOrder());  
        minHeap = new PriorityQueue<>();  
    }  
    public void addNum(int num) {  
        maxHeap.offer(num);  
        minHeap.offer(maxHeap.poll());  
        if (minHeap.size() > maxHeap.size()) {  
            maxHeap.offer(minHeap.poll());  
        }  
    }  
    public double findMedian() {  
        if (maxHeap.size() == minHeap.size()) {  
            return (maxHeap.peek() + minHeap.peek()) / 2.0;  
        } else {  
            return maxHeap.peek();  
        }  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        MedianFinder mf = new MedianFinder();  
        mf.addNum(1);  
        mf.addNum(2);  
        System.out.println(mf.findMedian()); // 1.5  
        mf.addNum(3);  
        System.out.println(mf.findMedian()); // 2  
    }  
}
```

Logic:

Maintain **two heaps**:

- Max-heap for the smaller half of numbers.
- Min-heap for the larger half.

Balance the heaps so size difference is at most 1.

Median is either the root of one heap or average of both.

Time Complexity: $O(\log n)$ for add, $O(1)$ for findMedian.

Space Complexity: $O(n)$