

41. First Missing Positive

Technically, we will take advantage of nums' index and store each number in the index of num - 1. There is the key for this, we should keep swapping until current element is out of length of array or the same as the element we are gonna swap. In the second iteration, we will find the first element that's not equal to the element's index + 1. Or we will return len(nums) + 1. TC is O(n), SC is O(1).

class Solution:

```
def firstMissingPositive(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
    length = len(nums)

    for idx in range(length):
        while 0 < nums[idx] <= length and nums[idx] != nums[nums[idx] - 1]:
            dest_index = nums[idx] - 1
            nums[idx], nums[dest_index] = nums[dest_index], nums[idx]

    for idx, num in enumerate(nums):
        if idx + 1 != num:
            return idx + 1
    return len(nums) + 1
```

39. Combination Sum

Because each element is unique. We will iterate through the array. If current array's sum is equal to target, we will push it to our result array, if less than target, we will call our dfs function again, but will start from current index to prevent duplication. The TC is unexpected.

class Solution:

```
def combinationSum(self, candidates: List[int], target: int) -> List[List[int]]:

    def dfs(result, cur, start_index):
        cur_sum = sum(cur)
        for i in range(start_index, len(candidates)):
            if candidates[i] + cur_sum == target:
                result.append(cur + [candidates[i]])
            elif candidates[i] + cur_sum < target:
                dfs(result, cur + [candidates[i]], i)

    result = []
    dfs(result, [], 0)

    return result
```

25. Reverse Nodes in k-Group

There are two ways. First, we will check after dummy node, whether there is k nodes. If there is, we will reverse k nodes after that. Then we will move dummy afterwards for k nodes and repeat the previous steps. TC is $O(n)$

class Solution:

```
def reverseKGroup(self, head: ListNode, k: int) -> ListNode:
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    dummy = ListNode(0)
    dummy_mem = dummy
    dummy.next = head
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```
def qualifiedForReverse(dummy, k):
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    count = 0
    if not dummy:
        return False
    dummy = dummy.next
    while count < k and dummy:
        dummy = dummy.next
        count += 1
    return count == k
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while qualifiedForReverse(dummy, k):
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    cur = dummy.next
    for _ in range(k - 1):
        original_last = cur.next.next
        cur.next.next = dummy.next
        dummy.next = cur.next
        cur.next = original_last
    for _ in range(k):
        dummy = dummy.next
    return dummy_mem.next
```

716. Max Stack

For popMax, we will reverse the memo and delete the max, and reverse it again, so that we could delete the last max number. TC $O(n)$

class MaxStack:

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def __init__(self):
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    """
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    initialize your data structure here.
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    """
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    self.memo = []
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def push(self, x: int) -> None:
    self.memo.append(x)
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def pop(self) -> int:
    return self.memo.pop()
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def top(self) -> int:
    return self.memo[-1]
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def peekMax(self) -> int:
    return max(self.memo)
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def popMax(self) -> int:
    temp = max(self.memo)
    self.memo = self.memo[::-1]
    self.memo.remove(temp)
    self.memo = self.memo[::-1]
    return temp
```

6. Zigzag Conversion

We will use string list to store strings on each line. We will accumulate index until index == numRows and then deduct it to 0, repeat this process until the end of s. Then we will join the string list and return it. TC is $O(n)$

class Solution:

```
def convert(self, s: str, numRows: int) -> str:
    memo = [""] * numRows
    ind, mark = 0, True
    if numRows == 1:
        return s
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    for e in s:
        memo[ind] += e
        if ind == numRows - 1:
            mark = False
        elif ind == 0 and not mark:
            mark = True
        if mark:
            ind += 1
        else:
            ind -= 1
    return "".join(memo)
```