

Smart Coding & Interview Series

Top-20 Basic Program

(SortedMap & Sorted MultiMap Applications)

First, understand the solution building strategies and coding for the problems in LIVE/VIDEO session and then you apply those strategies discussed in LIVE/VIDEO session to solve the following problems. Use your favourite language(C/C++/Java/C#/Python/Scala) for coding.

1) Sort Characters by Frequency: Given a string, sort it in decreasing order based on the frequency of characters.

Example:

Input: "tree"

Output: "eert"

Source: <https://leetcode.com/problems/sort-characters-by-frequency/description/>

2) Time Based Key-Value Store: Create a timebased key-value store class `TimeMap`, that supports two operations.

1. `set(string key, string value, int timestamp)`: Stores the key and value, along with the given timestamp.

2. `get(string key, int timestamp)`: Returns a value such that `set(key, value, timestamp_prev)` was called previously, with `timestamp_prev <= timestamp`. If there are multiple such values, it returns the one with the largest `timestamp_prev`. If there are no values, it returns the empty string `""`.

Example:

Input:

inputs = ["TimeMap", "set", "get", "get", "set", "get", "get"],

inputs = [[], ["foo", "bar", 1], ["foo", 1], ["foo", 3], ["foo", "bar2", 4], ["foo", 4], ["foo", 5]]

Output: [null, null, "bar", "bar", null, "bar2", "bar2"]

Source: <https://leetcode.com/problems/time-based-key-value-store/>

3) Divide Array in Sets of K Consecutive Numbers: Given an array of integers `nums` and a positive integer `k`, find whether it's possible to divide this array into sets of `k` consecutive numbers. Return `True` if it is possible otherwise return `False`.

Example:

Input: `nums = [1,2,3,3,4,4,5,6]`, `k = 4`

Output: `true`

Explanation: Array can be divided into `[1,2,3,4]` and `[3,4,5,6]`.

Source: <https://leetcode.com/problems/divide-array-in-sets-of-k-consecutive-numbers/>