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For the position SDE I.

I had an online test through interviewstreet and following were the questions:

1. [Inorder Successor in BST](#)
2. [K distance from root](#)
3. [Clone a linked list with next and random pointer](#)

F2F Interview :

1. Generate all valid permutations using '(' and ')'. Valid permutation is the general definition of valid sequence of the opening and closing brackets.

I told him a solution where we would generate a combination using a recursive solution and prune the cases where a valid combination is no longer possible. The solution was fine and not that difficult. But the interviewer was very interested in knowing if I can calculate the complexity of the solution. He gave me some hints but it was just not striking me. I told him my approximate answer. We moved on.

2. Create an ancestor matrix for a tree.

The solution would seem simple. But since the matrix is $N \times N$, the interviewer wanted some tricks to reduce the complexity of the write operation on the matrix.

I told him a solution where you can initialize the matrix with all zeros and only write 1 for the ancestor cell using a modified recursive solution and linkedlist. He was fine with the solution

F2F 2:

1. Find the maximum weight node in a tree if each node is the sum of the weights all the nodes under it. Obviously tree nodes can have negative weights.

2. [Kadane's algo](#)

F2F 3:

1. [Find the diameter of a tree.](#)

2. [Link every node of a level to the next node at the same level](#)

Tree is: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
would be

3. [Find the first subarray which has a zero sum in an array](#)

F2F 4:

Detailed discussion on projects I did in college and about my interests.

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