

Amazon Interview Experience for SDE-1 | Off-Campus 2021

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Role: SDE1

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Online Round: 2 Coding Question with Time Complexity Analysis

1. Similar to nearest K coordinates from Origin. (Heap)
2. Little bit of modification of 2-Sum, but I did in Brute Force way and it passed.

In the Last behavioural based MCQ Test.

After 5 days I got an email in which it mentioned that I will be having a quick connect with HR for Rounds Process.

Round 1:

- Quick Intro
- BST Iterator <https://leetcode.com/problems/binary-search-tree-iterator/> (Medium)
- Basic Calculator <https://leetcode.com/problems/basic-calculator/> (Hard)
- I Solved both but for last one my code was not 100% complete as we were running out of time but I gave the approach and final Time Complexity.

Round 2:

- Paint House [https://www.lintcode.com/problem/515/?_from=\[%E2%98ladder%E2%99\]&fromId=\[%E2%9916%E2%99\]](https://www.lintcode.com/problem/515/?_from=[%E2%98ladder%E2%99]&fromId=[%E2%9916%E2%99]) (Premium on Leetcode, so attaching free Resource)
- BFS on Grid, The question was like you are given 2D Matrix with 0,1 and a starting coordinate from that you have to cover all 1's and tell how much minimum time it will take to do that and if any 1 is left return -1.

Round 3(Behavioural, taken by SDM III):

- This Round was like brief Introduction, and that started with LP Questions
- A Deadline you missed.
- A Goal that you thought you will not be able to achieve but you did.
- A most Challenging Task you did.
- CS Fundamentals Questions, like difference between HTTP vs HTTPS, Thread vs Process, Memory Leak in Java, Classful IP and its all Classes.
- After about a week I got an email that I am having my Last Round Next Week.

Round 4:

- A Small Introduction
- LP Questions
- 1 Coding Questions (Now for this I want to share that Interviewer itself was in doubt, the question was like you are given a Binary Tree with atmost 2 child and every child can have atmost 2 Parents, and you have to find a Maximum Path Sum from Root to Leaf)
- I asked what is the structure of that Node, So he said what you think. I wrote this:

Java

```
class Node
{
    int data;
    Node left;
    Node right
}
```

- So he said Yes this is, (Now I was confused how come this can have links with Parent, maybe I am not able to get!)

Sample Test Case:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 2 3 4 5 6 / 7 8 9 10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

1 2 3 4 5 / 6 7 8 9 10 / 11 12 13 14

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

O/P: [1, 3, 6]

- So, 1st Solution that I gave was normal dfs based that I try every path from root till every Leaf and in that method I take current_sum and one global_sum and update it accordingly.

Java

```

int ans = 0;
List<Integer> finalAns;

private void dfs(TreeNode root, int csum, List<Integer> ds)
{
    if(root==null) return;
    if(root.left==null && root.right==null)
    {
        if(csum > ans)
        {
            ans = csum;
            finalAns = ds;
        }
        return;
    }
    ds.add(root.val);
    dfs(root.left, csum+root.val, ds);
    dfs(root.right, csum+root.val, ds);
    ds.remove(ds.size()-1)
}

public List<Integer> solve(TreeNode root)
{
    this.ans = 0;
    this.finalAns = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    this.dfs(root, 0, new ArrayList<Integer>());
    return this.finalAns;
}

```

- Time Complexity: $O(N^2)$ (more than N) I was not able to figure out but it is I guess $O(N^2)$
- So, he told me to optimise it I told him that I will do something Post Order type Traversal and from left and right I will bring answer. But he told me that this will not work, So I was not able to find something better.

Conclusion: Be Confident in LP Questions, discuss Brute Force first.

Verdict: Rejected

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