

3. Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters

Problem:

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

Example:

Input: "abcabcbb"

Output: 3 (substring is "abc")

In [1]:

```
1 def lengthOfLongestSubstring(s: str) -> int:
2     seen = set()
3     left = 0
4     max_len = 0
5
6     for right in range(len(s)):
7         # Shrink the window until s[right] is unique
8         while s[right] in seen:
9             seen.remove(s[left])
10            left += 1
11
12         seen.add(s[right])
13         max_len = max(max_len, right - left + 1)
14
15     return max_len
16
```

8. String to Integer (atoi)

Problem:

Convert a string to a 32-bit signed integer (like the C/C++ atoi function).

Discard leading whitespaces and handle optional + / - signs.

Example:

Input: " -42"

Output: -42

In [2]:

```
1 def myAtoi(s: str) -> int:
2     i = 0
3     n = len(s)
4     result = 0
5     sign = 1
6
7     # Skip whitespaces
8     while i < n and s[i] == ' ':
9         i += 1
10
11    # Check for sign
12    if i < n and (s[i] == '-' or s[i] == '+'):
13        sign = -1 if s[i] == '-' else 1
14        i += 1
15
16    # Convert characters to numbers
17    while i < n and s[i].isdigit():
18        result = result * 10 + int(s[i])
19        i += 1
20
21    result *= sign
22
23    # Clamp to 32-bit range
24    return max(min(result, 2**31 - 1), -2**31)
25
```

13. Roman to Integer

Problem:

Convert a Roman numeral to an integer.

Example:

Input: "III"

Output: 3

Input: "IV"

Output: 4

```
In [3]: 1 def romanToInt(s: str) -> int:
2     roman_map = {'I': 1, 'V': 5, 'X': 10, 'L': 50,
3                  'C': 100, 'D': 500, 'M': 1000}
4     total = 0
5
6     for i in range(len(s)):
7         # If current value is Less than next, subtract it
8         if i + 1 < len(s) and roman_map[s[i]] < roman_map[s[i+1]]:
9             total -= roman_map[s[i]]
10        else:
11            total += roman_map[s[i]]
12
13    return total
14
```

15. 3Sum

Problem:

Given an array, return all unique triplets that sum to zero.

Example:

Input: [-1, 0, 1, 2, -1, -4]

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

In [4]:

```
1 def threeSum(nums):
2     nums.sort()
3     res = []
4
5     for i in range(len(nums)):
6         if i > 0 and nums[i] == nums[i - 1]:
7             continue # skip duplicates
8
9         left, right = i + 1, len(nums) - 1
10
11        while left < right:
12            total = nums[i] + nums[left] + nums[right]
13
14            if total < 0:
15                left += 1
16            elif total > 0:
17                right -= 1
18            else:
19                res.append([nums[i], nums[left], nums[right]])
20                # skip duplicates
21                while left < right and nums[left] == nums[left + 1]:
22                    left += 1
23                while left < right and nums[right] == nums[right - 1]:
24                    right -= 1
25                left += 1
26                right -= 1
27
28    return res
29
```

26. Remove Duplicates from Sorted Array

Problem:

Given a sorted array, remove duplicates in-place and return the new length.

Example:

Input: [1, 1, 2]

Output: 2 , with array modified as [1, 2, _]

```
In [5]: 1 def removeDuplicates(nums):
2     if not nums:
3         return 0
4
5     index = 1 # place to insert the next unique number
6
7     for i in range(1, len(nums)):
8         if nums[i] != nums[i - 1]:
9             nums[index] = nums[i]
10            index += 1
11
12     return index
13
```

31. Next Permutation

Problem:

Rearrange numbers to get the next lexicographically greater permutation. If no such permutation exists, rearrange to the lowest possible (sorted in ascending order).

Example:

Input: [1, 2, 3]

Output: [1, 3, 2]

```
In [6]: 1 def nextPermutation(nums):
2     # Step 1: Find the first decreasing element from the right
3     i = len(nums) - 2
4     while i >= 0 and nums[i] >= nums[i+1]:
5         i -= 1
6
7     if i >= 0:
8         # Step 2: Find number just larger than nums[i]
9         j = len(nums) - 1
10        while nums[j] <= nums[i]:
11            j -= 1
12        # Step 3: Swap them
13        nums[i], nums[j] = nums[j], nums[i]
14
15    # Step 4: Reverse the remaining array
16    nums[i+1:] = reversed(nums[i+1:])
17
```

43. Multiply Strings

Problem:

Multiply two large non-negative numbers represented as strings.

Example:

Input: "123" * "456"

Output: "56088"

In [7]:

```
1 def multiply(num1: str, num2: str) -> str:
2     if num1 == "0" or num2 == "0":
3         return "0"
4
5     res = [0] * (len(num1) + len(num2))
6
7     # Reverse strings to make indexing easier
8     num1, num2 = num1[::-1], num2[::-1]
9
10    # Multiply each digit
11    for i in range(len(num1)):
12        for j in range(len(num2)):
13            res[i + j] += int(num1[i]) * int(num2[j])
14            # Handle carry
15            res[i + j + 1] += res[i + j] // 10
16            res[i + j] %= 10
17
18    # Remove Leading zeros
19    while len(res) > 1 and res[-1] == 0:
20        res.pop()
21
22    return ''.join(map(str, res[::-1]))
```

49. Group Anagrams

Problem:

Group all anagrams together from a list of strings.

Example:

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

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

```
In [8]: 1 from collections import defaultdict
2
3 def groupAnagrams(strs):
4     anagram_map = defaultdict(list)
5
6     for word in strs:
7         # Sort characters in the word to use as a key
8         key = ''.join(sorted(word))
9         anagram_map[key].append(word)
10
11 return list(anagram_map.values())
```

67. Add Binary

Problem:

Add two binary strings and return their sum as a binary string.

Example:

Input: "11" + "1"

Output: "100"

```
In [9]: 1 def addBinary(a: str, b: str) -> str:
2     result = []
3     carry = 0
4
5     i, j = len(a) - 1, len(b) - 1
6
7     while i >= 0 or j >= 0 or carry:
8         total = carry
9
10        if i >= 0:
11            total += int(a[i])
12            i -= 1
13        if j >= 0:
14            total += int(b[j])
15            j -= 1
16
17        result.append(str(total % 2))
18        carry = total // 2
19
20    return ''.join(reversed(result))
```

88. Merge Sorted Array

Problem:

Merge two sorted arrays `nums1` and `nums2` into `nums1` in-place, assuming it has enough space at the end.

Example:

Input:

```
nums1 = [1,2,3,0,0,0] , m = 3
```

```
nums2 = [2,5,6] , n = 3
```

```
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```

In [10]:

```
1
2 def merge(nums1, m, nums2, n):
3     # Start filling from the back
4     i, j, k = m - 1, n - 1, m + n - 1
5
6     while i >= 0 and j >= 0:
7         if nums1[i] > nums2[j]:
8             nums1[k] = nums1[i]
9             i -= 1
10        else:
11            nums1[k] = nums2[j]
12            j -= 1
13            k -= 1
14
15    # If nums2 still has elements
16    while j >= 0:
17        nums1[k] = nums2[j]
18        j -= 1
19        k -= 1
20
21
22
```

125. Valid Palindrome

Problem:

Check if a string is a palindrome, considering only alphanumeric characters and ignoring cases.

Example:

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

Output: True

In [11]:

```
1
2 def isPalindrome(s: str) -> bool:
3     filtered = [c.lower() for c in s if c.isalnum()]
4     return filtered == filtered[::-1]
```

157. Read N Characters Given Read4

Problem:

You are given an API `read4(char *buf)` that reads 4 characters at a time.

Implement `read(buf, n)` to read `n` characters.

Assume `read4` is already provided.

Python Code (with mock):

In [12]:

```
1 def read4(buf4):
2     # Mock implementation
3     return 0
4
5 def read(buf, n):
6     i = 0
7     while i < n:
8         buf4 = [""] * 4
9         count = read4(buf4)
10        if count == 0:
11            break
12        for j in range(min(count, n - i)):
13            buf[i] = buf4[j]
14            i += 1
15    return i
```

161. One Edit Distance

Problem:

Given two strings, return `True` if they are one edit apart (insert, delete, or replace one character).

Example:

Input: ("ab", "acb")

Output: True

In [13]:

```
1
2 def isOneEditDistance(s: str, t: str) -> bool:
3     if len(s) > len(t):
4         return isOneEditDistance(t, s)
5
6     if len(t) - len(s) > 1:
7         return False
8
9     for i in range(len(s)):
10        if s[i] != t[i]:
11            if len(s) == len(t):
12                return s[i+1:] == t[i+1:] # replace
13            else:
14                return s[i:] == t[i+1:] # insert
15
16    return len(s) + 1 == len(t)
```

238. Product of Array Except Self

Problem:

Return an array such that each element is the product of all other elements except itself.

Example:

Input: [1, 2, 3, 4]

Output: [24, 12, 8, 6]

In [14]:

```
1  def productExceptSelf(nums):
2      length = len(nums)
3      output = [1] * length
4
5      # Left pass
6      left_product = 1
7      for i in range(length):
8          output[i] = left_product
9          left_product *= nums[i]
10
11     # Right pass
12     right_product = 1
13     for i in range(length - 1, -1, -1):
14         output[i] *= right_product
15         right_product *= nums[i]
16
17     return output
```

283. Move Zeroes

Problem:

Move all 0's to the end of the array while maintaining the order of non-zero elements. Modify the array in-place.

Example:

Input: [0, 1, 0, 3, 12]

Output: [1, 3, 12, 0, 0]

In [15]:

```
1 def moveZeroes(nums):
2     last_non_zero = 0 # Index to place the next non-zero
3
4     # First pass: move non-zeroes forward
5     for i in range(len(nums)):
6         if nums[i] != 0:
7             nums[last_non_zero] = nums[i]
8             last_non_zero += 1
9
10    # Second pass: fill the rest with zeroes
11    for i in range(last_non_zero, len(nums)):
12        nums[i] = 0
```

340. Longest Substring with At Most K Distinct Characters

Problem:

Given a string, return the length of the longest substring that contains at most **k** distinct characters.

Example:

Input: "eceba" , k = 2

Output: 3 (substring is "ece")

In [16]:

```
1  def lengthOfLongestSubstringKDistinct(s: str, k: int) -> int:
2      if k == 0:
3          return 0
4
5      from collections import defaultdict
6
7      left = 0
8      max_len = 0
9      char_count = defaultdict(int)
10
11     for right in range(len(s)):
12         char_count[s[right]] += 1
13
14         while len(char_count) > k:
15             char_count[s[left]] -= 1
16             if char_count[s[left]] == 0:
17                 del char_count[s[left]]
18             left += 1
19
20         max_len = max(max_len, right - left + 1)
21
22     return max_len
```

468. Validate IP Address

Problem:

Write a function to check whether an input string is a valid IPv4 or IPv6 address.

Example:

Input: "172.16.254.1" → Output: "IPv4"

Input: "2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334" → Output: "IPv6"

Input: "256.256.256.256" → Output: "Neither"

In [17]:

```
1 def validIPAddress(IP: str) -> str:
2     def isIPv4(s):
3         parts = s.split(".")
4         if len(parts) != 4:
5             return False
6         for part in parts:
7             if not part.isdigit() or not 0 <= int(part) <= 255:
8                 return False
9         return True
10
11    def isIPv6(s):
12        parts = s.split(":")
13        if len(parts) != 8:
14            return False
15        for part in parts:
16            if len(part) == 0 or len(part) > 4:
17                return False
18            for char in part:
19                if not (char.isdigit() or char.lower() in "abcd"):
20                    return False
21        return True
22
23
24    if IP.count(".") == 3 and isIPv4(IP):
25        return "IPv4"
26    elif IP.count(":") == 7 and isIPv6(IP):
27        return "IPv6"
28    else:
29        return "Neither"
```

560. Subarray Sum Equals K

Problem:

Find the number of continuous subarrays whose sum equals k .

Example:

Input: $\text{nums} = [1, 1, 1]$, $k = 2$

Output: 2

In [18]:

```
1 def subarraySum(nums, k):
2     from collections import defaultdict
3     count = 0
4     curr_sum = 0
5     prefix_sums = defaultdict(int)
6     prefix_sums[0] = 1
7
8     for num in nums:
9         curr_sum += num
10        count += prefix_sums[curr_sum - k]
11        prefix_sums[curr_sum] += 1
12
13
14    return count
```

680. Valid Palindrome II

Problem:

Given a string, return `True` if it can be a palindrome by removing at most one character.

Example:

Input: "abca"

Output: `True` (remove 'b' or 'c')

In [19]:

```
1 def validPalindrome(s: str) -> bool:
2     def is_palindrome(i, j):
3         while i < j:
4             if s[i] != s[j]:
5                 return False
6             i += 1
7             j -= 1
8         return True
9
10    left, right = 0, len(s) - 1
11    while left < right:
12        if s[left] != s[right]:
13            return is_palindrome(left+1, right) or is_palindrom
14            left += 1
15            right -= 1
16
17
18    return True
```

2. Add Two Numbers

Problem:

You are given two non-empty linked lists representing two non-negative integers. The digits are stored in reverse order, and each node contains a single digit. Add the two numbers and return the result as a linked list.

Example:

Input: (2 -> 4 -> 3) + (5 -> 6 -> 4)

Output: 7 -> 0 -> 8 (because 342 + 465 = 807)

In [20]:

```
1  class ListNode:
2      def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
3          self.val = val
4          self.next = next
5
6
7  def addTwoNumbers(l1, l2):
8      dummy = ListNode()
9      current = dummy
10     carry = 0
11
12     while l1 or l2 or carry:
13         val1 = l1.val if l1 else 0
14         val2 = l2.val if l2 else 0
15         total = val1 + val2 + carry
16
17         carry = total // 10
18         current.next = ListNode(total % 10)
19         current = current.next
20
21         if l1: l1 = l1.next
22         if l2: l2 = l2.next
23
24     return dummy.next
```

21. Merge Two Sorted Lists

Problem:

Merge two sorted linked lists and return it as a new sorted list.

Example:

Input: 1 -> 2 -> 4 and 1 -> 3 -> 4

Output: 1 -> 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 4

In [21]:

```
1
2 def mergeTwoLists(l1, l2):
3     dummy = ListNode()
4     current = dummy
5
6     while l1 and l2:
7         if l1.val < l2.val:
8             current.next = l1
9             l1 = l1.next
10        else:
11            current.next = l2
12            l2 = l2.next
13        current = current.next
14
15    current.next = l1 if l1 else l2
16
17    return dummy.next
```

138. Copy List with Random Pointer

Problem:

A linked list has a `next` pointer and a `random` pointer. Copy the list with both pointers.

In [22]:

```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val, next=None, random=None):
3         self.val = val
4         self.next = next
5         self.random = random
6
7     def copyRandomList(self):
8         if not head:
9             return None
10
11     # Step 1: Clone nodes and insert right after original node
12     curr = head
13     while curr:
14         new_node = Node(curr.val, curr.next)
15         curr.next = new_node
16         curr = new_node.next
17
18     # Step 2: Set random pointers
19     curr = head
20     while curr:
21         if curr.random:
22             curr.next.random = curr.random.next
23             curr = curr.next.next
24
25     # Step 3: Separate the new list from original
26     curr = head
27     new_head = head.next
28     while curr:
29         copy = curr.next
30         curr.next = copy.next
31         if copy.next:
32             copy.next = copy.next.next
33             curr = curr.next
34
35     return new_head
```

143. Reorder List

Problem:

Reorder a linked list like this:

$L_0 \rightarrow L_n \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots$

Example:

Input: $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$

Output: $1 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3$

In [23]:

```
1 def reorderList(head):
2     if not head:
3         return
4
5
6     # Step 1: Find the middle of the list
7     slow, fast = head, head
8     while fast and fast.next:
9         slow = slow.next
10        fast = fast.next.next
11
12    # Step 2: Reverse the second half
13    prev, curr = None, slow.next
14    slow.next = None
15    while curr:
16        next_temp = curr.next
17        curr.next = prev
18        prev = curr
19        curr = next_temp
20
21    # Step 3: Merge two halves
22    first, second = head, prev
23    while second:
24        tmp1, tmp2 = first.next, second.next
25        first.next = second
26        second.next = tmp1
27        first, second = tmp1, tmp2
```

98. Validate Binary Search Tree

Problem:

Check if a binary tree is a valid binary search tree.

In [24]:

```
1 def isValidBST(root):
2     def helper(node, lower=float('-inf'), upper=float('inf')):
3         if not node:
4             return True
5         if not (lower < node.val < upper):
6             return False
7         return (helper(node.left, lower, node.val) and
8                 helper(node.right, node.val, upper))
9
10    return helper(root)
11
12
13
14
15
```

114. Flatten Binary Tree to Linked List

Problem:

Flatten a binary tree to a linked list in-place. The "linked list" should use the right pointers, and all left pointers should be null.

Example:

Input:

```
1
/
2 5 / \
3 4 6
```

Output:

```
1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5 -> 6
```

In [25]:

```
1
2 def flatten(root):
3     if not root:
4         return
5
6     stack = [root]
7     prev = None
8
9     while stack:
10        curr = stack.pop()
11        if prev:
12            prev.right = curr
13            prev.left = None
14
15        if curr.right:
16            stack.append(curr.right)
17        if curr.left:
18            stack.append(curr.left)
19
20        prev = curr
```

133. Clone Graph

Problem:

Given a reference of a node in a connected undirected graph, return a deep copy (clone) of the graph.

In [26]:

```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val = 0, neighbors = None):
3         self.val = val
4         self.neighbors = neighbors if neighbors is not None else []
5
6     def cloneGraph(self):
7         if not self:
8             return None
9
10        visited = {}
11
12        def dfs(n):
13            if n in visited:
14                return visited[n]
15
16            copy = Node(n.val)
17            visited[n] = copy
18            for neighbor in n.neighbors:
19                copy.neighbors.append(dfs(neighbor))
20
21            return copy
22
23        return dfs(self)
```

199. Binary Tree Right Side View

Problem:

Given a binary tree, return the values of the nodes you can see from the right side, from top to bottom.

Example:

Input:

"""\n1 /\n

 2 3 \n

 5 4\n

Output: [1, 3, 4] """

In [27]:

```
1 def rightSideView(root):
2     if not root:
3         return []
4
5
6     from collections import deque
7     queue = deque([root])
8     result = []
9
10    while queue:
11        level_size = len(queue)
12        for i in range(level_size):
13            node = queue.popleft()
14            if i == level_size - 1:
15                result.append(node.val)
16            if node.left:
17                queue.append(node.left)
18            if node.right:
19                queue.append(node.right)
20
21    return result
```

200. Number of Islands

Problem:

Given a 2D grid of '1' s (land) and '0' s (water), count the number of islands. An island is surrounded by water and is formed by connecting adjacent lands horizontally or vertically.

Example:

Input:

```
[["1","1","0","0","0"], ["1","1","0","0","0"], ["0","0","1","0","0"], ["0","0","0","1","1"]]
```

Output: 3

In [28]:

```
1 def numIslands(grid):
2     if not grid:
3         return 0
4
5     rows, cols = len(grid), len(grid[0])
6     visited = set()
7     islands = 0
8
9     def dfs(r, c):
10        if (r < 0 or r >= rows or
11            c < 0 or c >= cols or
12            grid[r][c] == "0" or
13            (r, c) in visited):
14            return
15
16        visited.add((r, c))
17        dfs(r+1, c)
18        dfs(r-1, c)
19        dfs(r, c+1)
20        dfs(r, c-1)
21
22    for r in range(rows):
23        for c in range(cols):
24            if grid[r][c] == "1" and (r, c) not in visited:
25                dfs(r, c)
26                islands += 1
27
28    return islands
```

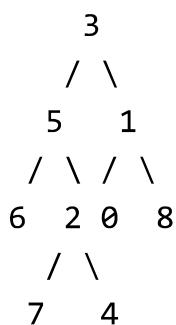
236. Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree

Problem:

Given a binary tree, find the lowest common ancestor (LCA) of two given nodes p and q .

Example:

Input:



p = 5 , q = 1 → Output: 3 (LCA)

In [29]:

```
1
2 def lowestCommonAncestor(root, p, q):
3     if not root or root == p or root == q:
4         return root
5
6     left = lowestCommonAncestor(root.left, p, q)
7     right = lowestCommonAncestor(root.right, p, q)
8
9     if left and right:
10        return root
11    return left if left else right
```

257. Binary Tree Paths

Problem:

Given a binary tree, return all root-to-leaf paths as strings.

Example:

Input:

```
1
/
2 3
5
```

Output: ["1->2->5", "1->3"]

In [30]:

```
1
2 def binaryTreePaths(root):
3     result = []
4
5     def dfs(node, path):
6         if not node:
7             return
8         if not node.left and not node.right:
9             result.append(path + str(node.val))
10            return
11        dfs(node.left, path + str(node.val) + "->")
12        dfs(node.right, path + str(node.val) + "->")
13
14    dfs(root, "")
15    return result
```

543. Diameter of Binary Tree

Problem:

Find the diameter (longest path between any two nodes) of a binary tree. The path may or may not pass through the root.

Example:

Input: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Output: 3 (path: 4 → 2 → 1 → 3)

In [31]:

```
1 def diameterOfBinaryTree(root):
2     diameter = 0
3
4     def dfs(node):
5         nonlocal diameter
6         if not node:
7             return 0
8         left = dfs(node.left)
9         right = dfs(node.right)
10        diameter = max(diameter, left + right)
11        return 1 + max(left, right)
12
13    dfs(root)
14    return diameter
```

721. Accounts Merge

Problem:

Merge accounts that have common emails. Each account is a list: [name, email1, email2, ...].

Example:

Input:

```
[ ["John", "johnsmith@mail.com (mailto:johnsmith@mail.com)", "john00@mail.com
(mailto:john00@mail.com)"], ["John", "johnnybravo@mail.com
(mailto:johnnybravo@mail.com)"], ["John", "johnsmith@mail.com
(mailto:johnsmith@mail.com)", "john_newyork@mail.com
(mailto:john_newyork@mail.com)"], ["Mary", "mary@mail.com
(mailto:mary@mail.com)" ] ]
```

Output:

```
[ ["John", 'john00@mail.com (mailto:john00@mail.com)', 'john_newyork@mail.com
(mailto:john_newyork@mail.com)', 'johnsmith@mail.com (mailto:johnsmith@mail.com)' ], ["John",
```

"johnnybravo@mail.com (mailto:johnnybravo@mail.com)", ["Mary",

In [32]:

```
1 from collections import defaultdict
2
3 def accountsMerge(accounts):
4     email_graph = defaultdict(list) # Email graph (email -> [c
5     email_to_name = {} # Email -> Name mapping
6
7     # Step 1: Build the graph
8     for account in accounts:
9         name = account[0]
10        first_email = account[1]
11
12        for email in account[1:]:
13            email_graph[first_email].append(email)
14            email_graph[email].append(first_email)
15            email_to_name[email] = name
16
17    # Step 2: DFS to find connected components (emails)
18    visited = set()
19    result = []
20
21    def dfs(email, collected):
22        visited.add(email)
23        collected.append(email)
24        for neighbor in email_graph[email]:
25            if neighbor not in visited:
26                dfs(neighbor, collected)
27
28    for email in email_graph:
29        if email not in visited:
30            collected_emails = []
31            dfs(email, collected_emails)
32            result.append([email_to_name[email]] + sorted(colle
33
34    return result
35
```

426. Convert Binary Search Tree to Sorted Doubly Linked List

Problem:

Convert a BST to a sorted circular doubly-linked list in-place.

In [33]:

```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val, left=None, right=None):
3         self.val = val
4         self.left = left
5         self.right = right
6
7
8     def treeToDoublyList(self):
9         if not self:
10             return None
11
12         first = last = None
13
14         def helper(node):
15             nonlocal first, last
16             if not node:
17                 return
18             helper(node.left)
19             if last:
20                 last.right = node
21                 node.left = last
22             else:
23                 first = node
24                 last = node
25             helper(node.right)
26
27         helper(self)
28         first.left = last
29         last.right = first
30         return first
```

785. Is Graph Bipartite?

Problem:

Check if a graph is bipartite (can color the graph using 2 colors such that no two adjacent nodes have the same color).

In [34]:

```
1 def isBipartite(graph):
2     color = {}
3
4     def dfs(node, c):
5         if node in color:
6             return color[node] == c
7         color[node] = c
8         for neighbor in graph[node]:
9             if not dfs(neighbor, 1 - c):
10                 return False
11         return True
12
13     for node in range(len(graph)):
14         if node not in color:
15             if not dfs(node, 0):
16                 return False
17
18     return True
```

314. Binary Tree Vertical Order Traversal

Problem:

Given a binary tree, return its vertical order traversal (nodes grouped by their horizontal distance from the root).

Example:

Input:

```
3
/
9 8 / \
4 0 1 7
```

Output: [[4],[9],[3,0,1],[8],[7]]

In [35]:

```
1 from collections import defaultdict, deque
2
3
4 def verticalOrder(root):
5     if not root:
6         return []
7
8     column_table = defaultdict(list)
9     queue = deque([(root, 0)])
10
11    while queue:
12        node, col = queue.popleft()
13        column_table[col].append(node.val)
14        if node.left:
15            queue.append((node.left, col - 1))
16        if node.right:
17            queue.append((node.right, col + 1))
18
19    return [column_table[x] for x in sorted(column_table.keys())]
```

17. Letter Combinations of a Phone Number

Problem:

Given a string of digits from 2-9, return all possible letter combinations that the number could represent using the phone keypad mapping.

Example:

Input: "23"

Output: ["ad", "ae", "af", "bd", "be", "bf", "cd", "ce", "cf"]

In [36]:

```
1 def letterCombinations(digits):
2     if not digits:
3         return []
4
5     phone = {
6         '2': 'abc', '3': 'def', '4': 'ghi', '5': 'jkl',
7         '6': 'mno', '7': 'pqrs', '8': 'tuv', '9': 'wxyz'
8     }
9
10    result = []
11
12    def backtrack(index, path):
13        if index == len(digits):
14            result.append("".join(path))
15            return
16        for char in phone[digits[index]]:
17            backtrack(index + 1, path + [char])
18
19    backtrack(0, [])
20
21    return result
```

46. Permutations

Problem:

Given a list of distinct integers, return all possible permutations.

Example:

Input: [1,2,3]

Output:

[[1,2,3], [1,3,2], [2,1,3], [2,3,1], [3,1,2], [3,2,1]]

In [37]:

```
1 def permute(nums):
2     result = []
3
4     def backtrack(path, used):
5         if len(path) == len(nums):
6             result.append(path[:])
7             return
8         for i in range(len(nums)):
9             if used[i]:
10                 continue
11             used[i] = True
12             path.append(nums[i])
13             backtrack(path, used)
14             path.pop()
15             used[i] = False
16
17     backtrack([], [False] * len(nums))
18     return result
```

47. Permutations II

Problem:

Given a list of numbers (may contain duplicates), return all unique permutations.

Example:

Input: [1,1,2]

Output:

[[1,1,2], [1,2,1], [2,1,1]]

In [38]:

```
1 def permuteUnique(nums):
2     nums.sort()
3     result = []
4     used = [False] * len(nums)
5
6     def backtrack(path):
7         if len(path) == len(nums):
8             result.append(path[:])
9             return
10        for i in range(len(nums)):
11            if used[i]:
12                continue
13            if i > 0 and nums[i] == nums[i - 1] and not used[i]:
14                continue # skip duplicates
15            used[i] = True
16            path.append(nums[i])
17            backtrack(path)
18            path.pop()
19            used[i] = False
20
21    backtrack([])
22    return result
```

78. Subsets

Problem:

Return all possible subsets (the power set) of a given list of integers.

Example:

Input: [1,2,3]

Output: [[], [1], [2], [3], [1,2], [1,3], [2,3], [1,2,3]]

In [39]:

```
1 def subsets(nums):
2     result = []
3
4     def backtrack(start, path):
5         result.append(path[:])
6         for i in range(start, len(nums)):
7             path.append(nums[i])
8             backtrack(i + 1, path)
9             path.pop()
10
11    backtrack(0, [])
12    return result
```

33. Search in Rotated Sorted Array

Problem:

Given a rotated sorted array and a target, return the index of the target. If not found, return -1 .

Example:

Input: nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2], target = 0

Output: 4

In [40]:

```
1 def search(nums, target):
2     left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1
3
4     while left <= right:
5         mid = (left + right) // 2
6         if nums[mid] == target:
7             return mid
8
9
10        # Left part is sorted
11        if nums[left] <= nums[mid]:
12            if nums[left] <= target < nums[mid]:
13                right = mid - 1
14            else:
15                left = mid + 1
16        # Right part is sorted
17        else:
18            if nums[mid] < target <= nums[right]:
19                left = mid + 1
20            else:
21                right = mid - 1
22
23    return -1
```

34. Find First and Last Position of Element in Sorted Array

Problem:

Given a sorted array and a target, return the starting and ending index of the target. If not found, return [-1, -1] .

Example:

Input: nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10], target = 8

Output: [3, 4]

In [41]:

```
1 def searchRange(nums, target):
2     def findBound(isFirst):
3         left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1
4         bound = -1
5         while left <= right:
6             mid = (left + right) // 2
7             if nums[mid] == target:
8                 bound = mid
9                 if isFirst:
10                     right = mid - 1
11                 else:
12                     left = mid + 1
13             elif nums[mid] < target:
14                 left = mid + 1
15             else:
16                 right = mid - 1
17     return bound
18
19
20 return [findBound(True), findBound(False)]
```

50. Pow(x, n)

Problem:

Implement `pow(x, n)` , which calculates `x` raised to the power `n` .

Example:

Input: `x = 2.00000, n = 10`

Output: `1024.00000`

In [42]:

```
1 def myPow(x: float, n: int) -> float:
2     if n == 0:
3         return 1
4
5     # Handle negative exponent
6     negative = n < 0
7     n = abs(n)
8
9     result = 1.0
10    current_product = x
11
12    while n > 0:
13        if n % 2 == 1:
14            result *= current_product # Multiply when the curr
15            current_product *= current_product # Square the base
16            n //= 2 # Shift right
17
18    return 1 / result if negative else result
19
```

56. Merge Intervals

Problem:

Given a collection of intervals, merge all overlapping intervals.

Example:

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

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

In [43]:

```
1
2 def merge(intervals):
3     if not intervals:
4         return []
5
6     intervals.sort(key=lambda x: x[0])
7     merged = [intervals[0]]
8
9     for current in intervals[1:]:
10        prev = merged[-1]
11        if current[0] <= prev[1]: # overlapping
12            prev[1] = max(prev[1], current[1])
13        else:
14            merged.append(current)
15
16    return merged
```

162. Find Peak Element

Problem:

Find a peak element in the array. An element is a peak if it's greater than its neighbors. Return the index of any peak.

Example:

Input: [1, 2, 3, 1]

Output: 2 (since 3 is a peak)

In [44]:

```
1
2 def findPeakElement(nums):
3     left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1
4
5     while left < right:
6         mid = (left + right) // 2
7         if nums[mid] < nums[mid + 1]:
8             left = mid + 1
9         else:
10            right = mid
11
12 return left
```

278. First Bad Version

Problem:

You are given `n` versions and a function `isBadVersion(version)`. Find the first bad version.

Example:

Input: `n = 5`, `bad = 4`

Output: 4

In [45]:

```
1 def firstBadVersion(n):
2     left, right = 1, n
3     while left < right:
4         mid = (left + right) // 2
5         if isBadVersion(mid):
6             right = mid
7         else:
8             left = mid + 1
9
10 return left
11
12
13
```

349. Intersection of Two Arrays

Problem:

Given two arrays, return their intersection (unique elements).

Example:

Input: nums1 = [1,2,2,1], nums2 = [2,2]

Output: [2]

In [46]:

```
1
2 def intersection(nums1, nums2):
3     return list(set(nums1) & set(nums2))
```

350. Intersection of Two Arrays II

Problem:

Return the intersection of two arrays, including duplicate elements as many times as they appear in both.

Example:

Input: nums1 = [1,2,2,1], nums2 = [2,2]

Output: [2,2]

In [47]:

```
1 from collections import Counter
2
3 def intersect(nums1, nums2):
4     counts = Counter(nums1)
5     result = []
6
7     for num in nums2:
8         if counts[num] > 0:
9             result.append(num)
10            counts[num] -= 1
11
12
13 return result
```

5. Longest Palindromic Substring

Problem:

Find the longest palindromic substring in a given string.

Example:

Input: "babad"

Output: "bab" (or "aba")

In [48]:

```
1
2 def longestPalindrome(s):
3     if not s:
4         return ""
5
6     start, end = 0, 0
7
8     def expandAroundCenter(left, right):
9         while left >= 0 and right < len(s) and s[left] == s[right]:
10            left -= 1
11            right += 1
12        return left + 1, right - 1
13
14    for i in range(len(s)):
15        l1, r1 = expandAroundCenter(i, i)
16        l2, r2 = expandAroundCenter(i, i + 1)
17
18        if r1 - l1 > end - start:
19            start, end = l1, r1
20        if r2 - l2 > end - start:
21            start, end = l2, r2
22
23    return s[start:end + 1]
```

91. Decode Ways

Problem:

Given a string containing digits, return the number of ways to decode it, where
'A' = 1, 'B' = 2, ..., 'Z' = 26.

Example:

Input: "226"

Output: 3 ("BZ" , "VF" , "BBF")

In [49]:

```
1 def numDecodings(s):
2     if not s or s[0] == '0':
3         return 0
4
5     dp = [0] * (len(s) + 1)
6     dp[0] = dp[1] = 1
7
8     for i in range(2, len(s) + 1):
9         if s[i-1] != '0':
10             dp[i] += dp[i-1]
11             if 10 <= int(s[i-2:i]) <= 26:
12                 dp[i] += dp[i-2]
13
14     return dp[len(s)]
```

121. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

Problem:

Find the maximum profit from one buy-sell transaction in a list of prices.

Example:

Input: [7,1,5,3,6,4]

Output: 5 (buy at 1, sell at 6)

In [50]:

```
1 def maxProfit(prices):
2     min_price = float('inf')
3     max_profit = 0
4
5     for price in prices:
6         if price < min_price:
7             min_price = price
8         else:
9             max_profit = max(max_profit, price - min_price)
10
11     return max_profit
12
13
14
15 def maxProfit(prices):
16     if not prices:
17         return 0
18
19     n = len(prices)
20     dp = [[0] * 2 for _ in range(n)]
21
22     # Day 0
23     dp[0][0] = 0           # No stock, no profit
24     dp[0][1] = -prices[0]  # Bought stock on day 0
25
26     for i in range(1, n):
27         # Either keep not holding or sell today
28         dp[i][0] = max(dp[i-1][0], dp[i-1][1] + prices[i])
29         # Either keep holding or buy today (only once allowed)
30         dp[i][1] = max(dp[i-1][1], -prices[i])
31
32     return dp[-1][0]
33
```

139. Word Break

Problem:

Given a string `s` and a dictionary of words, return `True` if `s` can be segmented into a space-separated sequence of dictionary words.

Example:

Input: `s = "leetcode"`, `wordDict = ["leet", "code"]`

Output: `True`

In [51]:

```
1 def wordBreak(s, wordDict):
2     word_set = set(wordDict)
3     dp = [False] * (len(s)+1)
4     dp[0] = True
5
6     for i in range(1, len(s)+1):
7         for j in range(i):
8             if dp[j] and s[j:i] in word_set:
9                 dp[i] = True
10                break
11
12 return dp[len(s)]
```

146. LRU Cache

Problem:

Design a data structure that follows the Least Recently Used (LRU) cache eviction policy.

Operations:

- `get(key)` — Return value if key exists, else -1.
- `put(key, value)` — Insert/update key. If capacity is exceeded, evict the least recently used item.

Example:

```
cache = LRUCache(2)
cache.put(1, 1)
cache.put(2, 2)
cache.get(1) # returns 1
cache.put(3, 3) # evicts key 2
cache.get(2) # returns -1
```

In [52]:

```
1 from collections import OrderedDict
2
3 class LRUCache:
4
5     def __init__(self, capacity: int):
6         self.cache = OrderedDict()
7         self.capacity = capacity
8
9
10    def get(self, key: int) -> int:
11        if key not in self.cache:
12            return -1
13        # Move to end to show it was recently used
14        self.cache.move_to_end(key)
15        return self.cache[key]
16
17    def put(self, key: int, value: int) -> None:
18        if key in self.cache:
19            self.cache.move_to_end(key)
20        self.cache[key] = value
21        if len(self.cache) > self.capacity:
22            self.cache.popitem(last=False) # pop Least recently used
```

567. Permutation in String

Problem:

Given two strings `s1` and `s2`, return `True` if `s2` contains a permutation of `s1`.

Example:

Input: `s1 = "ab"` , `s2 = "eidbaooo"`

Output: `True`

In [53]:

```
1 from collections import Counter
2
3
4 def checkInclusion(s1, s2):
5     s1_count = Counter(s1)
6     window = Counter()
7
8     for i in range(len(s2)):
9         window[s2[i]] += 1
10    if i >= len(s1):
11        left_char = s2[i - len(s1)]
12        window[left_char] -= 1
13        if window[left_char] == 0:
14            del window[left_char]
15    if window == s1_count:
16        return True
17
18 return False
```

953. Verifying an Alien Dictionary

Problem:

Given a list of words and a custom alphabet order, return `True` if the words are sorted according to that order.

Example:

Input: `words = ["hello", "leetcode"]`, `order = "habcdefgijklmnoprstuvwxyz"`

Output: `True`

In [54]:

```
1 def isAlienSorted(words, order):
2     order_map = {char: i for i, char in enumerate(order)}
3
4     for i in range(len(words) - 1):
5         w1, w2 = words[i], words[i + 1]
6         for j in range(min(len(w1), len(w2))):
7             if w1[j] != w2[j]:
8                 if order_map[w1[j]] > order_map[w2[j]]:
9                     return False
10                break
11            else:
12                if len(w1) > len(w2):
13                    return False
14
15    return True
```

986. Interval List Intersections

Problem:

Given two lists of intervals, return their intersections.

Example:

Input:

A = [[0,2],[5,10],[13,23],[24,25]],
B = [[1,5],[8,12],[15,24],[25,26]]

Output: [[1,2],[5,5],[8,10],[15,23],[24,24],[25,25]]

In [55]:

```
1 def intervalIntersection(A, B):
2     result = []
3     i, j = 0, 0
4
5     while i < len(A) and j < len(B):
6         start = max(A[i][0], B[j][0])
7         end = min(A[i][1], B[j][1])
8         if start <= end:
9             result.append([start, end])
10            if A[i][1] < B[j][1]:
11                i += 1
12            else:
13                j += 1
14
15    return result
```

1. Add Strings

Problem:

Given two non-negative integers as strings, return their sum as a string. You should not convert the inputs to integers directly.

Example:

Input: num1 = "11" , num2 = "123"

Output: "134"

In [56]:

```
1 def addStrings(num1: str, num2: str) -> str:
2     i, j = len(num1) - 1, len(num2) - 1
3     carry = 0
4     result = []
5
6     while i >= 0 or j >= 0 or carry:
7         n1 = int(num1[i]) if i >= 0 else 0
8         n2 = int(num2[j]) if j >= 0 else 0
9         total = n1 + n2 + carry
10        carry = total // 10
11        result.append(str(total % 10))
12        i -= 1
13        j -= 1
14
15    return ''.join(reversed(result))
```

2. Insert into a Sorted Circular Linked List

Problem:

Given a sorted circular linked list and a value to insert, insert the value into the list while maintaining its sorted order.

In [57]:

```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val, next=None):
3         self.val = val
4         self.next = next
5
6     def insert(self, insertVal) -> 'Node':
7         new_node = Node(insertVal)
8         if not self:
9             new_node.next = new_node
10            return new_node
11
12        prev, curr = self, self.next
13        while True:
14            if prev.val <= insertVal <= curr.val:
15                break
16            if prev.val > curr.val and (insertVal >= prev.val or insertVal <= curr.val):
17                break
18            prev, curr = curr, curr.next
19        if prev == self:
20            break
21
22        prev.next = new_node
23        new_node.next = curr
24
25    return self
```

3. Kth Smallest Element in a Sorted Matrix

Problem:

Given an $n \times n$ matrix where each row and column is sorted in ascending order, return the k th smallest element.

Example:

Input:

matrix = [[1,5,9], [10,11,13], [12,13,15]] k = 8

Output: 13

In [58]:

```
1 import heapq
2
3
4 def kthSmallest(matrix, k):
5     n = len(matrix)
6     min_heap = []
7
8     # Add the first element of each row to the heap
9     for r in range(min(k, n)):
10         heapq.heappush(min_heap, (matrix[r][0], r, 0))
11
12     while k > 0:
13         val, r, c = heapq.heappop(min_heap)
14         if c + 1 < n:
15             heapq.heappush(min_heap, (matrix[r][c + 1], r, c + 1))
16         k -= 1
17
18     return val
```

5. Longest Substring with At Most Two Distinct Characters

Problem:

Return the length of the longest substring that contains at most 2 distinct characters.

Example:

Input: "eceba"

Output: 3 (substring is "ece")

In [59]:

```
1
2 def lengthOfLongestSubstringTwoDistinct(s: str) -> int:
3     from collections import defaultdict
4     left = 0
5     max_len = 0
6     char_count = defaultdict(int)
7
8     for right in range(len(s)):
9         char_count[s[right]] += 1
10        while len(char_count) > 2:
11            char_count[s[left]] -= 1
12            if char_count[s[left]] == 0:
13                del char_count[s[left]]
14            left += 1
15        max_len = max(max_len, right - left + 1)
16
17    return max_len
```

6. Max Consecutive Ones III

Problem:

Given a binary array `nums` and an integer `k`, return the maximum number of consecutive `1`'s in the array if you can flip at most `k` `0`'s.

Example:

Input: `nums = [1,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0]`, `k = 2`

Output: 6

In [60]:

```
1 def longestOnes(nums, k):
2     left = 0
3     max_len = 0
4
5     for right in range(len(nums)):
6         if nums[right] == 0:
7             k -= 1
8
9         while k < 0:
10            if nums[left] == 0:
11                k += 1
12            left += 1
13
14        max_len = max(max_len, right - left + 1)
15
16    return max_len
```

7. Minimum Add to Make Parentheses Valid

Problem:

Given a string `s` of `'('` and `')'`, return the minimum number of parentheses needed to make the string valid.

Example:

Input: `"()"`

Output: 1

In [61]:

```
1 def minAddToMakeValid(s: str) -> int:
2     balance = 0
3     insertions = 0
4
5     for char in s:
6         if char == '(':
7             balance += 1
8         else:
9             if balance == 0:
10                 insertions += 1
11             else:
12                 balance -= 1
13
14
15     return insertions + balance
```

8. Moving Average from Data Stream

Problem:

Design a class to calculate the moving average of all integers in the sliding window of size `size`.

Example:

`m = MovingAverage(3)` `m.next(1) → 1.0` `m.next(10) → (1+10)/2 = 5.5` `m.next(3) → (1+10+3)/3 = 4.67` `m.next(5) → (10+3+5)/3 = 6.0`

In [62]:

```
1 from collections import deque
2
3
4 class MovingAverage:
5
6     def __init__(self, size: int):
7         self.size = size
8         self.window = deque()
9         self.total = 0
10
11     def next(self, val: int) -> float:
12         self.window.append(val)
13         self.total += val
14         if len(self.window) > self.size:
15             self.total -= self.window.popleft()
16         return self.total / len(self.window)
```

9. Range Sum of BST

Problem:

Given a binary search tree and a range `[low, high]`, return the sum of all node values within the range.

Example:

Input:

```
10
/
5 15 / \
3 7 18
```

Range = [7, 15] → Output: 32

In [63]:

```
1
2 def rangeSumBST(root, low, high):
3     if not root:
4         return 0
5
6     if root.val < low:
7         return rangeSumBST(root.right, low, high)
8     elif root.val > high:
9         return rangeSumBST(root.left, low, high)
10    else:
11        return (root.val +
12                  rangeSumBST(root.left, low, high) +
13                  rangeSumBST(root.right, low, high))
```

227. Basic Calculator II

Problem Explanation: You are given a string `s` representing an arithmetic expression that contains non-negative integers and the operators `+`, `-`, `*`, and `/`. Your task is to evaluate this expression and return the result as an integer. The division should truncate towards zero. The input is guaranteed to be valid.

Example:

Input: "3+2*2"

Output: 7

In [64]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code (with comments):
2
3 def calculate(s: str) -> int:
4     stack = []          # Stack to keep numbers and intermediate results
5     num = 0              # To form the current number
6     sign = '+'           # Keeps track of last seen operator
7
8     for i, ch in enumerate(s):
9         if ch.isdigit():
10            num = num * 10 + int(ch)    # Build the number digit
11
12        if ch in "+-*/" or i == len(s) - 1: # If we hit an operator or end of string
13            if sign == '+':
14                stack.append(num)        # Push the number as is
15            elif sign == '-':
16                stack.append(-num)      # Push the negative number
17            elif sign == '*':
18                stack[-1] *= num       # Multiply the top of the stack by the number
19            elif sign == '/':
20                stack[-1] = int(stack[-1] / num) # Integer division
21
22            sign = ch                  # Update last seen operator
23            num = 0                   # Reset number
24
25    return sum(stack)             # Sum all values in the stack
```

9. Palindrome Number

Problem Explanation: Given an integer x , return `True` if x is a palindrome, and `False` otherwise.

A palindrome number reads the same backward as forward (e.g., 121, 1331).

Example:

Input: 121

Output: True

Input: -121

Output: False (negative numbers aren't palindromes)

In [65]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:  
2  
3 def isPalindrome(x: int) -> bool:  
4     # Negative numbers cannot be palindromes  
5     if x < 0:  
6         return False  
7  
8     # Convert number to string and compare with its reverse  
9     return str(x) == str(x)[::-1]
```

71. Simplify Path

Problem Explanation: Given a Unix-style absolute path, simplify it. The path may include `.` (current directory), `..` (parent directory), and multiple slashes.

Example:

Input: `"/a./b/../../c/"`

Output: `"/c"`

In [66]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:  
2  
3 def simplifyPath(path: str) -> str:  
4     stack = []  
5  
6     # Split by '/' and iterate over parts  
7     for part in path.split('/'):   
8         if part == '..':  
9             if stack:  
10                 stack.pop() # Go up one directory  
11             elif part and part != '.':  
12                 stack.append(part) # Go into the directory  
13  
14     return '/' + '/'.join(stack)
```

1091. Shortest Path in Binary Matrix

Problem Explanation: You are given an $n \times n$ binary matrix where `0` represents open cells and `1` represents blocked ones. You need to find the shortest path from the top-left to the bottom-right corner, moving in 8 directions. Return the length of the shortest path, or `-1` if none exists.

Python Code:

In [67]:

```
1 from collections import deque
2
3 def shortestPathBinaryMatrix(grid):
4     n = len(grid)
5
6     # If start or end is blocked
7     if grid[0][0] != 0 or grid[n-1][n-1] != 0:
8         return -1
9
10    # Directions for 8 possible moves
11    directions = [(-1,-1), (-1,0), (-1,1), (0,-1), (0,1), (1,-1),
12    queue = deque([(0, 0, 1)]) # (row, col, path length)
13    visited = set((0, 0))
14
15    while queue:
16        x, y, length = queue.popleft()
17        if x == n-1 and y == n-1:
18            return length
19
20        for dx, dy in directions:
21            nx, ny = x + dx, y + dy
22            if 0 <= nx < n and 0 <= ny < n and grid[nx][ny] == 1:
23                visited.add((nx, ny))
24                queue.append((nx, ny, length + 1))
25
26    return -1
```

339. Nested List Weight Sum

Problem Explanation: You are given a nested list of integers. Each element is either an integer or a list of integers. Return the sum of all integers in the list weighted by their depth (outermost list has depth 1).

Example:

Input: [1,[4,[6]]]

Output: $1*1 + 4*2 + 6*3 = 27$

In [68]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 def depthSum(nestedList):
4     def dfs(lst, depth):
5         total = 0
6         for el in lst:
7             if isinstance(el, int):
8                 total += el * depth # Multiply integer by its
9             else:
10                 total += dfs(el, depth + 1) # Recurse for inner
11
12     return total
13
14
15 return dfs(nestedList, 1)
```

23. Merge k Sorted Lists

Problem Explanation: You are given k sorted linked lists. Merge them all into one sorted linked list and return it.

✅ Python Code:

In [69]:

```
1 from heapq import heappush, heappop
2 from typing import Optional
3
4 class ListNode:
5     def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
6         self.val = val
7         self.next = next
8
9 def mergeKLists(lists):
10    heap = []
11    for i, node in enumerate(lists):
12        if node:
13            heappush(heap, (node.val, i, node)) # Push (value,
14
15    dummy = ListNode(0)
16    curr = dummy
17
18    while heap:
19        val, i, node = heappop(heap)
20        curr.next = node
21        curr = curr.next
22        if node.next:
23            heappush(heap, (node.next.val, i, node.next))
24
25    return dummy.next
```

921. Minimum Add to Make Parentheses Valid

Problem Explanation: Given a string of parentheses ' '(' and ')' , return the minimum number of parentheses you need to add to make it valid. A string is valid if every opening parenthesis has a matching closing parenthesis.

Example:

Input: "()"

Output: 1

Python Code:

In [70]:

```
1 def minAddToMakeValid(s: str) -> int:
2     open_needed = 0 # Count of '(' we need
3     close_needed = 0 # Count of ')' we need to balance
4
5     for ch in s:
6         if ch == '(':
7             open_needed += 1
8         elif ch == ')':
9             if open_needed > 0:
10                 open_needed -= 1 # Match one '(' with ')'
11             else:
12                 close_needed += 1 # Need one '(' before this '
13
14     return open_needed + close_needed
```

65. Valid Number

Problem Explanation: Check if a given string is a valid number. The number can be an integer, a float, or in scientific notation (like 2e10). Leading/trailing spaces are allowed. Must handle edge cases like 1. , .1 , +3 , 4e-2 .

Python Code:

In [71]:

```
1
2 def isNumber(s: str) -> bool:
3     s = s.strip() # Remove Leading/trailing spaces
4     try:
5         float(s) # Try to convert to float
6         return True
7     except:
8         return False
```

129. Sum Root to Leaf Numbers

Problem Explanation: Given a binary tree where each node contains a digit 0–9, each root-to-leaf path represents a number. Return the total sum of all those numbers.

Example:

Tree:

```
1 /  
2 3
```

Paths: 12 and 13 → Sum = 25

Python Code:

In [72]:

```
1 def sumNumbers(root):  
2     def dfs(node, current_sum):  
3         if not node:  
4             return 0  
5         current_sum = current_sum * 10 + node.val  
6         if not node.left and not node.right: # Leaf node  
7             return current_sum  
8         return dfs(node.left, current_sum) + dfs(node.right, cu  
9  
10    return dfs(root, 0)
```

827. Making A Large Island

Problem Explanation: Given a binary grid (1 = land, 0 = water), you can change at most one 0 to 1. Return the size of the largest island possible.

Python Code:

In [73]:

```
1 def largestIsland(grid):
2     n = len(grid)
3     island_id = 2
4     area = {}
5
6     def dfs(x, y, id):
7         if 0 <= x < n and 0 <= y < n and grid[x][y] == 1:
8             grid[x][y] = id
9             return 1 + dfs(x+1, y, id) + dfs(x-1, y, id) + dfs(
10                x, y+1, id) + dfs(x, y-1, id)
11
12     for i in range(n):
13         for j in range(n):
14             if grid[i][j] == 1:
15                 area[island_id] = dfs(i, j, island_id)
16                 island_id += 1
17
18     max_area = max(area.values(), default=0)
19
20     for i in range(n):
21         for j in range(n):
22             if grid[i][j] == 0:
23                 seen = set()
24                 for dx, dy in [(-1,0),(1,0),(0,-1),(0,1)]:
25                     ni, nj = i+dx, j+dy
26                     if 0 <= ni < n and 0 <= nj < n and grid[ni]
27                         seen.add(grid[ni][nj])
28                 max_area = max(max_area, 1 + sum(area[k] for k
29                               in seen))
30
31     return max_area
```

1004. Max Consecutive Ones III

Problem Explanation: You are given a binary array and can flip at most k zeros to ones. Return the length of the longest subarray with at most k zeros flipped.

In [74]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:  
2  
3 def longestOnes(nums, k):  
4     left = 0  
5     for right in range(len(nums)):  
6         if nums[right] == 0:  
7             k -= 1  
8         if k < 0:  
9             if nums[left] == 0:  
10                 k += 1  
11                 left += 1  
12     return right - left + 1
```

346. Moving Average from Data Stream

Problem Explanation: Design a class that calculates the moving average of the last N elements from a data stream.

✅ Python Code:

In [75]:

```
1 from collections import deque  
2  
3 class MovingAverage:  
4     def __init__(self, size: int):  
5         self.queue = deque()  
6         self.size = size  
7         self.sum = 0  
8  
9     def next(self, val: int) -> float:  
10        self.queue.append(val)  
11        self.sum += val  
12        if len(self.queue) > self.size:  
13            self.sum -= self.queue.popleft()  
14        return self.sum / len(self.queue)
```

415. Add Strings

Problem Explanation: Given two non-negative integers num1 and num2 represented as strings, return their sum as a string. You must do it without converting the inputs to integers directly or using big integer libraries.

✅ Python Code:

In [76]:

```
1 def addStrings(num1: str, num2: str) -> str:
2     i, j = len(num1) - 1, len(num2) - 1
3     carry = 0
4     result = []
5
6     while i >= 0 or j >= 0 or carry:
7         n1 = int(num1[i]) if i >= 0 else 0
8         n2 = int(num2[j]) if j >= 0 else 0
9         total = n1 + n2 + carry
10        carry = total // 10
11        result.append(str(total % 10))
12        i -= 1
13        j -= 1
14
15    return ''.join(reversed(result))
```

378. Kth Smallest Element in a Sorted Matrix

Problem Explanation: You are given an $n \times n$ matrix where each row and column is sorted in ascending order. Find the k th smallest element in the matrix.

Example:

Matrix: [[1, 5, 9], [10, 11, 13], [12, 13, 15]] $k = 8$

Output: 13

In [77]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 import heapq
4
5 def kthSmallest(matrix, k):
6     n = len(matrix)
7     min_heap = []
8
9     # Insert the first element of each row into the heap
10    for i in range(min(k, n)):
11        heapq.heappush(min_heap, (matrix[i][0], i, 0)) # (value, row, col)
12
13    count = 0
14    while min_heap:
15        val, r, c = heapq.heappop(min_heap)
16        count += 1
17        if count == k:
18            return val
19        if c + 1 < n:
20            heapq.heappush(min_heap, (matrix[r][c+1], r, c+1))
```

938. Range Sum of BST

Problem Explanation: Given a binary search tree (BST) and two integers `low` and `high`, return the sum of all node values between `low` and `high` inclusive.

✓ Python Code:

In [78]:

```
1 def rangeSumBST(root, low, high):
2     if not root:
3         return 0
4     if root.val < low:
5         return rangeSumBST(root.right, low, high)
6     if root.val > high:
7         return rangeSumBST(root.left, low, high)
8     return root.val + rangeSumBST(root.left, low, high) + rangeSumBST(root.right, low, high)
```

3527. Find the Most Common Response

Problem Explanation: You are given a list of responses (like survey answers). Return the most common one. If there are multiple with the same frequency, return the one that appears first.

✓ Python Code:

In [79]:

```
1 from collections import defaultdict
2
3 def mostCommonResponse(responses):
4     count = defaultdict(int)
5     max_freq = 0
6     result = None
7
8     for response in responses:
9         count[response] += 1
10        if count[response] > max_freq:
11            max_freq = count[response]
12            result = response
13
14    return result
```

159. Longest Substring with At Most Two Distinct Characters

Problem Explanation: Given a string, return the length of the longest substring that contains at most two distinct characters.

Example:

Input: "eceba" → Output: 3 ("ece")

Python Code:

```
In [80]: 1 def lengthOfLongestSubstringTwoDistinct(s: str) -> int:
2     from collections import defaultdict
3
4     left = 0
5     count = defaultdict(int)
6     max_len = 0
7
8     for right in range(len(s)):
9         count[s[right]] += 1
10
11    while len(count) > 2:
12        count[s[left]] -= 1
13        if count[s[left]] == 0:
14            del count[s[left]]
15        left += 1
16
17    max_len = max(max_len, right - left + 1)
18
19 return max_len
```

708. Insert into a Sorted Circular Linked List

Problem Explanation: Given a node from a **circular sorted** linked list, insert a new value into the list while maintaining sorted order.

Python Code:

In [81]:

```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val, next=None):
3         self.val = val
4         self.next = next
5
6     def insert(self, insertVal) -> 'Node':
7         new_node = Node(insertVal)
8         if not head:
9             new_node.next = new_node
10            return new_node
11
12        prev, curr = head, head.next
13        while True:
14            # Case 1: Correct place to insert
15            if prev.val <= insertVal <= curr.val:
16                break
17            # Case 2: At the turning point
18            if prev.val > curr.val and (insertVal >= prev.val or insertVal <= curr.val):
19                break
20            prev, curr = curr, curr.next
21            if prev == head:
22                break
23
24        prev.next = new_node
25        new_node.next = curr
26        return head
```

973. K Closest Points to Origin

Problem Explanation: You are given a list of points on a 2D plane and an integer k . Return the k points closest to the origin $(0,0)$.

Python Code:

In [82]:

```
1 import heapq
2
3 def kClosest(points, k):
4     max_heap = [] # Max-heap to store the closest k points (ne
5
6     for (x, y) in points:
7         dist = -(x ** 2 + y ** 2) # Negate to simulate max-hea
8         heapq.heappush(max_heap, (dist, x, y))
9         if len(max_heap) > k:
10             heapq.heappop(max_heap) # Remove the farthest poin
11
12     # Extract x, y from heap
13     return [(x, y) for (_, x, y) in max_heap]
14
```

14. Longest Common Prefix

Problem Explanation: Given a list of strings, return the longest common prefix string shared by all the strings. If none exists, return an empty string.

In [83]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 def longestCommonPrefix(strs):
4     if not strs:
5         return ""
6
7     prefix = strs[0]
8     for s in strs[1:]:
9         while not s.startswith(prefix):
10            prefix = prefix[:-1]
11            if not prefix:
12                return ""
13
14     return prefix
```

977. Squares of a Sorted Array

Problem Explanation: Given a sorted array of integers (possibly negative), return a new array containing the squares of each number, also sorted in non-decreasing order.

Example:

Input: [-4, -1, 0, 3, 10] → Output: [0, 1, 9, 16, 100]

✅ Python Code:

In [84]:

```
1 def sortedSquares(nums):
2     n = len(nums)
3     result = [0] * n
4     left, right = 0, n - 1
5     pos = n - 1
6
7     while left <= right:
8         if abs(nums[left]) > abs(nums[right]):
9             result[pos] = nums[left] ** 2
10            left += 1
11        else:
12            result[pos] = nums[right] ** 2
13            right -= 1
14            pos -= 1
15
16    return result
```

498. Diagonal Traverse

Problem Explanation: Given a $m \times n$ matrix, return all elements of the matrix in a diagonal order (zigzag).

Example:

Input:

`[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]`

Output: `[1,2,4,7,5,3,6,8,9]`

Python Code:

In [85]:

```
1 def findDiagonalOrder(mat):
2     if not mat or not mat[0]:
3         return []
4
5     m, n = len(mat), len(mat[0])
6     result = []
7     for d in range(m + n - 1):
8         intermediate = []
9
10        r = 0 if d < n else d - n + 1
11        c = d if d < n else n - 1
12
13        while r < m and c > -1:
14            intermediate.append(mat[r][c])
15            r += 1
16            c -= 1
17
18        if d % 2 == 0:
19            result.extend(intermediate[::-1])
20        else:
21            result.extend(intermediate)
22
23    return result
```

1868. Product of Two Run-Length Encoded Arrays

Problem Explanation: You're given two run-length encoded arrays (RLE). Compute the product of the two arrays and return the result also in RLE format.

Python Code:

In [86]:

```
1 def findRLEArray(encoded1, encoded2):
2     res = []
3     i = j = 0
4
5     while i < len(encoded1) and j < len(encoded2):
6         v1, c1 = encoded1[i]
7         v2, c2 = encoded2[j]
8         val = v1 * v2
9         cnt = min(c1, c2)
10
11         if res and res[-1][0] == val:
12             res[-1][1] += cnt
13         else:
14             res.append([val, cnt])
15
16         encoded1[i][1] -= cnt
17         encoded2[j][1] -= cnt
18
19         if encoded1[i][1] == 0:
20             i += 1
21         if encoded2[j][1] == 0:
22             j += 1
23
24     return res
```

489. Robot Room Cleaner

Problem Explanation: You're given a robot with API access to clean a room. Implement the `cleanRoom` function using DFS to ensure the entire room is cleaned.

- The robot can move forward, turn left, turn right, and clean the cell.
- The room is modeled as a grid of open/blocked cells.

In [87]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 class Solution:
4     def cleanRoom(self, robot):
5         visited = set()
6         directions = [(-1,0), (0,1), (1,0), (0,-1)] # Up, Right
7
8         def go_back():
9             robot.turnLeft()
10            robot.turnLeft()
11            robot.move()
12            robot.turnLeft()
13            robot.turnLeft()
14
15         def dfs(x, y, d):
16             visited.add((x, y))
17             robot.clean()
18
19             for i in range(4):
20                 new_d = (d + i) % 4
21                 dx, dy = directions[new_d]
22                 nx, ny = x + dx, y + dy
23
24                 if (nx, ny) not in visited and robot.move():
25                     dfs(nx, ny, new_d)
26                     go_back()
27
28                 robot.turnRight()
29
30             dfs(0, 0, 0)
```

824. Goat Latin

Problem Explanation: Convert a sentence to "Goat Latin":

- If a word starts with a vowel, append "ma".
- If it starts with a consonant, move the first letter to the end, then add "ma".
- Add 'a' repeated (word index) times to the end.

✅ Python Code:

In [88]:

```
1 def toGoatLatin(sentence: str) -> str:
2     vowels = set('aeiouAEIOU')
3     words = sentence.split()
4     result = []
5
6     for i, word in enumerate(words):
7         if word[0] in vowels:
8             new_word = word + 'ma'
9         else:
10            new_word = word[1:] + word[0] + 'ma'
11            new_word += 'a' * (i + 1)
12            result.append(new_word)
13
14     return ''.join(result)
```

791. Custom Sort String

Problem Explanation: Given a custom order string `order` and a target string `s`, sort `s` such that characters appear in the same order as in `order`.

Python Code:

In [89]:

```
1 def customSortString(order: str, s: str) -> str:
2     count = {ch: 0 for ch in s}
3     for ch in s:
4         count[ch] += 1
5
6     result = []
7     for ch in order:
8         if ch in count:
9             result.append(ch * count[ch])
10            del count[ch]
11
12     for ch in count:
13         result.append(ch * count[ch])
14
15     return ''.join(result)
```

1110. Delete Nodes And Return Forest

Problem Explanation: You're given a binary tree and a list of node values to delete. After deleting those nodes, return the remaining forest (a list of tree roots).

In [90]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 def delNodes(root, to_delete):
4     to_delete_set = set(to_delete)
5     forest = []
6
7     def dfs(node, is_root):
8         if not node:
9             return None
10
11         root_deleted = node.val in to_delete_set
12         if is_root and not root_deleted:
13             forest.append(node)
14
15         node.left = dfs(node.left, root_deleted)
16         node.right = dfs(node.right, root_deleted)
17
18         return None if root_deleted else node
19
20     dfs(root, True)
21     return forest
```

647. Palindromic Substrings

Problem Explanation: Given a string s , return the number of **palindromic substrings** in it. A substring is palindromic if it reads the same forwards and backwards.

Example:

Input: "abc" → Output: 3 ("a" , "b" , "c")

Input: "aaa" → Output: 6 ("a" , "a" , "a" , "aa" , "aa" , "aaa")

In [91]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 def countSubstrings(s: str) -> int:
4     def expand(l, r):
5         count = 0
6         while l >= 0 and r < len(s) and s[l] == s[r]:
7             count += 1
8             l -= 1
9             r += 1
10        return count
11
12    result = 0
13    for i in range(len(s)):
14        result += expand(i, i)      # Odd Length palindromes
15        result += expand(i, i + 1) # Even Length palindromes
16
17    return result
```

76. Minimum Window Substring

Problem Explanation: Given two strings `s` and `t`, return the **smallest substring** of `s` that contains all the characters in `t`. If no such window exists, return an empty string.

Example:

Input: `s = "ADOBECODEBANC"` , `t = "ABC"` → Output: `"BANC"`

✅ **Python Code:**

In [92]:

```
1 from collections import Counter
2
3
4 def minWindow(s: str, t: str) -> str:
5     if not s or not t:
6         return ""
7
8     t_count = Counter(t)
9     required = len(t_count)
10    formed = 0
11    l = 0
12    window_counts = {}
13    res = float('inf'), None, None
14
15    for r, char in enumerate(s):
16        window_counts[char] = window_counts.get(char, 0) + 1
17
18        if char in t_count and window_counts[char] == t_count[char]:
19            formed += 1
20
21        while l <= r and formed == required:
22            if r - l + 1 < res[0]:
23                res = (r - l + 1, l, r)
24
25            window_counts[s[l]] -= 1
26            if s[l] in t_count and window_counts[s[l]] < t_count[s[l]]:
27                formed -= 1
28            l += 1
29
30    return "" if res[0] == float('inf') else s[res[1]:res[2]+1]
```

4. Median of Two Sorted Arrays

Problem Explanation: You're given two sorted arrays `nums1` and `nums2`. Return the median of the merged sorted array in $O(\log(\min(m, n)))$ time.

 **Python Code:**

In [93]:

```
1 def findMedianSortedArrays(nums1, nums2):
2     A, B = nums1, nums2
3     total = len(A) + len(B)
4     half = total // 2
5
6     if len(B) < len(A):
7         A, B = B, A
8
9     l, r = 0, len(A) - 1
10    while True:
11        i = (l + r) // 2 # A
12        j = half - i - 2 # B
13
14        Aleft = A[i] if i >= 0 else float('-inf')
15        Aright = A[i + 1] if (i + 1) < len(A) else float('inf')
16        Bleft = B[j] if j >= 0 else float('-inf')
17        Bright = B[j + 1] if (j + 1) < len(B) else float('inf')
18
19        if Aleft <= Bright and Bleft <= Aright:
20            if total % 2:
21                return min(Aright, Bright)
22            return (max(Aleft, Bleft) + min(Aright, Bright)) /
23        elif Aleft > Bright:
24            r = i - 1
25        else:
26            l = i + 1
```

480. Sliding Window Median

Problem Explanation: You're given a list of numbers and a window size k .
Return a list of medians for each sliding window of size k .

In [94]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 import heapq
4
5 def medianSlidingWindow(nums, k):
6     import bisect
7
8     window = sorted(nums[:k])
9     res = []
10
11    for i in range(k, len(nums)+1):
12        mid = k // 2
13        if k % 2:
14            res.append(float(window[mid]))
15        else:
16            res.append((window[mid - 1] + window[mid]) / 2.0)
17
18        if i == len(nums):
19            break
20        window.remove(nums[i - k])
21        bisect.insort(window, nums[i])
22
23    return res
24
25
26
```

863. All Nodes Distance K in Binary Tree

Problem Explanation: Given a binary tree, a target node, and an integer k , return all nodes that are k distance from the target node.

✅ Python Code:

In [95]:

```
1 from collections import deque, defaultdict
2
3 def distanceK(root, target, k):
4     graph = defaultdict(list)
5
6     def build_graph(node, parent):
7         if node:
8             if parent:
9                 graph[node.val].append(parent.val)
10                graph[parent.val].append(node.val)
11                build_graph(node.left, node)
12                build_graph(node.right, node)
13
14 build_graph(root, None)
15
16 visited = set()
17 queue = deque([(target.val, 0)])
18 result = []
19
20 while queue:
21     node, dist = queue.popleft()
22     if dist == k:
23         result.append(node)
24     elif dist < k:
25         for neighbor in graph[node]:
26             if neighbor not in visited:
27                 visited.add(neighbor)
28                 queue.append((neighbor, dist + 1))
29
30 return result
```

270. Closest Binary Search Tree Value

Problem Explanation: You're given a BST and a target value. Return the value in the BST that is closest to the target.

In [96]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:
2
3 def closestValue(root, target):
4     closest = root.val
5
6     while root:
7         if abs(root.val - target) < abs(closest - target):
8             closest = root.val
9             root = root.left if target < root.val else root.right
10
11 return closest
```

219. Contains Duplicate II

Problem Explanation: Given an array of integers and an integer k , return True if there are two distinct indices i and j such that $\text{nums}[i] == \text{nums}[j]$ and $\text{abs}(i - j) \leq k$.

In [97]:

```
1 ##### ✅ Python Code:  
2  
3 def containsNearbyDuplicate(nums, k):  
4     seen = {}  
5     for i, num in enumerate(nums):  
6         if num in seen and i - seen[num] <= k:  
7             return True  
8         seen[num] = i  
9     return False
```

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