

# Algorithms Review for Job Interview

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## 1 1/16/2015, Friday

### 1.1 worked on 5 problems, 113/173:

- 49, 81, 51, 52, 22, (39)
- Anagrams
- search in rotated sorted array with dup II: wrote mid = start - 1 in the morning ~;
- N-Queens
- N-Queens II
- Generate Parentheses
- **Combination Sum:** don't know how to make it run faster

## 2 1/15/2015, Thursday

### 2.1 worked on 10 problems, 108/173:

- Simplify Path
- Search in Rotated Sorted Array
- Restore IP Addresses
- Populating Next Right Pointers in Each Node
- **Populating Next Right Pointers in Each Node II:** You may only use constant extra space
- Minimum Window Substring, repeats,
- Sum Root to Leaf Numbers
- Binary Tree Inorder Traversal

- Binary Tree Preorder Traversal
- Binary Tree Postorder Traversal
- Merge K sorted List

## **3 1/14/2015, Wednesday**

### **3.1 worked on 8 problems, 98/173:**

- tree series: 102, 103, 104, 107, 110, 111, 112, 113
- binary tree Level order Traversal
- binary tree Level order Traversal II
- binary tree Level Zigzag order Traversal
- Maximum Depth of binary tree
- Minimum Depth of binary tree
- Balanced binary tree
- path sum
- path sum II

### **3.2 Other things**

- a matter get it done as soon as possible, 7-12,
- didn't do anything in the evening, better not behave this way any more~!

## **4 1/13/2015, Tuesday**

### **4.1 worked on 4 problems, 90/173:**

- 98, 99, 100, 101
- Validate binary search tree
- Recover binary search tree
- same tree
- Symmetric tree

### **4.2 Other things**

- got very headache and 3:30-6:00pm food court training

## **5 1/12/2015, Monday**

### **5.1 worked on 6 problems, 86/173:**

- 73, 74, 79, 83, 86, 92
- Set Matrix Zeroes
- Search a 2D matrix
- Word Search
- Remove Duplicates from Sorted Lists
- Partition list
- Reverse Linked List II

## 5.2 Other things

- wrote quite a few nippets for java-mode, works quite great~!

## 6 1/11/2015, Sunday

### 6.1 worked on 7 problems, 80/173:

- Spiral matrix II
- rotate list
- Unique paths
- Unique paths II
- Minimum path sum
- add binary
- Text Justification

## 7 1/10/2015, Saturday

### 7.1 worked on 3 problems, 73/173:

- Spiral matrix
- merge Interval
- insert Interval
- udgrade jdk from 1.6 to be 1.8, Emacs 1.6 to be 1.8 as well, don't have wired errors like Arrays.asList(), Collections.sort() any more, nice!

## 8 1/9/2015, Friday

### 8.1 worked on 2 problems, 70/173:

- Permutation: Arrays.asList() not working in 1.6, spent hours here, figured it should be the openjde-1 too outdated for being openjde-1.6
- retate Image

## 9 1/8/2015, Thursday

### 9.1 worked on 9 problems, 68/173:

- remove element
- search for a range
- search insert position
- valid sudoku
- count and say
- Multiply string
- Length of last word
- Pascal's Triangle
- merge sorted array

## **10 1/7/2015, Wednesday**

### **10.1 worked on 12 problems, 59/173:**

- Integer to roman
- roman to Integer
- Longest Common Prefix
- 3Sum
- 3Sum closest
- letter Combination of a phone number
- 4Sum
- remove nth node from end of list
- Valid Parentheses
- merge two sorted list
- swap nodes in pairs
- reverse nodes in k-Group

## **11 1/6/2015, Tuesday**

### **11.1 worked on 5 problems, 47/173:**

- sorrounded region
- two sum
- add two numbers
- longest substring without Repeating characters
- ZigZag conversion string

## **12 1/5/2015, Monday**

- worked on 0 succeed problems

### **12.1 Other things**

- Go to a on 1/14/2015, Wednesday

## **13 1/4/2015, Sunday**

### **13.1 worked on 2 problems, 42/173:**

- binary tree Maximum path sum
- Valid Palindrom

### **13.2 Other things**

- want to look into them and got JUnit framework for leetcode ready
- <http://www.vogella.com/tutorials/JUnit/article.html>
- <http://junit.org/>

## 14 1/3/2015, Saturday

### 14.1 worked on 5 problems, 40/173:

- copy list with random pointer, failed on tmp to move to next yesterday;
- word break; **word break II** TLE DP not thinking
- best time to buy and sell stock
- best time to buy and sell stock II
- best time to buy and sell stock III

### 14.2 Other things

- finally got the package working now with the help from online;
- These two days, especially bad sleep. 7(8)~12:30pm last night, feeling can fall asleep now at 1:00am, hope tomorrow will be another day.
- only 5 today, Left all those slightly challenged ones for tomorrow.

## 15 1/2/2015, Friday

### 15.1 worked on 7 problems, 35/173:

- LRU Cache, need to rework on it sometime, doubly-linked list to maintain frequency not proficient;
- Insertion sort list, straight forward
- sort list, merge sort, when break it down into pieces, it's not that hard;
- evaluate reverse polish notation
- gas station
- single number
- single number II, half done, most basic, but needs the perfect method, **tomorrow**
- **Now:** I am not afraid of lists, or even trees, but still don't feel comfortable with DP yet. Need some quality time on couple of questions of that type. For Graphics as well. I will not touch them when I am headache, but will work on them when I have a mind.
- **undone:** binary tree Preorder Traversal - iterative method still thinking

### 15.2 Other things

- When thought about sth, cannot fall asleep, fall asleep at 8:00am, and waked up at 12:00, so today would be filled with tedious things;
- The haircort store was closed during Christmas (I went to the store most probably on 12/26 on the afternoon after I met the two who were leaving for CA on 24th, but I don't really remember. The door was closed and the note on door said they would open today), and I called today and they did, so I spent \$7+\$1 tip and half an hour in store got my hair cut, but still spent 1 hours at home to redo it to thin the hair layers; Cut hair has nothing to do with love life, but rather that I don't want to waste time on the hair at this semester;
- try to organize previous courses contents, get the projects done better, and upload into github, and so far keep them secret until the time I need them in case in war;
- need to work on the appointment with professor web scheduling projects, because it is important, and sure will be beaten if I fail in case in war;
- target for fall asleep at 4:00am, but target for 8-10 easier algorithms problems be done before sleep; Time is so limited. I need change my schedule and use time more efficiently.

## 16 1/1/2015, Thursday

### 16.1 worked on 8 problems, 28/173:

- intersection of two linked list
- reverse words in string
- find Minimum in rotated sorted array
- find Minimum in rotated sorted array with Duplicates
- min stack
- linked list cycle
- linked list cycle II find start
- Reorder list
- binary tree Preorder Traversal - iterative method still thinking

## 17 12/31/2014, Wednesday

- java-mode autofill functions and yasnippets snippets, while keeping tab-indent block are all working now, like the emacs environment;
- worked on ~~9~~**10** problems, **19/173**:
  - Longest substring with at most 2 distinct characters, took my effort to rewrite it, sth can be done;
  - binary search tree iterator, understand theory, feels like just got Java environment ready;
  - excel sheet column number
  - factorial training zeroes
  - find peak element
  - maximum gap **dont like**
  - fraction to recurring decimal
  - excel sheet column title
  - majority element

## 18 12/30/2014, Tuesday

- get Emacs JDEE environment ready, can compile and run inside emacs now, convenient than using terminal jc j;
- worked on **5** problems, **9/173**:
  - binary tree upside down
  - missing ranges
  - two sum II
  - one edit distance
  - **DONT LIKE:** read n characters given read4 II

## 19 12/20/2014, Saturday

- Website (github), program highlight, and chinese input environment all good now;
- Will configure Linux Mint Java environment later, prefer emacs;
- 145/168 done before new season review, begin to work on these questions from today.
- Just got 4 easiest done: **149/168**
  - min stack,
  - excel sheet column title,
  - compare version number, and
  - intersection of two linked list,

## 20 12/21/2014, Sunday

- Only three got done today: **152/169**
  - maximum gap
  - fraction to recurring decimal
  - majority element
- Don't feel my mind is clear today at all, will look into job searing instead, hopefully tomorrow I can solve more problems, and slightly complicated ones;

## 21 12/22/2014, Monday

- So far got four done: **156/169**
  - sort list
  - merge k sorted list
  - trapping rain water
  - recovery binary search tree
- am going to work on the rest 6 tonight, so that hopefully tomorrow I would be able to work on the new 10 questions;
  - **word ladder II**: spent hours on this one, but got really sick with it! I should have solved my problems gradually, like solve the clone graph to understand graph first before touch this one, but I will get this one done later when I have clear mind.
  - regular expression matching
  - divide two integers
  - clone graph
  - find peak element

## 22 12/23/2014, Tuesday

- Meet IPO staff this morning got coming semester plans clear at 8:30am in the morning;
- Will most probably meet some friend and have dinner together; changed to be **tomorrow noon**
- Hopefully by this morning's interruption meeting staff, I could change back my regular schedule instead of 5am-13:30 day time sleeping, target for tonight fall asleep before 12:00am; fall asleep from 10:00-15:30, seems I will change my schedule back as expected tonight~!
- Will not work on Algorithms for today, but work on it hard tomorrow. I have my confidence that I can figure them out, and do great job summarize the questions during my Java round. no worries!



- so far Got 2 done: **158/169**

- find peak element
- maximal rectangle

## 23 12/24/2014, Wednesday

- 2:00(3:00am?)-11:00am, expect 2:00-9:00am schedule tonight;
- Don't know why old account doesn't work any more, use new account; from **158/169** to **0/169** using **Java**
- Worked on the following questions: **1/169**
  - divide two integers, just got the Java environment ready
  - regular expression matching: **working on it!**, require understanding and summarizing

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- Detailed Questions:

Tags	Counts	#	Title	Accepted
Heap	1	23	Merge k Sorted Lists	21.0%
Graph	1	133	Clone Graph	23.3%
Data Structure	3	170	Two Sum III - Data structure design	19.2%
		155	Min Stack	14.6%
		146	LRU Cache	14.3%
Bit Manipulation	4	78	Subsets	27.9%
		136	Single Number	46.0%
		137	Single Number II	34.0%
		169	Majority Element	31.6%
Divide and Conquer	4	23	Merge k Sorted Lists	21.0%
		4	Median of Two Sorted Arrays	17.6%
		53	Maximum Subarray	34.2%
		169	Majority Element	31.7%
Greedy	6	44	Wildcard Matching	14.6%
		55	Jump Game	27.2%
		45	Jump Game II	24.6%
		134	Gas Station	26.0%
		135	Candy	19.5%
		122	Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock II	37.0%
Sort	6	148	Sort List	20.9%
		75	Sort Colors	32.3%
		56	Merge Intervals	21.2%
		164	Maximum Gap	23.1%
		147	Insertion Sort List	25.5%
		57	Insert Interval	20.7%
Breadth-first Search	7 (32)	127	Word Ladder	18.4%
		126	Word Ladder II	11.8%
		130	Surrounded Regions	14.3%
		133	Clone Graph	23.3%
		103	Binary Tree Zigzag Level Order Traversal	26.5%
		102	Binary Tree Level Order Traversal	29.9%
		107	Binary Tree Level Order Traversal II	30.4%
Stack	11	20	Valid Parentheses	27.9%
		42	Trapping Rain Water	29.4%
		71	Simplify Path	19.8%
		155	Min Stack	14.6%
		85	Maximal Rectangle	21.4%
		84	Largest Rectangle in Histogram	21.8%
		150	Evaluate Reverse Polish Notation	20.1%
		103	Binary Tree Zigzag Level Order Traversal	26.5%
		144	Binary Tree Preorder Traversal	35.8%
		145	Binary Tree Postorder Traversal	31.3%
Binary Search	13	94	Binary Tree Inorder Traversal	35.7%
		167	Two Sum II - Input array is sorted	45.1%
		69	Sqrt(x)	22.5%
		35	Search Insert Position	35.0%
		33	Search in Rotated Sorted Array	28.7%
		81	Search in Rotated Sorted Array II	31.2%
		34	Search for a Range	27.6%
		74	Search a 2D Matrix	31.2%
		50	Pow(x, n)	26.2%
		4	Median of Two Sorted Arrays	17.6%
		162	Find Peak Element	31.7%
		153	Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array	32.2%
		154	Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array II	29.9%
Hash Table	16	29	Divide Two Integers	16.5%
		36	Valid Sudoku	27.3%
		1	Two Sum	18.3%

## 24 12/25/2014, Thursday

- List a detailed plan of working on the algorithms; **Question Tags** according to the Website:
- Sent about 10 applications/interns;

## 25 12/26/2014, Friday

- two sum III

## 26 12/29/2014, Monday

- read N characters given read4