# Grokking the Coding Interview: Patterns for Coding Questions

#### Pattern: Sliding Window (11)

Maximum Sum Subarray of Size K (easy): new (link) Smallest Subarray with a given sum (easy): LC 209

Longest Substring with K Distinct Characters (medium): LC 340

Fruits into Baskets (medium): LC 904 No-repeat Substring (hard): LC 3

Longest Substring with Same Letters after Replacement (hard): LC 424

Longest Subarray with Ones after Replacement (hard): LC 1004

Problem Challenge 1: LC 567 Problem Challenge 2: LC 438 Problem Challenge 3: LC 76 Problem Challenge 4: LC 30

#### Pattern: Two Pointers (11)

Pair with Target Sum (easy): LC1 Remove Duplicates (easy): LC 26

Squaring a Sorted Array (easy): LC 977 Triplet Sum to Zero (medium): LC 15

Triplet Sum Close to Target (medium): LC 16 Triplets with Smaller Sum (medium): LC 259

Subarrays with Product Less than a Target (medium): LC 713

Dutch National Flag Problem (medium): LC 75

Problem Challenge 1: LC 18 Problem Challenge 2: LC 844 Problem Challenge 3: LC 581

## Pattern: Fast & Slow pointers (7)

LinkedList Cycle (easy): LC 141

Start of LinkedList Cycle (medium): LC 142

Happy Number (medium): LC 202 Middle of the LinkedList (easy): LC 876

Problem Challenge 1: LC 234 Problem Challenge 2: LC 143 Problem Challenge 3: LC 457

#### Pattern: Merge Intervals (7)

Merge Intervals (medium): LC 56 Insert Interval (medium): LC 57

Intervals Intersection (medium): LC 986 Conflicting Appointments (medium): LC 252

Problem Challenge 1: LC 253
Problem Challenge 2: new (<u>link</u>)
Problem Challenge 3: LC 759

#### Pattern: Cyclic Sort (8)

Cyclic Sort (easy): new (link)

Find the Missing Number (easy): LC 268 Find all Missing Numbers (easy): LC 448 Find the Duplicate Number (easy): LC 287 Find all Duplicate Numbers (easy): LC 442

Problem Challenge 1: LC 645 Problem Challenge 2: LC 41 Problem Challenge 3: new (link)

#### Pattern: In-place Reversal of a LinkedList (5)

Reverse a LinkedList (easy): LC 206 Reverse a Sub-list (medium): LC 92

Reverse every K-element Sub-list (medium): LC 25

Problem Challenge 1: new (link)
Problem Challenge 2: LC 61

#### Pattern: Tree Breadth First Search (9)

Binary Tree Level Order Traversal (easy): LC 102 Reverse Level Order Traversal (easy): LC 107

Zigzag Traversal (medium): LC 103

Level Averages in a Binary Tree (easy): LC 637

Minimum Depth of a Binary Tree (easy): LC 111, LC 104

Level Order Successor (easy): new (link)

Connect Level Order Siblings (medium): LC 117

Problem Challenge 1: new (link)
Problem Challenge 2: LC 199

#### Pattern: Tree Depth First Search (7)

Binary Tree Path Sum (easy): LC 112

All Paths for a Sum (medium): LC 113, LC 257, new (link)

Sum of Path Numbers (medium): LC 129

Path With Given Sequence (medium): LC 1430

Count Paths for a Sum (medium): LC 437

Problem Challenge 1: LC 543 Problem Challenge 2: LC 124

#### Pattern: Two Heaps (4)

Find the Median of a Number Stream (medium): LC 295

Sliding Window Median (hard): LC 480

Maximize Capital (hard): LC 502 Problem Challenge 1: LC 436

#### Pattern: Subsets (9)

Subsets (easy): LC 78

Subsets With Duplicates (easy): LC 90

Permutations (medium): LC 46

String Permutations by changing case (medium): LC 784

Balanced Parentheses (hard): LC 22

Unique Generalized Abbreviations (hard): LC 320

Problem Challenge 1: LC 241 Problem Challenge 2: LC 95 Problem Challenge 3: LC 96

## Pattern: Modified Binary Search (10)

Order-agnostic Binary Search (easy): new (Approach 1 in <a href="link">link</a>)

Ceiling of a Number (medium): new (<u>link</u>)

Next Letter (medium): LC 744 Number Range (medium): LC 34

Search in a Sorted Infinite Array (medium): LC 702

Minimum Difference Element (medium): LC 658 (k == 1)

Bitonic Array Maximum (easy): new (link)

Problem Challenge 1: new (link)
Problem Challenge 2: LC 33, LC 81
Problem Challenge 3: LC 153, LC 154

### Pattern: Bitwise XOR (4)

Single Number (easy): LC 136

Two Single Numbers (medium): LC 260

Complement of Base 10 Number (medium): LC 476

Problem Challenge 1: LC 832

#### Pattern: Top 'K' Elements (14)

Top 'K' Numbers (easy): new (link)

Kth Smallest Number (easy): LC 215 (smallest instead of largest)

'K' Closest Points to the Origin (easy): LC 973

Connect Ropes (easy): LC 1167

Top 'K' Frequent Numbers (medium): LC 347

Frequency Sort (medium): LC 451

Kth Largest Number in a Stream (medium): LC 703

'K' Closest Numbers (medium): LC 658

Maximum Distinct Elements (medium): new (link)

Sum of Elements (medium): new (link)
Rearrange String (hard): LC 767
Problem Challenge 1: LC 358
Problem Challenge 2: LC 621
Problem Challenge 3: LC 895

#### Pattern: K-way merge (5)

Merge K Sorted Lists (medium): LC 23

Kth Smallest Number in M Sorted Lists (Medium): new (link) Kth Smallest Number in a Sorted Matrix (Hard): LC 378

Smallest Number Range (Hard): LC 632

Problem Challenge 1: LC 373 (largest sum instead of smallest sum)

#### Pattern: 0/1 Knapsack (Dynamic Programming) (6)

0/1 Knapsack (medium): new (link)

Equal Subset Sum Partition (medium): LC 416

Subset Sum (medium): new (link)

Minimum Subset Sum Difference (hard): new (link)

Problem Challenge 1: new (<u>link</u>) Problem Challenge 2: LC 494

# Pattern: Topological Sort (Graph) (7)

Topological Sort (medium): new (<u>link</u>) Tasks Scheduling (medium): LC 207

Tasks Scheduling Order (medium): LC 210

All Tasks Scheduling Orders (hard): LC 210 (output all possible solutions)

Alien Dictionary (hard): LC 269 Problem Challenge 1: LC 444 Problem Challenge 2: LC 310

# Miscellaneous (1)

Kth Smallest Number (hard): LC 215 (smallest instead of largest)