# Mastering Data Structures and Algorithms: A Practical Approach

Bit manipulation, Arrays and Strings

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### **Overview**

- The Master Recipe
- Bit Manipulation:
  - Bitwise Operators
  - Two's complement representation
  - Arithmetic vs Logical Shift
  - Get/Set a Bit
  - Clear/Update a Bit
  - Multiplying and Dividing by powers of two
  - Examples



### **Overview**

- Array and Strings
  - C++: vector
  - Java: ArrayList, StringBuilder
  - Strings: Java/C++
  - Hash Tables
    - C++ Map
    - Java HashMap
    - Java HashSet
  - Examples



- Fully understand the problem
  - Ask about possible inputs
- Select the appropriate data structures
  - Do the most frequent operations have acceptable performance?
- Select or discover proper algorithm
  - Is the problem recursive? Iterative? Does it fit divide and conquer? Is your first pick exponential time? Does dynamic programming apply?





- Run select inputs through your algorithm: does it work?
  - Empty input.
  - Single entry input.
  - Full tree vs left or right biased tree.
  - Does it deal properly with tree nodes that:
    - Have all children
    - No children
    - Only one child



- Ask for feedback from interviewer:
  - Is performance acceptable
  - Is space complexity acceptable
- Start coding:
  - Use the language you know best for the given problem
  - Pay attention to border conditions.
  - Pay attention to error conditions.
  - Factor out trivial functionality
  - Eye-ball your code for inefficiencies and errors





- Testing:
  - Do this before you hand back the solution to the interviewer!
  - Border case inputs.
  - Basic inputs representative of most possible inputs.
  - Use tables to track your variables.
  - Test loop border conditions.
  - Beware of Null pointers.
  - Handle all cases.





- Always remember at all times during the interview:
  - Take feedback at any time: If the interviewer wants to speak, listen to what she/he has to say!
  - Any solution is better than no solution, so do not get stuck trying to optimize your solution: often enough, the interviewer will follow up with questions to refine your solution.
  - Always expect follow up questions:
    - How can you improve your time for a given operation?
    - How can you reduce your memory consumption?







0011 * 0101	0110 + 0110
0011 * 0011	0100 * 0011
1101 >> 2	1101 ^ (~1101)
1101 ^ 0101	1011 & (~0 << 2)
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Solutions: line 1 (1000, 1111, 1100); line 2 (0101, 1001, 1100); line 3 (0011, 0011, 1111); line 4 (0010, 1000, 1000).



# **Bitwise Operators**





# Two's Complement Representation



- Negative numbers are represented as follows:
  - Invert all bits
  - Add one
  - Left-most bit is the sign (one if negative, zero otherwise)



# Two's Complement Representation

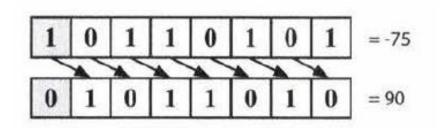


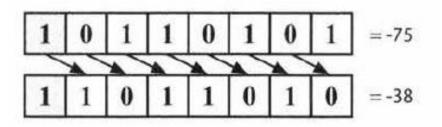
Positive Values		Negative Values	
7	<u>0</u> 111	-1	1 111
6	<u>0</u> 110	-2	<u>1</u> 110
5	<u>0</u> 101	-3	1 101
4	<u>0</u> 100	-4	<u>1</u> 100
3	<u>0</u> 011	-5	<u>1</u> 011
2	<u>0</u> 010	-6	1 010
1	<u>0</u> 001	-7	<u>1</u> 001
0	9 000		



# **Arithmetic vs Logical Shift**









# **Arithmetic vs Logical Shift**



```
int repeatedArithmeticShift(int x, int count) {
  for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
      x >>= 1; // Arithmetic shift by 1
  }
  return x;
}

int repeatedLogicalShift(int x, int count) {
  for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
      x >>>= 1; // Logical shift by 1
  }
  return x;
}
```



### Get and Set a Bit



```
boolean getBit(int num, int i) {
   return ((num & (1 << i)) != 0);
}</pre>
```

```
int setBit(int num, int i) {
   return num | (1 << i);
}
</pre>
```



# Clear Bit(s)



```
int clearBit(int num, int i) {
     int mask = \sim(1 << i);
     return num & mask;
                                    int clearBitsMSBthroughI(int num, int i) {
                                      int mask = (1 << i) - 1;
                                      return num & mask;
    int clearBitsIthrough0(int num, int i) {
2 3 4
      int mask = (-1 << (i + 1));
      return num & mask;
```



### **Update Bit**



```
int updateBit(int num, int i, boolean bitIs1) {
  int value = bitIs1 ? 1 : 0;
  int mask = ~(1 << i);
  return (num & mask) | (value << i);
}</pre>
```



# Multiplying and Dividing by Powers of Two



- Optimize multiply or divide by powers of two:
  - $X / 2^n = X >> n$
  - $X * 2^n = X << n$
  - Caveats?





5.1 Insertion: You are given two 32-bit numbers, N and M, and two bit positions, i and j. Write a method to insert M into N such that M starts at bit j and ends at bit i. You can assume that the bits j through i have enough space to fit all of M. That is, if M = 10011, you can assume that there are at least 5 bits between j and i. You would not, for example, have j = 3 and i = 2, because M could not fully fit between bit 3 and bit 2.

EXAMPLE

Input: N = 100000000000, M = 10011, i = 2, j = 6

Output: N = 10001001100





5.2 Binary to String: Given a real number between 0 and 1 (e.g., 0.72) that is passed in as a double, print the binary representation. If the number cannot be represented accurately in binary with at most 32 characters, print "ERROR."





5.3 Flip Bit to Win: You have an integer and you can flip exactly one bit from a 0 to a 1. Write code to find the length of the longest sequence of 1s you could create.

**EXAMPLE** 

Input: 1775 (or: 11011101111)

Output: 8





5.4 Next Number: Given a positive integer, print the next smallest and the next largest number that have the same number of 1 bits in their binary representation.

**5.5 Debugger:** Explain what the following code does: ((n & (n-1)) == 0).







5.6 Conversion: Write a function to determine the number of bits you would need to flip to convert integer A to integer B.

**EXAMPLE** 

Input: 29 (or: 11101), 15 (or: 01111)

Output: 2

5.7 Pairwise Swap: Write a program to swap odd and even bits in an integer with as few instructions as possible (e.g., bit 0 and bit 1 are swapped, bit 2 and bit 3 are swapped, and so on).







5.8 Draw Line: A monochrome screen is stored as a single array of bytes, allowing eight consecutive pixels to be stored in one byte. The screen has width w, where w is divisible by 8 (that is, no byte will be split across rows). The height of the screen, of course, can be derived from the length of the array and the width. Implement a function that draws a horizontal line from (x1, y) to (x2, y).

The method signature should look something like:

drawLine(byte[] screen, int width, int x1, int x2, int y)



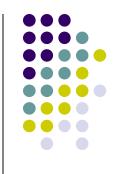
# **Arrays and Strings: C++**



- Static vs Resizable arrays
  - C++:
    - int intArray[10] = { 0 };
    - std::vector<int> intVector;
      - intVector.push\_back(0); // Grows as you append
      - Other handy methods:
        - V.size()
        - V.clear()
        - V.empty()



# **Array and Strings: C++**



Enumerating elements in a vector:

```
for( vector<int>::iterator itr = v.begin(); itr != v.end(); ++itr )
  cout << *itr << endl;</pre>
```

```
vector<int>::iterator itr = v.begin();
while(itr !=v.end())
cout « *itr++ « endl;
```



# **Array and Strings: C++**

- Other things to keep in mind:
  - Const\_iterator
  - Reverse\_iterator (rbegin(), rend())





```
ArrayList<String> merge(String[] words, String[] more) {
    ArrayList<String> sentence = new ArrayList<String>();
    for (String w : words) sentence.add(w);
    for (String w : more) sentence.add(w);
    return sentence;
}
```



- Implementation of Array List:
  - Beware of non-O(1) complexity for:
    - AL.add(idx, Anytype x) (O(n)!)
    - AL.remove(idx) (O(n)!)



```
public class MyArrayList<AnyType> implements Iterable<AnyType>
         private static final int DEFAULT CAPACITY = 10;
         private int theSize;
         private AnyType [ ] theItems;
7
         public MyArrayList( )
           { doClear(); }
10
         public void clear( )
12
           { doClear(); }
13
14
         private void doClear()
15
           { the Size = 0; ensure Capacity ( DEFAULT CAPACITY ); }
16
17
         public int size()
18
           { return theSize; }
19
         public boolean isEmpty( )
20
           { return size() == 0; }
         public void trimToSize( )
           { ensureCapacity( size( ) ); }
```









```
24
         public AnyType get ( int idx )
25
26
             if ( idx < 0 || idx >= size( ) )
27
                 throw new ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException();
28
             return the Items [ idx ];
29
30
31
         public AnyType set ( int idx, AnyType newVal )
32
33
             if( idx < 0 || idx >= size( ) )
34
                 throw new ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException();
35
             AnyType old = theItems[ idx ];
36
             theItems[ idx ] = newVal;
37
             return old;
38
```







```
40
         public void ensureCapacity( int newCapacity )
41
42
             if( newCapacity < theSize )</pre>
43
                 return;
44
45
             AnyType [ ] old = theItems;
46
             theItems = (AnyType []) new Object[ newCapacity ];
47
             for( int i = 0; i < size(); i++)
48
                 theItems[ i ] = old[ i ];
49
```



```
50
        public boolean add( AnyType x )
51
52
            add( size( ), x );
53
            return true;
54
55
56
        public void add( int idx, AnyType x )
57
58
            if( theItems.length == size())
59
                ensureCapacity( size( )* 2 + 1 );
60
            for ( int i = theSize; i > idx; i-- )
61
                theItems[i] = theItems[i-1];
62
            theItems[ idx ] = x;
63
64
            theSize++;
65
```









```
67
        public AnyType remove( int idx )
68
69
            AnyType removedItem = theItems[ idx ];
70
            for( int i = idx; i < size( ) - 1; i++ )
                theItems[ i ] = theItems[ i + 1 ];
71
72
            theSize--:
73
74
            return removedItem;
75
```





#### StringBuilder

```
String joinWords(String[] words) {
String sentence = "";
for (String w : words) {
    sentence = sentence + w;
}
return sentence;
}
```

On each concatenation, a new copy of the string is created, and the two strings are copied over, character by character. The first iteration requires us to copy x characters. The second iteration requires copying 2x characters. The third iteration requires 3x, and so on. The total time therefore is 0(x + 2x + ... + nx). This reduces to  $0(xn^2)$ .







#### StringBuilder

StringBuilder can help you avoid this problem. StringBuilder simply creates a resizable array of all the strings, copying them back to a string only when necessary.

```
String joinWords(String[] words) {
StringBuilder sentence = new StringBuilder();
for (String w : words) {
    sentence.append(w);
}
return sentence.toString();
}
```



# **Strings: Java**



Concatenation:

```
public class StringDemo {
   public static void main(String args[]) {
      String string1 = "saw I was ";
      System.out.println("Dot " + string1 + "Tod");
   }
}
```



## **Strings: Java**



Formatting:



### Strings: Java

- Popular methods:
  - S.equals(S)
  - S.indexOf/lastIndexOf(C|S)
  - S.isEmpty()
  - S.length()
  - S.replace(C1,C2)
  - S.substring(Sidx,Eidx)
  - S.toLower/toUpper()



### Strings: C++



- Popular methods:
  - S.c\_str()
  - S.append()/+
  - S.find(S)/rfind(S)
  - S.find\_first\_of(C)/find\_last\_of(C)
  - S.substr(idx1,idx2)
  - S.replace(idx,length, S)



# Strings: Java and C++



- String Concatenation Semantic:
  - S3 = S1 + S2
  - Time Complexity?
  - Space Complexity?
- Append to end of string:
  - Sn = Sn-1 + Sc
  - Time Complexity?
  - Space Complexity?



### Strings: C

- char string[n];
- Null terminated: string[n] = '\0'
  - strcat(str1, str2);
  - strchr(str, c);
  - strcmp(str1, str2);
  - strcpy(dst, src);
  - strlen(str);
  - Use strn\*() versions!





# Strings: C memcpy vs memmove



```
void * Memcpy(void* dst, const void* src, unsigned int cnt)
{
    char *pszDest = (char *)dst;

    const char *pszSource =( const char*)src;

    while(cnt) //till cnt
    {
        //Copy byte by byte
        *(pszDest++)= *(pszSource++);
        --cnt;
    }

    return dst;
}
```



# Strings: C memcpy vs memmove



```
void * Memmove(void* dst, const void* src, unsigned int cnt)
char *tmp = NULL;
unsigned int uiLoop = 0;
char *pszDest = (char *)dst;
const char *pszSource =( const char*)src;
//allocate memory for tmp array
tmp = (char *)malloc(sizeof(char ) * cnt);
if(NULL == tmp)
return NULL;
else
// copy src to tmp array
for(uiLoop =0;uiLoop < cnt; ++uiLoop)</pre>
*(tmp + uiloop) = *(pszSource + uiloop);
//copy tmp to dst
for(uiloop =0 ;uiloop < cnt ; ++uiloop)</pre>
*(pszDest + uiLoop) = *(tmp + uiLoop);
free(tmp); //free allocated memory
return dst;
```



# Strings: C memcpy vs memmove



- Can you implement memove in O(1) memory?
- Board exercise!



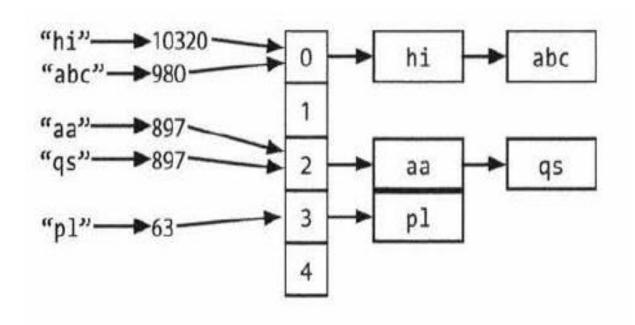


#### Maps Keys to Values in O(1) time

- First, compute the key's hash code, which will usually be an int or long. Note that two different keys
  could have the same hash code, as there may be an infinite number of keys and a finite number of ints.
- Then, map the hash code to an index in the array. This could be done with something like hash (key)
   array\_length. Two different hash codes could, of course, map to the same index.
- At this index, there is a linked list of keys and values. Store the key and value in this index. We must use a linked list because of collisions: you could have two different keys with the same hash code, or two different hash codes that map to the same index.











- Other ways to solve collisions:
  - Separate Chaining
  - Linear Probing f(i) = i.
  - Quadratic Probing  $f(i) = i^2$ .
  - Double Hashing f(i) = i · hash<sub>2</sub>(x).





#### • Interface:

- insert(K,V) O(1)
- get(K) O(1)
- delete(K) O(1)
- enumerate()?
- get(V)?





Alternatively, we can implement the hash table with a balanced binary search tree. This gives us an O (log N) lookup time. The advantage of this is potentially using less space, since we no longer allocate a large array. We can also iterate through the keys in order, which can be useful sometimes.



```
1 // constructing maps
 2 #include <iostream>
 3 #include <map>
5 bool fncomp (char lhs, char rhs) {return lhs<rhs;}</pre>
 7 struct classcomp {
    bool operator() (const char& lhs, const char& rhs) const
    {return lhs<rhs;}
10 };
11
12 int main ()
13 {
14
   std::map<char,int> first;
15
16 first['a']=10;
17 first['b']=30;
   first['c']=50;
18
19
    first['d']=70;
20
21
    std::map<char,int> second (first.begin(),first.end());
22
23
    std::map<char,int> third (second);
24
25
    std::map<char,int,classcomp> fourth; // class as Compare
26
27
    bool(*fn_pt)(char,char) = fncomp;
    std::map<char,int,bool(*)(char,char)> fifth (fn_pt); // function pointer as Compare
```



return 0;

29 30

31 }





```
using namespace std;
int main()
    map <int, int> gquiz1;  // empty map container
    // insert elements in random order
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (1, 40));
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (2, 30));
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (3, 60));
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (4, 20));
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (5, 50));
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (6, 50));
    gquiz1.insert(pair <int, int> (7, 10));
    // printing map gquiz1
    map <int, int> :: iterator itr;
    cout << "\nThe map gquiz1 is : \n";</pre>
    cout << "\tKEY\tELEMENT\n";</pre>
    for (itr = gquiz1.begin(); itr != gquiz1.end(); ++itr)
        cout << '\t' << itr->first
              << '\t' << itr->second << '\n':
    cout << endl;
```



- Map<K,V>::iterator it = map.find(K);
- If it != map.end()
  - It->first() => K
  - It->second() => V



#### **Hash Tables: Java**



- HashSet<K>
  - Methods
    - add(K)
    - contains(K)
    - remove(K)

```
public class HashSetDemo {
   public static void main(String args[]) {
      // create hash set
     HashSet <String> newset = new HashSet <String>();
      // populate hash set
      newset.add("Learning");
      newset.add("Easy");
      newset.add("Simply");
     // create an iterator
     Iterator iterator = newset.iterator();
      // check values
      while (iterator.hasNext()) {
        System.out.println("Value: "+iterator.next() + " ");
```



#### **Hash Tables: Java**



- HashMap<K, V>
  - Methods
    - put(K, V)
    - containsKey(K)
    - get(K) => V
    - entrySet()
    - keySet()
    - values()
    - remove(K)
    - replace(K,V)

```
public static void printMap(Map mp) {
    Iterator it = mp.entrySet().iterator();
    while (it.hasNext()) {
        Map.Entry pair = (Map.Entry)it.next();
        System.out.println(pair.getKey() + " = " + pair.getValue());
        it.remove(); // avoids a ConcurrentModificationException
    }
}
```





1.1 Is Unique: Implement an algorithm to determine if a string has all unique characters. What if you cannot use additional data structures?

1.2 Check Permutation: Given two strings, write a method to decide if one is a permutation of the other.





1.3 URLify: Write a method to replace all spaces in a string with '%20'. You may assume that the string has sufficient space at the end to hold the additional characters, and that you are given the "true" length of the string. (Note: If implementing in Java, please use a character array so that you can perform this operation in place.)

#### EXAMPLE

Input: "Mr John Smith ", 13

Output: "Mr%20John%20Smith"





1.4 Palindrome Permutation: Given a string, write a function to check if it is a permutation of a palindrome. A palindrome is a word or phrase that is the same forwards and backwards. A permutation is a rearrangement of letters. The palindrome does not need to be limited to just dictionary words.

**EXAMPLE** 

Input: Tact Coa

Output: True (permutations: "taco cat", "atco cta", etc.)







1.5 One Away: There are three types of edits that can be performed on strings: insert a character, remove a character, or replace a character. Given two strings, write a function to check if they are one edit (or zero edits) away.

```
EXAMPLE
```

```
pale, ple -> true
pales, pale -> true
pale, bale -> true
pale, bake -> false
```





1.6 String Compression: Implement a method to perform basic string compression using the counts of repeated characters. For example, the string aabcccccaaa would become a2b1c5a3. If the "compressed" string would not become smaller than the original string, your method should return the original string. You can assume the string has only uppercase and lowercase letters (a - z).





1.7 Rotate Matrix: Given an image represented by an NxN matrix, where each pixel in the image is 4 bytes, write a method to rotate the image by 90 degrees. Can you do this in place?

1.8 Zero Matrix: Write an algorithm such that if an element in an MxN matrix is 0, its entire row and column are set to 0.





1.9 String Rotation: Assume you have a method is Substring which checks if one word is a substring of another. Given two strings, s1 and s2, write code to check if s2 is a rotation of s1 using only one call to is Substring (e.g., "waterbottle" is a rotation of "erbottlewat").



## **Questions?**





