

# Popular sums

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Fair distribution of chocolates among children:

Back-tracing:

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class Solution {
    int ans = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    void helper(int[] cookies, int start, int k, int[] temp) {
        if (start == cookies.length) {
            int max = 0;
            for (int c : temp)
                max = Math.max(max, c);
            ans = Math.min(ans, max);
            return;
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {
            temp[i] += cookies[start];
            helper(cookies, start + 1, k, temp);
            temp[i] -= cookies[start];
        }
    }
    public int distributeCookies(int[] cookies, int k) {
        helper(cookies, 0, k, new int[k]);
        return ans;
    }
}
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Problem	Link	Snippet		
Common substring between 2 strings	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/minimum-ascii-delete-sum-for-two-strings/solution/">https://leetcode.com/problems/minimum-ascii-delete-sum-for-two-strings/solution/</a>		DP	<pre>if(s1.charAt(i-1) == s2.charAt(j-1)){     dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j-1]; }else{     dp[i][j] = Math.min(         dp[i-1][j] + s1.charAt(i-1),         dp[i][j-1] + s2.charAt(j-1)     ); }</pre>
All back tracking logics	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/permutations/discuss/18239/A-general-approach-to-backtracking-questions-in-Java-(Subsets-Permutations-Combination-Sum-Palindrome-Partitioning)">https://leetcode.com/problems/permutations/discuss/18239/A-general-approach-to-backtracking-questions-in-Java-(Subsets-Permutations-Combination-Sum-Palindrome-Partitioning)</a>		Back tracking	Permutation, combination, subsets
Word in Worddictionary	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/word-break/">https://leetcode.com/problems/word-break/</a>		DP	1. DP in one dimension 2. Recursive solution 3. DP in two dimension
Search in Rotated Sorted Array  When duplicates are allowed	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/search-in-rotated-sorted-array/discuss/154836/The-INF-and-INF-method-but-with-a-better-explanation-for-dummies-like-me">https://leetcode.com/problems/search-in-rotated-sorted-array/discuss/154836/The-INF-and-INF-method-but-with-a-better-explanation-for-dummies-like-me</a>	<pre>if(nums[left]&lt;nums[mid] &amp;&amp; target&gt;nums[left]){     if(target&lt;nums[mid])         right=mid-1;     else if(target&gt;nums[mid])         left=mid+1; }</pre>	Binary search	1. Take a comparator value which is initially nums[mid], if both the target and nums[mid] are in same side then keep it as it is. 2. If its on other side if target is less than

	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/search-in-rotated-sorted-array-ii/submissions/">https://leetcode.com/problems/search-in-rotated-sorted-array-ii/submissions/</a> (return true or false)  <a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/search-in-rotated-sorted-array/submissions/">https://leetcode.com/problems/search-in-rotated-sorted-array/submissions/</a> (return index)	<pre> else if(nums[right]&gt;nums[mid] &amp;&amp; target&gt;nums[mid]){     if(target&gt;nums[right])         right=mid-1;     else if(target&gt;nums[mid])         left=mid+1; } </pre>		<p>target is less then make is -INF and vice versa</p> <p>3. Do normal binary search after that</p> <p>(Or)</p> <p>1. Find real min value which is actual rotations done using BS and then every time doing the BS use the rotation value % to determine</p> <p><b>One solution for all Rotated Array:</b> My own approach of comparing with start and end values</p>
Any min-max problem (Minimize the Maximum Difference of Pairs)	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/minimize-the-maximum-difference-of-pairs/discuss/3395750/JavaC%2B%2BPython-Binary-Search">https://leetcode.com/problems/minimize-the-maximum-difference-of-pairs/discuss/3395750/JavaC%2B%2BPython-Binary-Search</a>		Binary search	Think about binary search solution first
Change for coins problem	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/coin-change-ii/discuss/675182/JAVA-or-100-Faster-or-DP">https://leetcode.com/problems/coin-change-ii/discuss/675182/JAVA-or-100-Faster-or-DP</a>			1. Think of using dp[0] instead of adding +1
Move robot from top-left to right-bottom corner	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/unique-paths-ii/submissions/">https://leetcode.com/problems/unique-paths-ii/submissions/</a>	<pre> if (dp[i - 1][j]&gt;0 &amp;&amp; dp[i][j - 1]&gt;0)     dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j]+dp[i][j - 1]; else if (dp[i - 1][j] &gt; 0)     dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j]; </pre>	[ 1, 1, 1 1, 2, 3 1, 3, 6 ]	1. At each point see if there are two ways at the point. If so add the values from
Easy problem : Given integer 26 give it in excel format as Z	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/excel-sheet-column-title/">https://leetcode.com/problems/excel-sheet-column-title/</a>	<pre> build.append((char) ('A'+(columnNumber-1)%26)); columnNumber = (columnNumber-1)/26; </pre>	String Builder	1. Have to minus 1, as 'A' + will start with 0 but in reality it starts with 1.
Stack using 2 queues	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/implement-stack-using-queues/">https://leetcode.com/problems/implement-stack-using-queues/</a>			<p>1. 2 queues initialize</p> <p>2. Push : given element add first in q2, remaining element from q1 add to q2, swap q1 and q2.</p> <p>3. Other operation are now performed on q1.</p>
Count number of 1's from 0 to n in	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/counting-bits/submissions/">https://leetcode.com/problems/counting-bits/submissions/</a>	<pre> ans[0] = 0; for(int i=1; i&lt;=n; i++) {     ans[i] = ans[i/2] + i%2; } </pre>		<p>1. Simple method is create a dp array, with arr[0]=0,</p> <p>2. Then arr[i] = arr[i/2]+i%2, because each 2 number is formed by previous set by adding 0 or 1</p>
Finding common char in string	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/extra-characters-in-a-string/">https://leetcode.com/problems/extra-characters-in-a-string/</a>			<p>1. This is different approach in DP, first take each char one by one</p> <p>2. Check whether its available in the given set</p> <p>3. Then append the char one by one</p>

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Form all combinations and from top to down and then from down to top increment</li> <li>5. Sure method to learn to find the common words</li> </ol>
Cloning any type Linked list	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/copy-list-with-random-pointer/discuss/1842118/Clone-Node-linked-list-with-random-pointer-Hashmap">https://leetcode.com/problems/copy-list-with-random-pointer/discuss/1842118/Clone-Node-linked-list-with-random-pointer-Hashmap</a>	One of my solutions under rated and beautifully explained		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Store node to node in an HashMap</li> <li>2. Append the values and store in HashMap</li> <li>3. Return the head of the hashmap</li> </ol>
Integer Break - to get maximum product	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/integer-break/">https://leetcode.com/problems/integer-break/</a>	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/integer-break/submissions/">https://leetcode.com/problems/integer-break/submissions/</a>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power of 3, when its multiplied depending on 3 the value gets maximum product</li> <li>2. If remainder is 1 then multiply by 4 and incase of 2 then multiply by 2</li> </ol>
Sweep line algorithm for all time related problems	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/number-of-flowers-in-full-bloom/discuss/1976821/Java-Sweep-Line-Algorithm">https://leetcode.com/problems/number-of-flowers-in-full-bloom/discuss/1976821/Java-Sweep-Line-Algorithm</a>	Add separately start time, person and end_time to a single priority queue. Retrive from PQ and do the math based on the event		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See everything as individual event</li> <li>2. Add Person to the PQ as event 1 with {time position, human, index}</li> <li>3. Add starttime to the same PQ as event 0</li> <li>4. Add endtime to the same PQ as event 2</li> <li>5. Now iterate and increment the count when event 0, decrement when event 2 and add to result for event 1</li> </ol>
Number of ways problem :: Number of Ways to Stay in the Same Place After Some Steps	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/number-of-ways-to-stay-in-the-same-place-after-some-steps/discuss/437700/Very-simple-and-easy-to-understand-java-solution">https://leetcode.com/problems/number-of-ways-to-stay-in-the-same-place-after-some-steps/discuss/437700/Very-simple-and-easy-to-understand-java-solution</a>	Using DP to find the number of ways problems,		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use 2D then try with 1D</li> </ol>
Observation on binary tree :: Find whether give array of left and right child is valid binary tree	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/validate-binary-tree-nodes/submissions/">https://leetcode.com/problems/validate-binary-tree-nodes/submissions/</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understanding the binary tree</li> <li>2. Check whether there is only one root node</li> <li>3. BFS of the binary tree to find whether all nodes are reachable</li> </ol>	Tree	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For a root node there will not be any in node, other nodes have one in node</li> <li>2. If any one node is visited twice then its not a binary tree</li> </ol>
Observation on tree :: Unless you think of returning two values sum and count as array it looks hard	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/count-nodes-equal-to-average-of-subtree/">https://leetcode.com/problems/count-nodes-equal-to-average-of-subtree/</a>		Tree	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BFS through the tree</li> <li>2. If root is null return empty array</li> <li>3. Else Do a recursion of left and right</li> <li>4. To find sum and count do sum=left[0]+right[0]+root.val</li> <li>5. To find count =left[1]+right[1]+1</li> <li>6. Return new int[] {sum, count};</li> </ol>
Decode Ways :: How many ways 12 is mapped to	<a href="https://leetcode.com/submissions/detail/540366398/">https://leetcode.com/submissions/detail/540366398/</a>	public int numDecodings(String s) {	DP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This problem has sub problem where after</li> </ol>

ways 12 is mapped to Alphabet -> AB & L	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/ways-to-wear-diy-headbands/">https://leetcode.com/problems/ways-to-wear-diy-headbands/</a>	<pre> int n=s.length(); int[] dp=new int[n+1]; dp[n]=1; for(int i = n-1; i &gt;= 0; i--)     if(s.charAt(i)!='0')     {         dp[i] = dp[i+1];         if(i &lt; n-1 &amp;&amp; (s.charAt(i)=='1'    s.charAt(i)=='2' &amp;&amp; s.charAt(i+1)&lt;'7'))             dp[i]+=dp[i+2];     } return dp[0]; </pre>		<p>problem where after spending sometime, you will understand it should come from bottom to top</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If in the dp if the value is 0 we have keep the value as is, if its any other value have to retain the previous value</li> <li>If the value is 1 or 2 and the previous value is 10 to 26 then we have to add the previous value count to current value</li> <li>Finally have to return the dp[0]</li> </ol>
Corona virus spread problem :: You are given the root of a binary tree with unique values, and an integer start. At minute 0, an infection starts from the node with value start	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/amount-of-time-for-binary-tree-to-be-infected/?envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-01-10">https://leetcode.com/problems/amount-of-time-for-binary-tree-to-be-infected/?envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-01-10</a>		Tree 2 Graph	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Think little out of box,</li> <li>Convert the tree into graph and then start with the problem</li> <li>Tree to Map of adjacent values linking together</li> </ol>
Maximum profit in job scheduling ::				
Construct Binary Tree from inorder and level order		<pre> Private Tree buildTree(Map&lt;Integer,Integer&gt; levelorder, int[] inorder, int start, int end){     int index=start;     for(int i=start;i&lt;end;i++){         if(levelorder.get(inorder[i]) &lt;levelorder.get(inorder[index])){             index=levelorder.get(inorder[i]);         }     }     Tree root=new Tree(inorder[index]);     root.left=buildTree(levelorder,inorder, 0,index-1);     root.right=buildTree(levelorder,inorde r,index+1,end);     Return root; } </pre>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left of the inorder is on the left of tree and vise versa</li> <li>Construct a map storing index of level order</li> </ol>
Alphabets filling in a given string with '?' in lexicographic order	<p>Given - 'a???a' Output - 'abcda'</p> <a href="https://leetcode.com/contest/biweekly-contest-126/problems/replace-question-marks-in-string-to-minimize-its-value/">https://leetcode.com/contest/biweekly-contest-126/problems/replace-question-marks-in-string-to-minimize-its-value/</a>	<pre> int idx=(prev+1)%26-1; Sort((char)('a'+((idx&gt;=0)?idx:25))) </pre>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storing the alphabet sequence is the key, managing 'a' as 1 till 'z' as 26</li> <li>Store in map</li> <li>Get the less freq char</li> <li>Sort them and replace in '?'</li> </ol>
Find Ugly number which is divisible only by 2, 3 and 5	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/ugly-number-ii/description/?envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-08-18">https://leetcode.com/problems/ugly-number-ii/description/?envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-08-18</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using DP, initiate dp[i]=1,</li> <li>3 variables two, three and five as 0</li> <li>For 1 to 1000</li> <li>Find the Min(2*dp[two], 3*dp[three], 5* dp[five])</li> <li>Which ever is small increment the value</li> </ol>		<p>Logic is only the values already present in the dp[] multiple will have exact multiple..</p> <p>1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9 etc.,</p> <p>Other values like other prime numbers will be automatically removed</p>
My Calendar booking	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/my-calendar-i/">https://leetcode.com/problems/my-calendar-i/</a>	<pre> Integer floorKey = calendar.floorKey(start); if ( floorKey != </pre>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FloorKey of treemap gives the key which less than or equal</li> </ol>

	<a href="#">envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-09-26</a>	<pre> null &amp;&amp; calendar.get(floorKey) &gt; start) return false; Integer ceilingKey = calendar.ceilingKey(start) ; if (ceilingKey != null &amp;&amp; ceilingKey &lt; end) return false; </pre>		<p>has less than or equal to given number</p> <p>2. Ceiling key of treemap gives the key which has greater than or equal to given number</p>
Divide intervals divide them into minimum groups	<a href="https://leetcode.com/problems/divide-intervals-into-minimum-number-of-groups/?envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-10-12">https://leetcode.com/problems/divide-intervals-into-minimum-number-of-groups/?envType=daily-question&amp;envId=2024-10-12</a>	<pre> public int minGroups(int[][] intervals) { int[] count = new int[1000002]; for(int i = 0; i &lt; intervals.length; i++) { count[intervals[i][0]]++; count[intervals[i][1] + 1]--; } int max = 0; int currSum = 0; for(int i = 1; i &lt; count.length; i++) { currSum += count[i]; max = Math.max(currSum, max); } return max; } </pre>		<p>For solving in <math>O(N)</math> we can keep an array from 0 to max.. For every start do +1 and next element of end do -1.. So when we sum we can find overlaps</p>