

# Objective Questions for Algorithm Interviewing

(20 min is recommended for these questions)

1. How many ways are there to put 6 same balls into 3 different boxes (empty box not allowed)?
2. Let  $f(x) = \ln(1 + \exp(-x))$ , then what is  $f'(0)$ ?
3. What is the projection of the vector  $[1, 1, 1]$  onto the plane  $x+y=0$ , in Euclidean 3-D space?
4. The *Binomial Distribution*  $X \sim B(100, 0.4)$  is very similar to a *Gaussian Distribution*  $X \sim N(\underline{\hspace{1cm}}, \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$ .
5. How many nodes are there in a *complete binary tree* with 3 nodes in the last layer and 16 nodes in the second to last layer?
6. We have an empty *LRU cache* with capacity 3. What are the keys in the cache after the following sequence of operations?  
`[put(1, 1), put(2, 2), put(3, 3), get(1), get(4), put(4, 4), get(3), put(1, 5), put(5, 6)]`
7. Complete the following code:

```
void swap_without_tmp(int& a, int& b) {  
    a = a ^ b;  
    b = a ^ b;  
    _____;  
}
```
8. The statement `x = a > b ? a * 2 : b - 1;` in C is equivalent to `_____` in Python. (A single-line statement is preferred)
9. Say we train a SVM on the classification problem  $X \rightarrow Y$  of 4 samples  $\{(X_i, Y_i)\} = \{([0, 0], 1), ([0, 1], 1), ([1, 0], 0), ([1, 1], 1)\}$ , then what are the support vectors?
10. Let `values = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]`, and `filter = [-1, 2, -1]`, then what is the result of vector convolution `conv1d(values, filter)` with stride 1 and without padding?