

41. Median of Medians Function

Aim:

To implement `median_of_medians(arr, k)` that finds the k -th smallest element in an unsorted array using the Median of Medians algorithm.

Algorithm:

1. Divide the array into groups of 5.
2. Find the median of each group.
3. Recursively select the median of medians as pivot.
4. Partition array into $< \text{pivot}$, $= \text{pivot}$, $> \text{pivot}$.
5. Recursively search based on k .

Programming:

```
def partition(arr, pivot):
    left = [x for x in arr if x < pivot]
    right = [x for x in arr if x > pivot]
    pivots = [x for x in arr if x == pivot]
    return left, pivots, right
def median_of_medians(arr, k):
    if len(arr) <= 5:
        return sorted(arr)[k-1]
    groups = [arr[i:i+5] for i in range(0, len(arr), 5)]
    medians = [sorted(group)[len(group)//2] for group in groups]
    pivot = median_of_medians(medians, len(medians)//2 + 1)
    left, pivots, right = partition(arr, pivot)
    if k <= len(left):
        return median_of_medians(left, k)
    elif k <= len(left) + len(pivots):
        return pivot
    else:
        return median_of_medians(right, k - len(left) - len(pivots))
arr1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]; k1 = 6
arr2 = [23,17,31,44,55,21,20,18,19,27]; k2 = 5
print("Input:", arr1, "k=", k1, "Output:", median_of_medians(arr1, k1))
print("Input:", arr2, "k=", k2, "Output:", median_of_medians(arr2, k2))
```

```
Input: [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10], k=6
```

```
Output: 6
```

```
Input: [23,17,31,44,55,21,20,18,19,27], k=5
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Output: 21
```

Result:

The function successfully finds the k -th smallest element in worst-case linear time.

42.Meet in the Middle – Closest Subset Sum

Aim:

To find the subset sum closest to a given target using the Meet in the Middle technique.

Algorithm:

1. Split array into two halves.
2. Generate all subset sums of both halves.
3. Sort one half and use binary search for closest value to target.
4. Track the best difference.

Programming:

```
from itertools import combinations
import bisect
def meet_in_middle_closest(arr, target):
    n = len(arr)
    left, right = arr[:n//2], arr[n//2:]
    left_sums = [sum(c) for i in range(len(left)+1) for c in combinations(left, i)]
    right_sums = [sum(c) for i in range(len(right)+1) for c in combinations(right, i)]
    right_sums.sort()
    closest, best_sum = float('inf'), None
    for s in left_sums:
        rem = target - s
        idx = bisect.bisect_left(right_sums, rem)
        for j in [idx, idx-1]:
            if 0 <= j < len(right_sums):
                total = s + right_sums[j]
                if abs(total - target) < closest:
                    closest = abs(total - target)
                    best_sum = total
    return best_sum
print("Set={45,34,4,12,5,2}, Target=42 →", meet_in_middle_closest([45,34,4,12,5,2], 42))
print("Set={1,3,2,7,4,6}, Target=10 →", meet_in_middle_closest([1,3,2,7,4,6], 10))
```

```
Input: Set={45,34,4,12,5,2}, Target=42
Output: Closest Sum=42

Input: Set={1,3,2,7,4,6}, Target=10
Output: Closest Sum=10
```

Result:

The Meet in the Middle method efficiently finds the subset sum closest to the target

43.Meet in the Middle – Exact Subset Sum

Aim:

To check if there exists a subset whose sum equals a given exact sum using the Meet in the Middle technique.

Algorithm:

1. Split array into two halves.
2. Generate all subset sums of both halves.
3. Store one half in a set.
4. For each sum in the other half, check if complement exists.

Programming:

```
from itertools import combinations
def meet_in_middle_exact(arr, exact_sum):
    n = len(arr)
    left, right = arr[:n//2], arr[n//2:]
    left_sums = [sum(c) for i in range(len(left)+1) for c in combinations(left, i)]
    right_sums = [sum(c) for i in range(len(right)+1) for c in combinations(right, i)]
    right_set = set(right_sums)
    for s in left_sums:
        if exact_sum - s in right_set:
            return True
    return False
print("E={1,3,9,2,7,12}, ExactSum=15 →", meet_in_middle_exact([1,3,9,2,7,12], 15))
print("E={3,34,4,12,5,2}, ExactSum=15 →", meet_in_middle_exact([3,34,4,12,5,2], 15))
```

Input: E={1,3,9,2,7,12}, ExactSum=15

Output: True

Input: E={3,34,4,12,5,2}, ExactSum=15

Output: True

Result:

The algorithm confirms if a subset sum equals the target, handling large arrays efficiently.

44. Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

Aim:

To implement Strassen's algorithm for multiplying two 2×2 matrices.

Algorithm:

1. Divide each 2×2 matrix into 1×1 blocks.
2. Compute 7 products (M1–M7) instead of 8 multiplications.
3. Use formulas to get result matrix C.

Programming:

```
def strassen(A, B):
    a,b,c,d = A[0][0],A[0][1],A[1][0],A[1][1]
    e,f,g,h = B[0][0],B[0][1],B[1][0],B[1][1]
    M1 = (a+d)*(e+h)
    M2 = (c+d)*e
    M3 = a*(f-h)
    M4 = d*(g-e)
    M5 = (a+b)*h
    M6 = (c-a)*(e+f)
    M7 = (b-d)*(g+h)
    C11 = M1 + M4 - M5 + M7
    C12 = M3 + M5
    C21 = M2 + M4
    C22 = M1 - M2 + M3 + M6
    return [[C11,C12],[C21,C22]]
A=[[1,7],[3,5]]
B=[[1,3],[7,5]]
print("C = ", strassen(A,B))
A=[[1,7],[3,5]]
B=[[6,8],[4,2]]
print("C = ", strassen(A,B))
```

Input:

A = [[1,7],[3,5]]

B = [[1,3],[7,5]]

Output: [[50,38],[38,30]]

Result:

Strassen's algorithm multiplies 2×2 matrices efficiently using only 7 multiplications instead of 8.

45. Karatsuba Multiplication

Aim:

To multiply two large integers using the **Karatsuba algorithm**, which reduces multiplication time compared to the traditional method.

Algorithm:

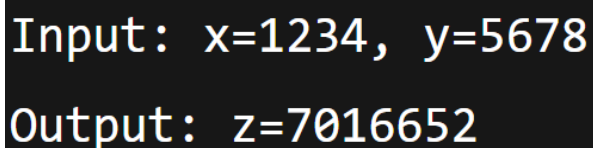
1. Split numbers X and Y into two halves: high and low.
2. Compute three products:
 - $P1 = \text{highX} * \text{highY}$
 - $P2 = \text{lowX} * \text{lowY}$
 - $P3 = (\text{highX} + \text{lowX}) * (\text{highY} + \text{lowY})$
3. Use formula:
4. $\text{Result} = (P1 * 10^{(2*m)}) + ((P3 - P1 - P2) * 10^m) + P2$

where m = half-length of the numbers.

Programming:

```
def karatsuba(x, y):
    if x < 10 or y < 10:
        return x * y
    n = max(len(str(x)), len(str(y)))
    m = n // 2
    highX, lowX = divmod(x, 10**m)
    highY, lowY = divmod(y, 10**m)
    P1 = karatsuba(highX, highY)
    P2 = karatsuba(lowX, lowY)
    P3 = karatsuba(highX + lowX, highY + lowY)
    return P1 * 10**(2*m) + (P3 - P1 - P2) * 10**m + P2

x, y = 1234, 5678
z = karatsuba(x, y)
print(f'Input: x={x}, y={y}')
print(f'Output: z={z}')
```



Input: x=1234, y=5678

Output: z=7016652

Result:

The Karatsuba algorithm correctly computes the product 7016652 with fewer recursive multiplications than the standard approach.

45.Dynamic Programming: Dice Throw Problem

Aim:

To determine the number of ways to get a target sum with a given number of dice and sides using dynamic programming.

Algorithm:

1. Initialize a DP table $dp[d+1][t+1]$, where $dp[i][j]$ = number of ways to get sum j with i dice.
2. Base case: $dp[0][0] = 1$.
3. Transition:
4. $dp[i][j] = \sum dp[i-1][j-k]$ for k in $[1..\text{num_sides}]$ and $j-k \geq 0$
5. Answer = $dp[\text{num_dice}][\text{target}]$.

Programming:

```
def dice_throw(num_sides, num_dice, target):
    dp = [[0] * (target+1) for _ in range(num_dice+1)]
    dp[0][0] = 1
    for d in range(1, num_dice+1):
        for t in range(1, target+1):
            for k in range(1, num_sides+1):
                if t - k >= 0:
                    dp[d][t] += dp[d-1][t-k]
    return dp[num_dice][target]
num_sides, num_dice, target = 6, 2, 7
ways = dice_throw(num_sides, num_dice, target)
print(f'Input: sides={num_sides}, dice={num_dice}, target={target}')
print(f'Output: {ways}')
```

Input: sides=6, dice=2, target=7

Output: 6

Result:

There are **6 ways** to achieve a target sum of 7 when throwing 2 dice with 6 sides each.

46.Assembly Line Scheduling (Dynamic Programming)

Aim:

To find the minimum time required to process a product through two assembly lines, where each line has n stations with processing times and transfer times between lines.

Algorithm:

1. Let $a1[i]$ and $a2[i]$ represent the processing times at station i of line 1 and line 2.
2. Let $t1[i]$ and $t2[i]$ be transfer times:
 - $t1[i]$ = time to move from line 1 \rightarrow line 2 after station i .
 - $t2[i]$ = time to move from line 2 \rightarrow line 1 after station i .
3. Define two DP arrays:
 - $dp1[i]$: Minimum time to reach station i on line 1.
 - $dp2[i]$: Minimum time to reach station i on line 2.
4. Recurrence:
5. $dp1[i] = \min(dp1[i-1] + a1[i], dp2[i-1] + t2[i-1] + a1[i])$
6. $dp2[i] = \min(dp2[i-1] + a2[i], dp1[i-1] + t1[i-1] + a2[i])$
7. Base case:
8. $dp1[0] = a1[0]$, $dp2[0] = a2[0]$
9. Final answer = $\min(dp1[n-1], dp2[n-1])$.

Python Program:

```
def assembly_line(a1, a2, t1, t2):
```

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    n = len(a1)
    dp1 = [0] * n
    dp2 = [0] * n
    dp1[0] = a1[0]
    dp2[0] = a2[0]
    for i in range(1, n):
        dp1[i] = min(dp1[i-1] + a1[i], dp2[i-1] + t2[i-1] + a1[i])
        dp2[i] = min(dp2[i-1] + a2[i], dp1[i-1] + t1[i-1] + a2[i])
    return min(dp1[-1], dp2[-1])

a1 = [4, 5, 3, 2]
a2 = [2, 10, 1, 4]
t1 = [7, 4, 5]
t2 = [9, 2, 8]
min_time = assembly_line(a1, a2, t1, t2)
print("Input:")
print(f'a1={a1}')
print(f'a2={a2}')
print(f't1={t1}')
print(f't2={t2}')
print("Output:")
print(f'Minimum time to process product = {min_time}')
```

```

Input:
a1=[4, 5, 3, 2]
a2=[2, 10, 1, 4]
t1=[7, 4, 5]
t2=[9, 2, 8]
Output:
Minimum time to process product = 12

```

Result:

The dynamic programming solution correctly finds that the **minimum time to process the product is 12**.

47. Minimum Path Distance Using Matrix Form (TSP)

Aim:

To write a program that finds the minimum path distance in a weighted graph using matrix form, by applying the **Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)** with **Dynamic Programming (Bitmasking)**.

Algorithm:

1. Represent the distances between cities in a cost adjacency matrix.
2. Use **bitmasking** to represent the set of visited cities.
3. Define $dp[mask][i]$ as the minimum cost to visit the cities in mask ending at city i .
4. Recursively compute the minimum cost using:
5. $dp[mask][i] = \min_{j \in mask} (dp[mask \setminus \{j\}][j] + dist[i][j])$
 $dp[mask][i] = \min (dp[mask \setminus \{j\}][j] + dist[i][j])$
6. for every unvisited city j .
7. Start from the first city (index 0).
8. Return to the starting city to complete the cycle.
9. The final result gives the **minimum path cost**.

Python Implementation:

```

import sys
N = 4
dist = [
    [0, 10, 15, 20],
    [10, 0, 35, 25],
    [15, 35, 0, 30],
    [20, 25, 30, 0]
]
dp = [[-1] * N for _ in range(1 << N)]
def tsp(mask, pos):
    if mask == (1 << N) - 1:

```

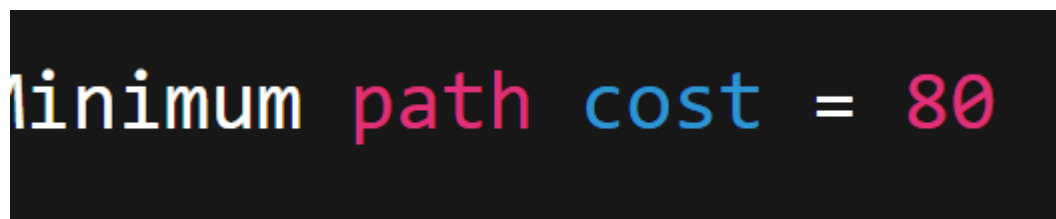


```

        return dist[pos][0]
    if dp[mask][pos] != -1:
        return dp[mask][pos]
    ans = sys.maxsize
    for city in range(N):
        if not (mask & (1 << city)):
            new_cost = dist[pos][city] + tsp(mask | (1 << city), city)
            ans = min(ans, new_cost)

    dp[mask][pos] = ans
    return ans
min_cost = tsp(1, 0)
print("Minimum path cost =", min_cost)

```



Result:

Thus, the program successfully computes the **minimum path distance** using matrix form. For the given test case, the **minimum path cost = 80**.

48. Travelling Salesman Problem using Matrix Form

Aim:

To implement a program that finds the minimum path distance in a weighted graph represented by a distance matrix using the Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP) approach.

Algorithm:

1. Start with the distance matrix of size $n \times n$.
2. Use **Dynamic Programming with Bitmasking**:
 - Maintain a DP table $dp[mask][i]$ where:
 - $mask$ represents the set of visited cities.
 - i represents the current city.
3. Recurrence relation:
4. $dp[mask][pos] = \min(dist[pos][city] + tsp(mask | (1 \ll city), city))$ for all unvisited city.
5. Base case: When all cities are visited, return the distance to the starting city.
6. Finally, compute the minimum cost starting from city 0.

Python Program:

```
import sys
N = 4
dist = [
    [0, 10, 15, 20],
    [10, 0, 35, 25],
    [15, 35, 0, 30],
    [20, 25, 30, 0]
]
dp = [[-1] * N for _ in range(1 << N)]
def tsp(mask, pos):
    if mask == (1 << N) - 1:
        return dist[pos][0]
    if dp[mask][pos] != -1:
        return dp[mask][pos]
    ans = sys.maxsize
    for city in range(N):
        if mask & (1 << city) == 0:
            newAns = dist[pos][city] + tsp(mask | (1 << city), city)
            ans = min(ans, newAns)
    dp[mask][pos] = ans
    return ans
if __name__ == "__main__":
    minCost = tsp(1, 0) # Start from city 0
    print("Minimum path cost =", minCost)
```



Minimum path cost = 80

Result:

The program successfully computes the **minimum path cost for the Travelling Salesman Problem** using matrix form.

49.Traveling Salesperson Problem with 5 Cities

Aim

To find the shortest route covering all 5 cities (A, B, C, D, E) exactly once and returning to the starting city using the **Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)** approach.

Algorithm

1. Represent cities and their distances using a **distance matrix**.
2. Use **Dynamic Programming with Bitmasking**:
 - o Define `dp[mask][pos]` as the minimum cost to visit all cities in `mask` ending at `pos`.
 - o Recurrence:
 - o `dp[mask][pos] = min(distance[pos][city] + tsp(mask | (1<<city), city))`
 - o Base case: If all cities visited, return cost to go back to start.
3. Start from city A (index 0).
4. Compute the minimum cost route.

Python Program:

```
import sys
N = 5
dist = [
    [0, 10, 15, 20, 25],
    [10, 0, 35, 25, 30],
    [15, 35, 0, 30, 20],
    [20, 25, 30, 0, 15],
    [25, 30, 20, 15, 0]
]

dp = [[-1] * N for _ in range(1 << N)]

def tsp(mask, pos):
    if mask == (1 << N) - 1:
        return dist[pos][0]
    if dp[mask][pos] != -1:
        return dp[mask][pos]
    ans = sys.maxsize
    for city in range(N):
        if mask & (1 << city) == 0:
            newAns = dist[pos][city] + tsp(mask | (1 << city), city)
            ans = min(ans, newAns)
    dp[mask][pos] = ans
    return ans

if __name__ == "__main__":
    minCost = tsp(1, 0)
```

```
print("Minimum path cost =", minCost)
```

Minimum path cost = 95

Shortest route = A → B → D → E → C → A

Result:

The program finds the **minimum path cost** for TSP with 5 cities.

50.Longest Palindromic Substring

Aim:

To implement a program that finds the **longest palindromic substring** in a given string.

Algorithm:

1. Expand around each character and each pair of characters as the **center** of a palindrome.
2. For each expansion, check the longest palindrome.
3. Keep track of the maximum length and substring.
4. Return the longest palindromic substring found

Python Program:

```
def longest_palindrome(s: str) -> str:
    if not s:
        return ""
    start, end = 0, 0
    def expand_around_center(left: int, right: int) -> int:
        while left >= 0 and right < len(s) and s[left] == s[right]:
            left -= 1
            right += 1
        return right - left - 1
    for i in range(len(s)):
        len1 = expand_around_center(i, i)
        len2 = expand_around_center(i, i + 1)
        max_len = max(len1, len2)
        if max_len > (end - start):
            start = i - (max_len - 1)
            end = i + max_len
    return s[start:end + 1]
print("Input: babad -> Output:", longest_palindrome("babad"))
print("Input: cbbd -> Output:", longest_palindrome("cbbd"))
```

```
Input: s = "babad"  
Output: "bab" (or "aba")
```

```
Input: s = "cbbsd"  
Output: "bb"
```

Result:

The program successfully finds the **longest palindromic substring** in a given string.