

LeetCode Practice

Outline

Divide and Conquer

Dynamic Programming

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You can do the following:

- ▶ The middle element of the first array is the $\frac{m}{2}$ -th element. Then determine its position in the 2nd array with binary search, say k . Now, it's $\frac{m}{2} + k$ -th element in the merged array. If this is smaller than $\frac{m+n}{2}$, we should proceed with the right half of the first array, otherwise, left half.

Median of Two Sorted Array (#4) Solution

```
class Solution {
public:
    int findKth(vector<int>& nums1, vector<int>& nums2, int s1, int e1, int k) {
        if (s1 == e1)
            return nums2[k - e1 - 1];
        int mid = (s1 + e1) / 2;
        auto it = lower_bound(nums2.begin(), nums2.end(), nums1[mid]);
        int rank = mid + distance(nums2.begin(), it) + 1;
        if (rank == k)
            return nums1[mid];
        if (rank > k)
            return findKth(nums1, nums2, s1, mid, k);
        return findKth(nums1, nums2, mid + 1, e1, k);
    }

    double findMedianSortedArrays(vector<int>& nums1, vector<int>& nums2) {
        int sz = nums1.size() + nums2.size();
        if (sz % 2 == 0) {
            return (findKth(nums1, nums2, 0, nums1.size(), sz / 2) +
                    findKth(nums1, nums2, 0, nums1.size(), sz / 2 + 1)) / 2.0;
        }
        return findKth(nums1, nums2, 0, nums1.size(), sz / 2 + 1);
    }
};
```

Edit Distance (#72)

Edit distance refers to a group of dynamic programming problems that mostly contains alignment of two or more sequences. The edit distance between two string can be described with the following formula:

$$dist(i, j) = \begin{cases} dist(i-1, j-1) & \text{if } A_i = B_j \\ \min(dist(i-1, j), dist(i, j-1), dist(i-1, j-1)) + 1 & \end{cases}$$

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Edit Distance (#72) Solution

```
class Solution {
    public int minDistance(String word1, String word2) {
        int[][] dist = new int[word1.length() + 1][word2.length() + 1];
        for (int i = 0; i < word1.length(); i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < word2.length(); j++) {
                dist[i + 1][j + 1] = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
            }
        }
        // Usually, using additional [0][0] can simplify subscript initialization.
        dist[0][0] = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < word1.length(); i++)
            dist[i + 1][0] = i + 1;
        for (int i = 0; i < word2.length(); i++)
            dist[0][i + 1] = i + 1;
        for (int i = 0; i < word1.length(); i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < word2.length(); j++) {
                if (word1.charAt(i) == word2.charAt(j)) {
                    dist[i + 1][j + 1] = dist[i][j];
                } else {
                    dist[i + 1][j + 1] = Math.min(Math.min(dist[i][j + 1],
                                                                dist[i + 1][j]), dist[i][j]) + 1;
                }
            }
        }
        return dist[word1.length()][word2.length()];
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$$match(i, j) = \begin{cases} \text{false if } A_i \neq B_j \wedge A_i \neq * \wedge A_i \neq ? \\ match(i-1, j-1) \text{ if } A_i = B_j \vee A_i = ? \\ match(i, j-1) \vee match(i-1, j) \text{ if } A_i = * \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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```
public boolean isMatch(String s, String p) {  
    boolean[][] dp = new boolean[s.length() + 1][p.length() + 1];  
    dp[0][0] = true;  
    for (int i = 0; i < p.length(); i++) {  
        dp[0][i + 1] = p.charAt(i) == '*' && dp[0][i];  
    }  
    for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < p.length(); j++) {  
            dp[i + 1][j + 1] =  
                (dp[i][j] && (s.charAt(i) == p.charAt(j) || p.charAt(j) == '?'))  
                || (p.charAt(j) == '*' && (dp[i][j + 1] || dp[i + 1][j]));  
        }  
    }  
    return dp[s.length()][p.length()];  
}
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```
interleave(i, j) =  
  true  (i = 0, j = 0)  
  interleave(0, j - 1) && S2[j-1] == S3[j - 1] (i = 0)  
  interleave(i - 1, 0) && S1[i-1] == S3[i - 1] (j = 0)  
  interleave(i - 1, j) || interleave(i, j - 1) (S3[i+j-1] == S1[i-1] == S2[j-1])  
  interleave(i - 1, j) (S3[i+j-1] == S1[i-1])  
  interleave(i, j - 1) (S3[i+j-1] == S2[j-1])
```

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```
public boolean isInterleave(String s1, String s2, String s3) {
    if (s1.length() + s2.length() != s3.length()) {
        return false;
    }
    boolean[][] dp = new boolean[s1.length() + 1][s2.length() + 1];
    dp[0][0] = true;
    for (int i = 0; i < s1.length(); i++) {
        dp[i + 1][0] = dp[i][0] && s1.charAt(i) == s3.charAt(i);
    }
    for (int j = 0; j < s2.length(); j++) {
        dp[0][j + 1] = dp[0][j] && s2.charAt(j) == s3.charAt(j);
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < s1.length(); i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < s2.length(); j++) {
            if (s3.charAt(i + j + 1) == s1.charAt(i) && s3.charAt(i + j + 1) == s2.charAt(j)) {
                dp[i + 1][j + 1] = dp[i][j + 1] || dp[i + 1][j];
                continue;
            }
            if (s3.charAt(i + j + 1) == s1.charAt(i)) {
                dp[i + 1][j + 1] = dp[i][j + 1];
                continue;
            }
            if (s3.charAt(i + j + 1) == s2.charAt(j)) {
                dp[i + 1][j + 1] = dp[i + 1][j];
                continue;
            }
            dp[i + 1][j + 1] = false;
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    return dp[s1.length()][s2.length()];
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```
minimum(i, j) =  
    minimum(i - 1, j - 1) (S1[i] == S2[j])  
    min(minimum(i - 1, j) + S1[i], minimum(i, j - 1) + S2[j]) (otherwise)
```

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Solution

```
class Solution {
    public int minimumDeleteSum(String s1, String s2) {
        int[] [] dp = new int[s1.length() + 1][s2.length() + 1];
        for (int i = 0; i < s1.length(); i++) {
            dp[i + 1][0] = dp[i][0] + s1.charAt(i);
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < s2.length(); i++) {
            dp[0][i + 1] = dp[0][i] + s2.charAt(i);
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < s1.length(); i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < s2.length(); j++) {
                if (s1.charAt(i) == s2.charAt(j)) {
                    dp[i + 1][j + 1] = dp[i][j];
                    continue;
                }
                dp[i + 1][j + 1] = Math.min(dp[i][j + 1] + s1.charAt(i),
                    dp[i + 1][j] + s2.charAt(j));
            }
        }
        return dp[s1.length()][s2.length()];
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}
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- ▶ **Hint 2:** We can keep a minimum value seen so far and check if $P_i - \min$ is greater than current maximum.

Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock I (#121) Solution

```
public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {  
    int minPrice = Integer.MAX_VALUE;  
    int maxProfit = 0;  
    for (int p : prices) {  
        if (p - minPrice > maxProfit)  
            maxProfit = p - minPrice;  
        if (minPrice > p)  
            minPrice = p;  
    }  
    return maxProfit;  
}
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```
sold = max(bought + p, sold)
bought = max(bought, sold - p)
```

Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock II (Solution)

```
public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {  
    int maxBought = Integer.MIN_VALUE;  
    int maxSold = 0;  
  
    for (int p : prices) {  
        if (maxBought + p > maxSold)  
            maxSold = maxBought + p;  
        if (maxSold - p > maxBought)  
            maxBought = maxSold - p;  
    }  
    return maxSold;  
}
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- ▶ **Hint 3:** The state transfer would be: 0 - (buy) -> Bought1 - (sell) -> Sold1 - (buy) -> Bought2 -> (sell) -> Sold2
At each price P , the above sequence could happen and we'll take the max of each.

Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock III (#123) Solution

```
public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {  
    int maxBought_1 = Integer.MIN_VALUE;  
    int maxSold_1 = 0;  
    int maxBought_2 = Integer.MIN_VALUE;  
    int maxSold_2 = 0;  
  
    for (int p : prices) {  
        maxBought_1 = Math.max(maxBought_1, -p);  
        if (maxBought_1 + p > maxSold_1)  
            maxSold_1 = maxBought_1 + p;  
        if (maxSold_1 - p > maxBought_2)  
            maxBought_2 = maxSold_1 - p;  
        if (maxBought_2 + p > maxSold_2)  
            maxSold_2 = maxBought_2 + p;  
    }  
    return maxSold_2;  
}
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```
maxBought[0] = max(maxBought[0], -p)
maxBought[i] = max(maxSold[i - 1] - p, maxBought[i])
maxSold[i] = max(maxBought[i] + p, maxSold[i])
```

Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock IV (#188) Solution

```
public int maxProfit(int k, int[] prices) {
    if (k == 0 || prices.length == 0) {
        return 0;
    }
    // When k > prices.length / 2, this problem is simplified to
    // Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock II as you can complete as
    // many transactions as you like. This is here only to handle
    // LeetCode's corner cases.
    if (k > prices.length / 2) {
        int maxBought = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
        int maxSold = 0;

        for (int p : prices) {
            if (maxBought + p > maxSold)
                maxSold = maxBought + p;
            if (maxSold - p > maxBought)
                maxBought = maxSold - p;
        }
        return maxSold;
    }

    int[] maxBought = new int[k];
    int[] maxSold = new int[k];
    Arrays.fill(maxBought, Integer.MIN_VALUE);
    for (int p : prices) {
        maxBought[0] = Math.max(maxBought[0], -p);
        for (int i = 0; i < k - 1; i++) {
            maxSold[i] = Math.max(maxBought[i] + p, maxSold[i]);
            maxBought[i + 1] = Math.max(maxSold[i] - p, maxBought[i + 1]);
        }
        maxSold[k - 1] = Math.max(maxSold[k - 1], maxBought[k - 1] + p);
    }
    return maxSold[k - 1];
}
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```
let i = 0..k such that prices(n - 1, i) is smallest
    j = 0..k such that prices(n - 1, j) is second smallest
prices(n, k) =
    prices(n - 1, i) + cost[n][k], if i != k
    prices(n - 1, j) + cost[n][k], if i == k
```

Do you need $O(nk)$ storage space?

Paint House II (Solution)

```
public int minCostII(int[][] costs) {
    if (costs.length == 0)
        return 0;

    int [] cost = new int[costs[0].length];

    for (int i = 0; i < costs[0].length; i++)
        cost[i] = costs[0][i];

    for (int i = 1; i < costs.length; i++) {
        int[] prices = costs[i];

        // Find the lowest 2 cost.
        int minCost1 = Integer.MAX_VALUE, minColor1 = -1;
        int minCost2 = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        for (int j = 0; j < cost.length; j++) {
            if (cost[j] < minCost1) {
                minCost2 = minCost1;
                minCost1 = cost[j];
                minColor1 = j;
                continue;
            }
            if (cost[j] < minCost2) {
                minCost2 = cost[j];
            }
        }

        for (int j = 0; j < prices.length; j++) {
            if (j == minColor1) {
                cost[j] = minCost2 + prices[j];
            } else {
                cost[j] = minCost1 + prices[j];
            }
        }
    }

    return Arrays.stream(cost).min().orElse(-1);
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```
public int findMaxConsecutiveOnes(int[] nums) {  
    int max = 0;  
    int current = 0;  
    for (int x : nums) {  
        if (x == 0) current = 0;  
        else current += 1;  
        max = Math.max(max, current);  
    }  
    return max;  
}
```

Knapsack Styled DP

Knapsack problems are pseudo-polynomial time. They require DP over the value domain of some of the parameters. The characteristic of the problems of this kind is they are often quite small on value range. For example, in subset sum, the largest number is usually in terms of 100s.

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```
// # of ways to make value k from coins 0..n:  
coin(n, k) =  
    // We don't use coin[n] or use it  
    coin(n - 1, k) + coin(n, k - value[n])
```

Coin Change II (#518) Solution

```
public int change(int amount, int[] coins) {  
    int[][] dp = new int[coins.length + 1][amount + 1];  
    for (int i = 0; i <= coins.length; i++) {  
        dp[i][0] = 1;  
    }  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < coins.length; i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j <= amount; j++) {  
            int useCoin = (j >= coins[i]) ? dp[i + 1][j - coins[i]] : 0;  
            dp[i + 1][j] = useCoin + dp[i][j];  
        }  
    }  
    return dp[coins.length][amount];  
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`changes[i] = min(changes[i - coins[j]] + 1) for j = 0 to coins.length.`

You'll need to work out the corner cases.

Coin Change I (#322) Solution

```
public int coinChange(int[] coins, int change) {  
    int[] changes = new int[change + 1];  
    Arrays.fill(changes, Integer.MAX_VALUE);  
  
    changes[0] = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < coins.length; i++) {  
        if (coins[i] <= change) {  
            changes[coins[i]] = 1;  
        }  
    }  
  
    for (int i = 1; i <= change; i++) {  
        for (int coin : coins) {  
            if (i >= coin && changes[i - coin] != Integer.MAX_VALUE) {  
                changes[i] = Math.min(changes[i], changes[i - coin] + 1);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    return changes[change] == Integer.MAX_VALUE ? -1 : changes[change];  
}
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```
// canSum(i, target) represents whether we can select nums[0..i] to  
// get the sum target.  
canSum(i, target) = canSum(i - 1, target) || canSum(i - 1, target - nums[i])
```

Again, please work out the edge cases.

Partition Equal Subset Sum (#416) Solution

```
public boolean canPartition(int[] nums) {  
    int sum = Arrays.stream(nums).sum();  
    if (sum % 2 != 0) {  
        return false;  
    }  
    int target = sum / 2;  
  
    boolean[][] canSum = new boolean[nums.length + 1][target + 1];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i <= nums.length; i++) {  
        canSum[i][0] = true;  
    }  
  
    for (int i = 1; i <= nums.length; i++) {  
        for (int j = 1; j <= target; j++) {  
            canSum[i][j] = (j >= nums[i - 1] && canSum[i - 1][j - nums[i - 1]])  
                || canSum[i - 1][j];  
        }  
    }  
  
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```
// Do a level order traversal so that we could manipulate nodes bottom-up.
private ArrayList<TreeNode> addNodes(TreeNode root) {
    ArrayList<TreeNode> nodes = new ArrayList<>();
    int index = 0;
    nodes.add(root);
    while (index < nodes.size()) {
        TreeNode cur = nodes.get(index);
        if (cur.left != null) nodes.add(cur.left);
        if (cur.right != null) nodes.add(cur.right);
        index++;
    }
    return nodes;
}

private int getOrZero(TreeNode node, HashMap<TreeNode, Integer> map) {
    if (node != null && map.containsKey(node)) return map.get(node);
    return 0;
}

public int rob(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) return 0;

    HashMap<TreeNode, Integer> hasRoot = new HashMap<>();
    HashMap<TreeNode, Integer> noRoot = new HashMap<>();

    ArrayList<TreeNode> nodes = addNodes(root);

    for (int i = nodes.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        TreeNode node = nodes.get(i);
        int noRootLeft = getOrZero(node.left, noRoot);
        int noRootRight = getOrZero(node.right, noRoot);
        hasRoot.put(node, noRootLeft + noRootRight + node.val);
        int hasRootLeft = getOrZero(node.left, hasRoot);
        int hasRootRight = getOrZero(node.right, hasRoot);
        noRoot.put(node, Math.max(hasRootLeft, noRootLeft)
            + Math.max(hasRootRight, noRootRight));
    }
    return Math.max(getOrZero(root, hasRoot), getOrZero(root, noRoot));
}
```

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```
public int uniquePaths(int m, int n) {  
    int[][] dp = new int[m][n];  
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {  
        dp[i][0] = 1;  
    }  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        dp[0][i] = 1;  
    }  
    for (int i = 1; i < m; i++) {  
        for (int j = 1; j < n; j++) {  
            dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j] + dp[i][j - 1];  
        }  
    }  
    return dp[m - 1][n - 1];  
}
```