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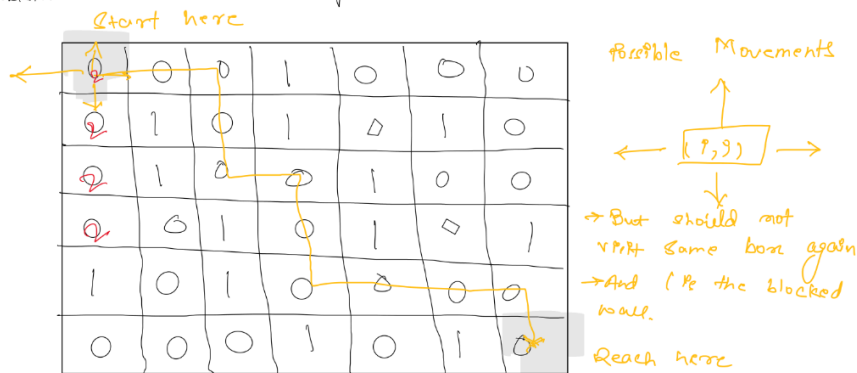
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# Rat In a Maze

Backtracking is subset of recursion + Generate all possibilities.  
 Recursion :- Solving problems with subproblems.

Problem 1:- Rat in a maze.



Check if there is a path to reach

→ keep track of visited cells.

boolean  $[N][N]$  → true (Cells visited)  
 or → false (not visited)

arr  $[N][N]$  → 0 (Empty Cell)  
 → 1 (Blocked Cell)  
 → 2 (visited)

Pseudo code:-

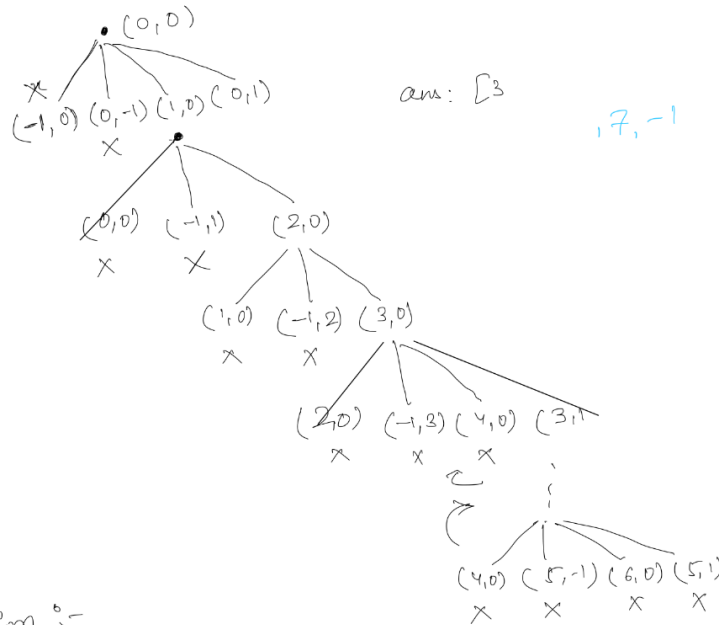
```
boolean checkPath (arr  $[N][M]$ , i, j) {
    if (i == N-1 && j == M-1)
        return true;

    if (arr[i][j] == 1 || arr[i][j] == 2 || i < 0 || i > N || j < 0 || j > M)
        return false;

    arr[i][j] = 2;

    return checkPath (arr, i-1, j) ||
           checkPath (arr, i, j-1) ||
           checkPath (arr, i+1, j) ||
           checkPath (arr, i, j+1);
}
```

Dry Run



Optimization :-

$dx = [-1, 0, 1, 0]$   
 $dy = [0, -1, 0, 1]$

```

boolean checkPath (arr [N] [M], i, j)
{
    if (i == N-1 & j == M-1)
        return true;

    arr[i][j] = 2;

    dx = [-1, 0, 1, 0];
    dy = [0, -1, 0, 1];

    for (k = 0; k < 4; k++)
    {
        ni = i + dx[k];
        nj = j + dy[k];

        if (ni >= 0 & nj >= 0 & ni < N & nj < M
            & arr[ni][nj] == 0)
            return checkPath (arr, ni, nj);
    }

    return false;
}

```

T.C:  $O(4 * M * N) = O(N * M)$   
 S.C:  $O(N * M)$

# Generate All Permutations (Unique Chars)

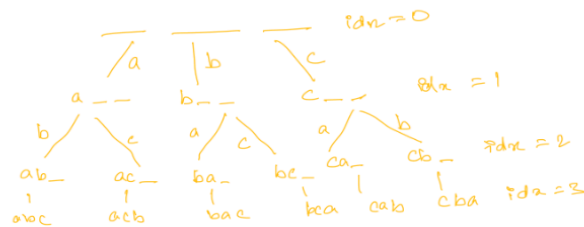
Problem 2:-

Generate all permutations of a string, without modifying the string.

Char [ ] arr  $\rightarrow$  contains unique characters.

A: [a b c] o/p  $\rightarrow$  {abc acb bac bca cab cba}

$$\underline{3} \times \underline{2} \times \underline{1} = 6 \quad (N!)$$



Char [ ] arr  $\leftarrow$   $\uparrow$   $\downarrow$   
idx  $\rightarrow$  0

ans [ ]  $\rightarrow$  [ ] [ ] [ ]

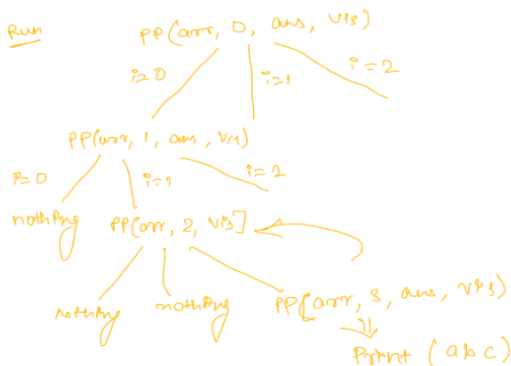
visited [ ]  $\rightarrow$  [ ] [ ] [ ]  
0 1 2

void printPermutations (char [ ] arr, int idx, char [ ] ans, bool [ ] vis)

```

if (idx == n)
    print(ans);
    return;
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    if (visited[i] == false)
    {
        visited[i] = true;
        ans[idx] = arr[i];
        printPermutations(arr, idx+1, ans, vis);
        visited[i] = false;
    }
}
    
```

Dry Run



ans  $\rightarrow$  abc  
vis  $\rightarrow$  t t t

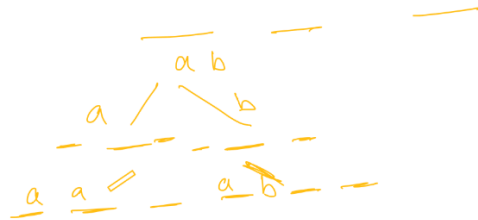
# Generate All permutations (Duplicate Chars)

Permutations - 2

Print all permutations of given char array  
(duplicates allowed)

[a b a]

→ aab  
→ aba  
→ baa



Pseudo Code

```
void permutation2(index, freq, temp[])
{
    // Base Condition
    if (index == temp.length) { Print (temp) return; }

    // Iterate over the key of Hashmap
    for (key in freq) {
        if (freq[key] > 0)
        {
            freq[key] -= 1;
            temp[index] = key;
            permutation2(index + 1, freq, temp);
            freq[key] += 1;
        }
    }
}
```

T.C :  $O(N \cdot N!)$   
S.C :  $O(N)$

# Generate All Subsets

## Subset Sum

Print the sum of all the subsets of a given  $A[]$   
 $A[] = \{1, 2, 3\}$

for array of size 3  $\rightarrow 8$   
 $\underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$

$\{ \} \rightarrow 0$

$\{1\} \rightarrow 1$

$\{2\} \rightarrow 2$

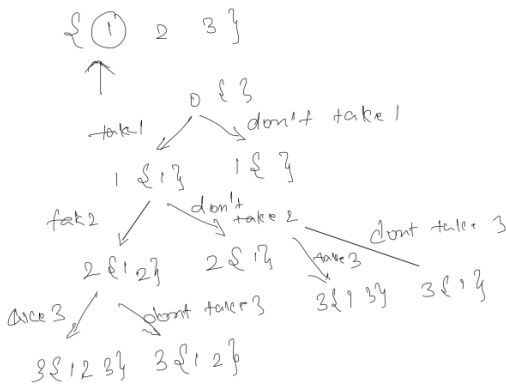
$\{3\} \rightarrow 3$

$\{1, 2\} \rightarrow 3$

$\{2, 3\} \rightarrow 5$

$\{1, 3\} \rightarrow 4$

$\{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow 6$



T.C:  $O(2^N)$   
 S.C:  $O(N)$

Pseudocode :-

```

Void SubsetSum (index, sum, A[]) {
    // Base case
    if (index == A.length) {
        Print (sum);
        return;
    }
    // take A[index]
    SubsetSum (index + 1, sum + A[index], A)
    // Don't take A[index]
    SubsetSum (index + 1, sum, A);
}
  
```