

Master DSA in 14 weeks

Coding Patterns and Roadmap



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DSA questions can be boiled down to 16 patterns! Solve and master those patterns and the problems become easier to solve. What are those patterns.

DSA Patterns :

1. Two Pointers

2. Fast & Slow pointers

3. Sliding Window

4. Merge Intervals

5. Cyclic Sort

6. In-place Reversal of a LinkedList

7. Stack

8. Monotonic Stack

9. Hash Maps

10. Tree Breadth First Search

11. Tree Depth First Search

12. Graphs

13. Island (Matrix traversal)

14. Two Heaps

15. Subsets

16. Modified Binary Search

17. Bitwise XOR

18. Top 'K' Elements

19. K-way merge

20. Greedy Algorithms

21. 0/1 Knapsack (Dynamic Programming)

22. Backtracking

23. Trie

24. Topological Sort (Graph)

25. Union Find

26. Ordered Set

27. Multi-thread

28. Miscellaneous

14 WEEK ROADMAP : Problems have been picked from this [link](#)

WEEK 1 : Two Pointers and Fast & Slow pointers

1. **Introduction**
2. **Pair with Target Sum (easy)** [LeetCode](#)

3. Remove Duplicates (easy) [LeetCode](#) [LeetCode](#) [LeetCode](#) [LeetCode](#) [LeetCode](#)
4. Squaring a Sorted Array (easy) [LeetCode](#)
5. Triplet Sum to Zero (medium) [LeetCode](#)
6. Triplet Sum Close to Target (medium) [LeetCode](#)
7. Triplets with Smaller Sum (medium) [LintCode](#)
8. Subarrays with Product Less than a Target (medium) [LeetCode](#)
9. Dutch National Flag Problem (medium) [CoderByte](#)
10. Problem Challenge 1: Quadruple Sum to Target (medium) [Leetcode](#)
11. Problem Challenge 2: Comparing Strings containing Backspaces (medium) [Leetcode](#)
12. Problem Challenge 3: Minimum Window Sort (medium) [Leetcode](#) [Ideserve](#)
13. Introduction [emre.me](#)
14. LinkedList Cycle (easy) [Leetcode](#)
15. Start of LinkedList Cycle (medium) [Leetcode](#)
16. Happy Number (medium) [Leetcode](#)
17. Middle of the LinkedList (easy) [Leetcode](#)
18. Problem Challenge 1: Palindrome LinkedList (medium) [Leetcode](#)
19. Problem Challenge 2: Rearrange a LinkedList (medium) [Leetcode](#)
20. Problem Challenge 3: Cycle in a Circular Array (hard) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 2: Sliding Window and Merge Intervals

1. Introduction
2. Maximum Sum Subarray of Size K (easy)
3. Smallest Subarray with a given sum (easy) [Educative.io](#)
4. Longest Substring with K Distinct Characters (medium) [Educative.io](#)
5. Fruits into Baskets (medium) [LeetCode](#)
6. No-repeat Substring (hard) [LeetCode](#)
7. Longest Substring with Same Letters after Replacement (hard) [LeetCode](#)

8. Longest Subarray with Ones after Replacement (hard) [LeetCode](#)
9. Problem Challenge 1: Permutation in a String (hard) [Leetcode](#)
10. Problem Challenge 2: String Anagrams (hard) [Leetcode](#)
11. Problem Challenge 3: Smallest Window containing Substring (hard) [Leetcode](#)
12. Problem Challenge 4: Words Concatenation (hard) [Leetcode](#)
13. Introduction [Educative.io](#)
14. Merge Intervals (medium) [Educative.io](#)
15. Insert Interval (medium) [Educative.io](#)
16. Intervals Intersection (medium) [Educative.io](#)
17. Conflicting Appointments (medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
18. Problem Challenge 1: Minimum Meeting Rooms (hard) [Lintcode](#)
19. Problem Challenge 2: Maximum CPU Load (hard) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
20. Problem Challenge 3: Employee Free Time (hard) [CoderTrain](#)

WEEK 3: Cyclic Sort and In-place reversal of Linked List

1. Introduction [emre.me](#)
2. Cyclic Sort (easy) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
3. Find the Missing Number (easy) [Leetcode](#)
4. Find all Missing Numbers (easy) [Leetcode](#)
5. Find the Duplicate Number (easy) [Leetcode](#)
6. Find all Duplicate Numbers (easy) [Leetcode](#)
7. Problem Challenge 1: Find the Corrupt Pair (easy) [TheCodingSimplified](#)
8. Problem Challenge 2: Find the Smallest Missing Positive Number (medium) [Leetcode](#)
9. Problem Challenge 3: Find the First K Missing Positive Numbers (hard) [TheCodingSimplified](#)
10. Introduction [emre.me](#)

11. Reverse a LinkedList (easy) [Leetcode](#)
12. Reverse a Sub-list (medium) [Leetcode](#)
13. Reverse every K-element Sub-list (medium) [Leetcode](#)
14. Problem Challenge 1: Reverse alternating K-element Sub-list (medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
15. Problem Challenge 2: Rotate a LinkedList (medium) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 4: Stack and Monotonic Stack

1. Introduction to Stack (Operations, Implementation, Applications)
2. Balanced Parentheses [Leetcode](#)
3. Reverse a String
4. Decimal to Binary Conversion
5. Next Greater Element [Leetcode - I](#) [Leetcode -II](#) [Leetcode - III](#) (Hard).
6. Sorting a Stack
7. Simplify Path [Leetcode](#)
8. Introduction to Monotonic Stack
9. Next Greater Element (easy) [Leetcode - I](#) [Leetcode -II](#) [Leetcode - III](#) (Hard).
10. Daily Temperatures (easy) [Leetcode](#)
11. Remove Nodes From Linked List (easy) [Leetcode](#)
12. Remove All Adjacent Duplicates In String (easy) [Leetcode](#)
13. Remove All Adjacent Duplicates in String II (medium) [Leetcode](#)
14. Remove K Digits (hard) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 5: Hash Maps and Tree : BFS

1. Introduction (Hashing, Hash Tables, Issues)
2. First Non-repeating Character (easy) [Leetcode](#)
3. Largest Unique Number (easy) [Leetcode+](#)
4. Maximum Number of Balloons (easy) [Leetcode](#)

5. Longest Palindrome(easy) [Leetcode](#)
6. Ransom Note (easy) [Leetcode](#)
7. Binary Tree Level Order Traversal (easy) [Leetcode](#)
8. Reverse Level Order Traversal (easy) [Leetcode](#)
9. Zigzag Traversal (medium) [Leetcode](#)
10. Level Averages in a Binary Tree (easy) [Leetcode](#)
11. Minimum Depth of a Binary Tree (easy) [Leetcode](#)
12. Maximum Depth of a Binary Tree (easy) [Leetcode](#)
13. Level Order Successor (easy) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
14. Connect Level Order Siblings (medium) [Leetcode](#)
15. Problem Challenge 1: Connect All Level Order Siblings (medium) [Educative](#)
16. Problem Challenge 2: Right View of a Binary Tree (easy) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 6: Tree : DFS and Graph

1. Introduction
2. Binary Tree Path Sum (easy) [Leetcode](#)
3. All Paths for a Sum (medium) [Leetcode](#)
4. Sum of Path Numbers (medium) [Leetcode](#)
5. Path With Given Sequence (medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
6. Count Paths for a Sum (medium) [Leetcode](#)
7. Problem Challenge 1: Tree Diameter (medium) [Leetcode](#)
8. Problem Challenge 2: Path with Maximum Sum (hard) [Leetcode](#)
9. Introduction to Graph (Representations, Abstract Data Type (ADT))
10. Graph Traversal: Depth First Search(DFS)
11. Graph Traversal: Breadth First Search (BFS)
12. Find if Path Exists in Graph(easy) [Leetcode](#)
13. Number of Provinces (medium) [Leetcode](#)
14. Minimum Number of Vertices to Reach All Nodes(medium) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 7: Island and Two Heaps

1. Introduction to Island Pattern
2. Number of Islands (easy) [Leetcode](#)
3. Biggest Island (easy)
4. Flood Fill (easy) [Leetcode](#)
5. Number of Closed Islands (easy) [Leetcode](#)
6. Find the Median of a Number Stream (medium) [Leetcode](#)
7. Sliding Window Median (hard) [Leetcode](#)
8. Maximize Capital (hard) [Leetcode](#)
9. **Maximum Sum Combinations* (medium) [InterviewBit](#)

WEEK 8: Subsets and Modified Binary Search

1. Introduction [Educative.io](#)
2. Subsets (easy) [Educative.io](#)
3. Subsets With Duplicates (easy) [Educative.io](#)
4. Permutations (medium) [Educative.io](#)
5. Introduction [Complete Pattern Theory and Solutions](#)
6. Order-agnostic Binary Search (easy) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
7. Ceiling of a Number (medium) [Geeksforgeeks-Ceil](#) [Geeksforgeeks-Floor](#)
8. Next Letter (medium) [Leetcode](#)
9. Number Range (medium) [Leetcode](#)
10. Search in a Sorted Infinite Array (medium) [Leetcode](#)
11. Minimum Difference Element (medium): Find the floor & ceil take the difference, minimum would be the ans
12. Bitonic Array Maximum (easy) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
13. Problem Challenge 1: Search Bitonic Array (medium) [Leetcode](#)
14. Problem Challenge 2: Search in Rotated Array (medium) [Leetcode](#)
15. Problem Challenge 3: Rotation Count (medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)

16. *Search a 2D Matrix (medium) [Leetcode](#)
17. *Minimum Number of Days to Make m Bouquets (medium) [Leetcode](#)
18. *Koko Eating Bananas (medium) [Leetcode](#)
19. *Capacity To Ship Packages Within D Days (medium) [Leetcode](#)
20. *Median of Two Sorted Arrays (hard) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 9: Bitwise XOR and Top K Elements

1. Single Number (easy)
2. Two Single Numbers (medium)
3. Complement of Base 10 Number (medium)
4. Problem Challenge 1: Flip and Invert an Image (hard)
5. [Introduction](#)
6. Top 'K' Numbers (easy) [Solution](#)
7. Kth Smallest Number (easy)
8. 'K' Closest Points to the Origin (easy) [Leetcode](#)
9. Connect Ropes (easy)
10. Top 'K' Frequent Numbers (medium)
11. Frequency Sort (medium)
12. Kth Largest Number in a Stream (medium) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 10: K-way merge and Greedy Sort

1. Merge K Sorted Lists (medium) [Leetcode](#)
2. Kth Smallest Number in M Sorted Lists (Medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
3. Kth Smallest Number in a Sorted Matrix (Hard) [Educative.io](#)
4. Smallest Number Range (Hard) [Leetcode](#)
5. Valid Palindrome II (easy) [Leetcode](#)
6. Maximum Length of Pair Chain (medium) [Leetcode](#)
7. Minimum Add to Make Parentheses Valid (medium) [Leetcode](#)

8. Remove Duplicate Letters (medium) [Leetcode](#)
9. Largest Palindromic Number (Medium) [Leetcode](#)
10. Removing Minimum and Maximum From Array (medium) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 11: 0/1 Knapsack and BackTracking

1. 0/1 Knapsack (medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
2. Equal Subset Sum Partition (medium) [Leetcode](#)
3. Subset Sum (medium) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
4. Minimum Subset Sum Difference (hard) [Geeksforgeeks](#)
5. Combination Sum (medium) [Leetcode - I](#) [Leetcode - II](#) [Leetcode - III](#) [Leetcode - IV](#)
6. Word Search (medium) [Leetcode - I](#) [Leetcode - II \(Hard\)](#)
7. Sudoku Solver (hard) [Leetcode](#)
8. Factor Combinations (medium) [Leetcode+](#)
9. Split a String Into the Max Number of Unique Substrings (medium) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 12: Trie and Topological Sort

1. Implement Trie (Prefix Tree) (medium) [Leetcode](#)
2. Index Pairs of a String (easy) [Leetcode+](#)
3. Design Add and Search Words Data Structure (medium) [Leetcode](#)
4. Extra Characters in a String (medium) [Leetcode](#)
5. Search Suggestions System (medium) [Leetcode](#)
6. Topological Sort (medium) [Youtube](#)
7. Tasks Scheduling (medium) [Leetcode-Similar](#)
8. Tasks Scheduling Order (medium) [Leetcode-Similar](#)
9. All Tasks Scheduling Orders (hard) [Leetcode-Similar](#)
10. Alien Dictionary (hard) [Leetcode](#)
11. Problem Challenge 1: Reconstructing a Sequence (hard) [Leetcode](#)

12. Problem Challenge 2: Minimum Height Trees (hard) [Leetcode](#)

WEEK 13: Union Find , Ordered Set and Multi-thread

1. Redundant Connection (medium) [Leetcode - I](#) [Leetcode - II](#) (Hard)
2. Number of Provinces (medium) [Leetcode](#)
3. Is Graph Bipartite? (medium) [Leetcode](#)
4. Path With Minimum Effort (medium) [Leetcode](#)
5. Merge Similar Items (easy) [Leetcode](#)
6. 132 Pattern (medium) [Leetcode](#)
7. My Calendar I (medium) [Leetcode](#) [Leetcode - II](#) [Leetcode - III](#) (Hard)

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