

Scala Interview Handbook — Batch 6

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Scala Theory & Cheatsheet

SCALA THEORY & CHEATSHEET (Quick Ref)

- Syntax: vals vs vars; methods; case classes; pattern matching.
- Collections: immutable List/Vector/Map/Set; mutable variants.
- Functional: map/flatMap/filter/fold; Options/Eithers; for-comprehensions.
- Performance: prefer immutable + structural sharing; use arrays for tight loops.
- Testing: ScalaTest AnyFunSuite; assertions; property-based (optional).

051. TransposeMatrix

Problem Overview & Strategy

TransposeMatrix — Detailed Explanation Approach: Bounds pointers (top/bottom/left/right) for spiral; transpose+reverse for rotation; classic i-k-j loops for multiplication. Correctness: Each layer/element is moved/visited exactly once. Complexity: $O(mn)$ time.

Scala Solution

```
package problems
```

```
object Problem051TransposeMatrix {  
  def transpose(M:Array[Array[Int]]): Array[Array[Int]] = {  
    val m=M.length; val n=M(0).length  
    val T = Array.ofDim[Int](n,m)  
    var i=0; while (i<m) { var j=0; while (j<n) { T(j)(i)=M(i)(j); j+=1 }; i+=1 }  
    T  
  }  
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
```

```
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
```

```
import problems.Problem051TransposeMatrix
```

```
class Problem051TransposeMatrixSpec extends AnyFunSuite {  
  test("transpose") {  
    val M = Array(Array(1,2,3), Array(4,5,6))  
    val T = Problem051TransposeMatrix.transpose(M)  
    assert(T(0).toList==List(1,4) && T(1).toList==List(2,5) && T(2).toList==List(3,6))  
  }  
}
```

052. SpiralMatrix

Problem Overview & Strategy

SpiralMatrix — Detailed Explanation Approach: Bounds pointers (top/bottom/left/right) for spiral; transpose+reverse for rotation; classic i-k-j loops for multiplication. Correctness: Each layer/element is moved/visited exactly once. Complexity: $O(mn)$ time.

Scala Solution

```
package problems
import scala.collection.mutable.ArrayBuffer

object Problem052SpiralMatrix {
  def spiral(m:Array[Array[Int]]): List[Int] = {
    val res = ArrayBuffer[Int]()
    if (m.isEmpty) return res.toList
    var top=0; var bot=m.length-1; var left=0; var right=m(0).length-1
    while (top<=bot && left<=right) {
      var j=left; while(j<=right){ res += m(top)(j); j+=1 }; top+=1
      var i=top; while(i<=bot){ res += m(i)(right); i+=1 }; right-=1
      if (top<=bot) { j=right; while(j>=left){ res += m(bot)(j); j-=1 }; bot-=1 }
      if (left<=right) { i=bot; while(i>=top){ res += m(i)(left); i-=1 }; left+=1 }
    }
    res.toList
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem052SpiralMatrix

class Problem052SpiralMatrixSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("spiral 3x3") {
    val m = Array(Array(1,2,3),Array(4,5,6),Array(7,8,9))
    assert(Problem052SpiralMatrix.spiral(m) == List(1,2,3,6,9,8,7,4,5))
  }
}
```

053. FindMissingNumber

Problem Overview & Strategy

FindMissingNumber — Detailed Explanation Approach: Idiomatic Scala solution with clear invariants and tested behavior. Correctness: Proven by invariant reasoning and unit tests. Complexity: See code comments.

Scala Solution

```
package problems
```

```
object Problem053FindMissingNumber {  
  def missing(a:Array[Int]): Int = {  
    val n=a.length  
    val expected = n*(n+1)/2  
    expected - a.sum  
  }  
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
```

```
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite  
import problems.Problem053FindMissingNumber
```

```
class Problem053FindMissingNumberSpec extends AnyFunSuite {  
  test("missing") {  
    assert(Problem053FindMissingNumber.missing(Array(0,1,3)) === 2)  
  }  
}
```

054. FindDuplicate

Problem Overview & Strategy

FindDuplicate — Detailed Explanation Approach: Idiomatic Scala solution with clear invariants and tested behavior. Correctness: Proven by invariant reasoning and unit tests. Complexity: See code comments.

Scala Solution

```
package problems

object Problem054FindDuplicate {
  def findDuplicate(a:Array[Int]): Int = {
    var slow=a(0); var fast=a(0)
    do { slow=a(slow); fast=a(a(fast)) } while (slow!=fast)
    slow=a(0)
    while (slow!=fast) { slow=a(slow); fast=a(fast) }
    slow
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem054FindDuplicate

class Problem054FindDuplicateSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("dup") {
    assert(Problem054FindDuplicate.findDuplicate(Array(1,3,4,2,2)) === 2)
  }
}
```

055. MedianTwoSortedArraysSmall

Problem Overview & Strategy

MedianTwoSortedArraysSmall — Detailed Explanation Approach: Use appropriate sorting—Merge/Quick/Heap—or selection (min-heap/quickselect). Correctness: Follows standard algorithms with proven invariants. Complexity: typically $O(n \log n)$ sort; quickselect average $O(n)$.

Scala Solution

```
package problems

object Problem055MedianTwoSortedArraysSmall {
  def median(A:Array[Int], B:Array[Int]): Double = {
    val n = A.length + B.length
    var i=0; var j=0; var prev=0; var cur=0
    var k=0; while (k<=n/2) {
      prev=cur
      if (i<A.length && (j>=B.length || A(i) <= B(j))) { cur=A(i); i+=1 }
      else { cur=B(j); j+=1 }
      k+=1
    }
    if (n%2==1) cur.toDouble else (prev + cur) / 2.0
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem055MedianTwoSortedArraysSmall

class Problem055MedianTwoSortedArraysSmallSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("median") {
    assert(math.abs(Problem055MedianTwoSortedArraysSmall.median(Array(1,3), Array(2)) - 2.0) < 1e-9)
    assert(math.abs(Problem055MedianTwoSortedArraysSmall.median(Array(1,2), Array(3,4)) - 2.5) < 1e-9)
  }
}
```

056. SearchInsertPosition

Problem Overview & Strategy

SearchInsertPosition — Detailed Explanation Approach: Classic binary search over a sorted array (or search-space). Correctness: Midpoint halving preserves invariant that target lies in $[lo, hi]$. Complexity: $O(\log n)$ time, $O(1)$ space.

Scala Solution

```
package problems

object Problem056SearchInsertPosition {
  def searchInsert(a:Array[Int], target:Int): Int = {
    var lo=0; var hi=a.length-1
    while (lo<=hi) {
      val mid=(lo+hi)>>1
      if (a(mid)==target) return mid
      else if (a(mid)<target) lo=mid+1
      else hi=mid-1
    }
    lo
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem056SearchInsertPosition

class Problem056SearchInsertPositionSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("search insert") {
    assert(Problem056SearchInsertPosition.searchInsert(Array(1,2,4,5),3) === 2)
  }
}
```

057. IntervalMerge

Problem Overview & Strategy

IntervalMerge — Detailed Explanation Approach: Idiomatic Scala solution with clear invariants and tested behavior. Correctness: Proven by invariant reasoning and unit tests. Complexity: See code comments.

Scala Solution

```
package problems

object Problem057IntervalMerge {
  def merge(intervals:Array[Array[Int]]): Array[Array[Int]] = {
    val arr = intervals.sortBy(_(0))
    val res = scala.collection.mutable.ArrayBuffer[Array[Int]]()
    for (in <- arr) {
      if (res.isEmpty || res.last(1) < in(0)) res += in.clone
      else res.last(1) = math.max(res.last(1), in(1))
    }
    res.toArray
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem057IntervalMerge

class Problem057IntervalMergeSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("merge intervals") {
    val r = Problem057IntervalMerge.merge(Array(Array(1,3),Array(2,6),Array(8,10),Array(15,18)))
    assert(r.length == 3)
  }
}
```


058. BestTimeToBuySellStock

Problem Overview & Strategy

BestTimeToBuySellStock — Detailed Explanation Approach: Idiomatic Scala solution with clear invariants and tested behavior. Correctness: Proven by invariant reasoning and unit tests. Complexity: See code comments.

Scala Solution

```
package problems

object Problem058BestTimeToBuySellStock {
  def maxProfit(prices:Array[Int]): Int = {
    var minP = prices(0); var best = 0
    for (p <- prices) { if (p<minP) minP=p; best = math.max(best, p-minP) }
    best
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem058BestTimeToBuySellStock

class Problem058BestTimeToBuySellStockSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("stock") {
    assert(Problem058BestTimeToBuySellStock.maxProfit(Array(7,1,5,3,6,4)) == 5)
  }
}
```

059. ProductOfArrayExceptSelf

Problem Overview & Strategy

ProductOfArrayExceptSelf — Detailed Explanation Approach: Idiomatic Scala solution with clear invariants and tested behavior. Correctness: Proven by invariant reasoning and unit tests. Complexity: See code comments.

Scala Solution

```
package problems

object Problem059ProductOfArrayExceptSelf {
  def productExceptSelf(a:Array[Int]): Array[Int] = {
    val n=a.length
    val res = Array.fill(n)(1)
    var pref=1
    var i=0; while (i<n) { res(i)=pref; pref*=a(i); i+=1 }
    var suf=1
    i=n-1; while (i>=0) { res(i)*=suf; suf*=a(i); i-=1 }
    res
  }
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
import problems.Problem059ProductOfArrayExceptSelf

class Problem059ProductOfArrayExceptSelfSpec extends AnyFunSuite {
  test("product except self") {
    assert(Problem059ProductOfArrayExceptSelf.productExceptSelf(Array(1,2,3,4)).toList == List(24,12,8,6))
  }
}
```

060. MaxProfitKTransactions

Problem Overview & Strategy

MaxProfitKTransactions — Detailed Explanation Approach: Idiomatic Scala solution with clear invariants and tested behavior.
Correctness: Proven by invariant reasoning and unit tests. Complexity: See code comments.

Scala Solution

```
package problems
```

```
object Problem060MaxProfitKTransactions {  
  def maxProfit(k:Int, prices:Array[Int]): Int = {  
    val n=prices.length; if (n==0 || k==0) return 0  
    if (k >= n/2) {  
      var prof=0; var i=1; while (i<n) { if (prices(i)>prices(i-1)) prof+=prices(i)-prices(i-1); i+=1 }; return prof  
    }  
    val buy = Array.fill(k+1)(Int.MinValue/4)  
    val sell = Array.fill(k+1)(0)  
    for (p <- prices) {  
      var t=1; while (t<=k) {  
        buy(t) = math.max(buy(t), sell(t-1) - p)  
        sell(t) = math.max(sell(t), buy(t) + p)  
        t+=1  
      }  
    }  
    sell(k)  
  }  
}
```

ScalaTest

```
package tests
```

```
import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite  
import problems.Problem060MaxProfitKTransactions  
  
class Problem060MaxProfitKTransactionsSpec extends AnyFunSuite {  
  test("k transactions dp") { assert(Problem060MaxProfitKTransactions.maxProfit(2, Array(3,2,6,5,0,3)) == 7) }  
}
```