

## AMCAT Automata Questions

The most commonly asked AMCAT Automata questions with their answers are discussed here. These questions of easy and hard difficulty levels. The commonly asked easy AMCAT Automata Questions are discussed below:

### Question 1: Program to check if two given matrices are identical

#### In C Language

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 4
// This function returns 1 if A[][] and B[][] are identical. Otherwise, it returns 0
int areSame(int A[][N], int B[][N])
{
    int i, j;
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
            if (A[i][j] != B[i][j])
                return 0;
    return 1;
}
int main()
{
    int A[N][N] = { {1, 1, 1, 1},
                    {2, 2, 2, 2},
                    {3, 3, 3, 3},
                    {4, 4, 4, 4}};
    int B[N][N] = { {1, 1, 1, 1},
                    {2, 2, 2, 2},
                    {3, 3, 3, 3},
                    {4, 4, 4, 4}};
    if (areSame(A, B))
        printf("Matrices are identical");
    else
        printf("Matrices are not identical");
    return 0;
}
```

The above is the program in C language.

#### In Java

The same **program written in Java** is given below:

```
package org.sb.twoMatrices;
import java.util.Scanner;
public class TwoMatricesAreEqualOrNot {
    private static int size;
    public static int checkMatrices(int A[][], int B[][]) {
        int i = 0, j = 0;
        for (i = 0; i <= size - 1; i++) {
            for (j = 0; j <= size - 1; j++) {
                if (A[i][j] != B[i][j])
                    return 0;
            }
        }
        return 1;
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = null;
        int i = 0, j = 0;
        int result = 0;
        // create scanner object
        sc = new Scanner(in);
        System.out.println("Please enter the size of array::");
        size = sc.nextInt();
        sc.nextLine();
        int A[][] = new int[size][size];
        int B[][] = new int[size][size];
        for (i = 0; i <= size - 1; i++) {
            for (j = 0; j <= size - 1; j++) {
                System.out.println("Please enter Array A[" + i + "][" + j + "] value::");
                A[i][j] = sc.nextInt();
                sc.nextLine();
                System.out.println("Please enter Array B[" + i + "][" + j + "] value::");
                B[i][j] = sc.nextInt();
                sc.nextLine();
            } // inner for
        } // outer for
        // invoke the checkMatrices method
        result = checkMatrices(A, B);
        if (result == 1)
            System.out.println("Matrices are identical..");
        else
            System.out.println("Matrices are not identical..");
        // close scanner
        sc.close();
    } // main
} // class
```

**Question 2: Program to print the given 2D Array or Matrix in spiral form**

## Input:

```
1  2  3  4  5  6
7  8  9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18
```

## In C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define R 3
#define C 6
void spiralPrint(int m, int n, int a[R][C])
{
    int i, k = 0, l = 0;
    /* k - starting row index
    m - ending row index
    l - starting column index
    n - ending column index
    i - iterator */
    while (k < m && l < n)
    {
        /* Print the first row from the remaining rows */
        for (i = l; i < n; ++i)
        {
            printf("%d ", a[k][i]);
        }
        k++;
        /* Print the last column from the remaining columns */
        for (i = k; i < m; ++i)
        {
            printf("%d ", a[i][n-1]);
        }
        n--;
        /* Print the last row from the remaining rows */
        if (k < m)
        {
            for (i = n-1; i >= l; --i)
            {
                printf("%d ", a[m-1][i]);
            }
            m--;
        }
        /* Print the first column from the remaining columns */
        if (l < n)
        {
            for (i = m-1; i >= k; --i)
            {
                printf("%d ", a[i][l]);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
l++;  
}  
}  
}  
/* Driver program for the above functions */  
int main()  
{  
int a[R][C] = { {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6},  
{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12},  
{13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18}  
};  
spiralPrint(R, C, a);  
return 0;
```

## Output:

1 2 3 4 5 6 12 18 17 16 15 14 13 7 8 9 10 11

**Question 3: A n-by-n matrix of 0's and 1's is given, where all 1's in each row come before all 0's, find the most efficient way to return the row with the maximum number of 0's.**

## In C

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <conio.h>  
#define COL4  
#define ROW4 using namespace std;  
int main()  
{int arr[ROW][COL]= { {1,1,1,1}, {1,1,0,0}, {1,0,0,0}, {1,1,0,0}, };  
int rownum;  
inti = 0, j = COL-1;  
while(i<ROW &&j>=0)  
{  
if(arr[i][j]==0)  
{  
j--;  
rownum=i;  
}  
else i++;  
}  
printf("%d", rownum);  
getch();  
return 0;  
}
```

## Using Temp

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define COL 4
#define ROW 4
int main() {
int arr[ROW][COL] = {
{1, 1, 1, 1},
{1, 1, 0, 0},
{1, 0, 0, 0},
{1, 1, 0, 0},
};
int rownum;
int i = 0, j = 0, temp, count = 0;
temp = count;
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
count = 0;
for (j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
if (arr[i][j] == 0) {
count++;
}
if (count > temp) {
temp = count;
rownum = i;
}
}
}
printf("%d", rownum);
return 0;
}
```

**Question 4: A Pythagorean triplet is a set of three integers a, b and c such that  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ . Given a limit, generate all Pythagorean Triples with values smaller than given limit. Limit = 20.**

First, understanding the question is important. In this question, The output required is

```
3   4   5
8   6  10
5  12  13
15  8  17
12 16  20
```

This is because,  $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$ .

There are two ways to solve this question.

1) The simple way is to generate triplets smaller than t given limit and check if it meets the given condition every time. If the condition is true, print the triplets. Even though this method is simple, this is not effective as the code will be long for larger limits.

2) The effective way to solve is problem is by using the variables m and n instead of a, b and c by using the following relation:

$$a = m^2 - n^2$$

$$b = 2 * m * n$$

$$c = m^2 + n^2 \text{ because,}$$

$$a^2 = m^4 + n^4 - 2 * m^2 * n^2$$

$$b^2 = 4 * m^2 * n^2$$

$$c^2 = m^4 + n^4 + 2 * m^2 * n^2$$

## In C

The above method is written in C program as given below:

```
// A C program to generate Pythagorean triplets smaller than a given limit
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
// Function to generate pythagorean triplets
// smaller than limit
void pythagoreanTriplets(int limit)
{
    // triplet: a^2 + b^2 = c^2
    int a, b, c=0;
    // loop from 2 to max_limitit
    int m = 2;
    // Limiting c would limit all a, b and c
    while (c < limit)
    {
        // now loop on j from 1 to i-1
        for (int n = 1; n < m; ++n)
        {
            // Evaluate and print triplets using
            // the relation between a, b and c
            a = m*m - n*n;
            b = 2*m*n;
            c = m*m + n*n;
            if (c > limit)
                break;
            printf("%d %d %d\n", a, b, c);
        }
        m++;
    }
}
```

```
}  
// Driver program  
int main()  
{  
    int limit = 20;  
    pythagoreanTriplets(limit);  
    return 0;  
}
```

## In Java

```
public class Amcat2 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(in);  
        int n = sc.nextInt();  
        int[] arrivingTime = new int[n];  
        int[] burstTime = new int[n];  
        int timeQuant;  
        int[] ans;  
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
            arrivingTime[i] = sc.nextInt();  
        }  
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
            burstTime[i] = sc.nextInt();  
            timeQuant = sc.nextInt();  
            ans = waitingTime(n, arrivingTime, burstTime, timeQuant);  
        }  
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
            out.print(ans[i] + " ");  
            out.println();  
        }  
        private static int[] waitingTime(int n, int[] a, int[] b, int q) {  
            int[] result = new int[n];  
            int[] processNo = new int[n];  
            for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
                processNo[i] = i;  
                b = sort(a,b,processNo);  
                sort(a);  
                int max = b[0];  
                int index = 0;  
                for(int i = 1; i < n; i++){  
                    if(max < b[i]){  
                        max = b[i];  
                        index = i;  
                    }  
                }  
                int[] c = new int[n];  
                int time = 0;  
                for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
                    c[i] = b[i];  
                    out.println(a[i] + " " + b[i]);  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
}
//System.out.println("max : " + max);
while(b[index] != 0){
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
if(b[i] == 0)
continue;
if(b[i] >= q){
b[i] -= q;
time += q;
if(b[i] == 0)
result[i] = time - a[i] - c[i];
}else{
time += q - b[i];
b[i] = 0;
result[i] = time - a[i] - c[i];
}
}
}
}
int temp;
for(int i = 1; i < n; i++){
for(int j = 0; j < i; j++){
if(processNo[i] < processNo[j]){
temp = result[i];
result[i] = result[j];
result[j] = temp;
}
}
}
return result;
}
private static int[] sort(int[] a, int[] b, int[] processNo) {
int temp;
for(int i = 1; i < a.length; i++){
for(int j = 0; j < i; j++){
if(a[i] < a[j]){
temp = a[i];
a[i] = a[j];
a[j] = temp;
temp = b[i];
b[i] = b[j];
b[j] = temp;
temp = processNo[i];
processNo[i] = processNo[j];
processNo[j] = temp;
}
}
}
return b;
}
}
```



**Question 5: Write a program to find the sum of contiguous sub array within a one-dimensional array of numbers which has the largest sum.**

### **Explanation:**

Simple idea of the Kadane's algorithm is used here. The algorithm is, to look for all positive contiguous segments of the array (max\_ending\_here is used for this) and keep a track of maximum sum of contiguous segment among all positive segments. max\_so\_far is used for this. Each time we get a positive sum, compare it with max\_so\_far and update max\_so\_far if it is greater than max\_so\_far.

### **In C++**

```
#include<iostream>
#include<climits>
using namespace std;
int maxSubArraySum(int a[], int size)
{
    int max_so_far = INT_MIN, max_ending_here = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
    {
        max_ending_here = max_ending_here + a[i];
        if (max_so_far < max_ending_here)
            max_so_far = max_ending_here;
        if (max_ending_here < 0)
            max_ending_here = 0;
    }
    return max_so_far;
}
/*Driver program to test maxSubArraySum*/
int main()
{
    int a[] = {-2, -3, 4, -1, -2, 1, 5, -3};
    int n = sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]);
    int max_sum = maxSubArraySum(a, n);
    cout << "Maximum contiguous sum is " << max_sum;
    return 0;
}
```

**Question 6: Write a program for bubble sorting.**

### **Explanation:**

The simple way to solve this is to compare two adjacent numbers in an array and swap their position if the second number is greater than the first. Continue this until the output is obtained.

## In C:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void swap(int *, int *);
void bubble(int[], int);
int main()
{
    int n;
    printf("Enter the size of n\n");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    int arr[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("Enter %d Element\n", i);
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    }
    printf("Array before sorting\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
    }
    bubble(arr, n);
    printf("\nArray after sorting\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");
    return 0;
}
void bubble(int a[], int n) {
    int i, j;
    for (i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
        for (j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) {
            if (a[j] > a[j + 1]) {
                swap(&a[j], &a[j + 1]);
            }
        }
    }
}
void swap(int *a, int *b)
{
    *a = *a + *b;
    *b = *a - *b;
    *a = *a - *b;
}
```

## Question 7: Write a program to find the GCD of two Integers.

### In C

```
#include
int main()
{
    int n1, n2, i, gcd;
    printf("Enter two integers: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &n1, &n2);
    for(i=1; i <= n1 && i <= n2; ++i)
    {
        // Checks if i is factor of both integers
        if(n1%i==0 && n2%i==0)
            gcd = i;
    }
    printf("G.C.D of %d and %d is %d", n1, n2, gcd);
    return 0;
}
```

### In Java

```
package arrayProject;
import java.util.*;
import java.math.*;
public class GCDPhrSe
{
    public static int gcd(int n1,int n2)
    {
        if(n1==0)
            return n2;
        if(n2==0)
            return n1;
        if(n1>n2)
            return gcd(n1-n2,n2);
        else
            return gcd(n2-n1,n1);
    }
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Scanner sc=new Scanner(in);
        int n1,n2;
        System.out.println("Enter two no");
        n1=sc.nextInt();
        n2=sc.nextInt();
        int n3=gcd(n1,n2);
        System.out.println(n3);
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

## **Question 8: Write a program to remove all vowels from a string.**

There are two ways to write this program.

### **In C Using Pointers**

```
#include < stdio.h >  
#include < stdlib.h >  
#include < string.h >  
#define TRUE 1  
# define FALSE 0  
int check_vowel(char);  
main() {  
char string[100], * temp, * pointer, ch, * start;  
printf("Enter a string\n");  
gets(string);  
temp = string;  
pointer = (char * ) malloc(100);  
if (pointer == NULL) {  
printf("Unable to allocate memory.\n");  
exit(EXIT_FAILURE);  
}  
start = pointer;  
while ( * temp) {  
ch = * temp;  
if (!check_vowel(ch)) { * pointer = ch;  
pointer++;  
}  
temp++;  
} * pointer = '\0';  
pointer = start;  
strcpy(string, pointer); /* If you wish to convert original string */  
free(pointer);  
printf("String after removing vowel is \"%s\"\n", string);  
return 0;  
}  
int check_vowel(char a) {  
if (a >= 'A' && a <= 'Z') a = a + 'a' - 'A';  
if (a == 'a' || a == 'e' || a == 'i' || a == 'o' || a == 'u') return TRUE;  
return FALSE;  
}
```

### **In C Using Switch Case**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int check_vowel(char);
int main()
{
    char s[100], t[100];
    int i, j = 0;
    printf("Enter a string to delete vowels\n");
    gets(s);
    for(i = 0; s[i] != '\0'; i++) {
        if(check_vowel(s[i]) == 0) { //not a vowel
            t[j] = s[i];
            j++;
        }
    }
    t[j] = '\0';
    strcpy(s, t); //We are changing initial string
    printf("String after deleting vowels: %s\n", s);
    return 0;
}
int check_vowel(char c)
{
    switch(c) {
        case 'a':
        case 'A':
        case 'e':
        case 'E':
        case 'i':
        case 'I':
        case 'o':
        case 'O':
        case 'u':
        case 'U':
            return 1;
        default:
            return 0;
    }
}
```

**Question 9: Write a program to return a sorted array from two unsorted array.**

**In C++**

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
// Function to merge array in sorted order
void sortedMerge(int a[], int b[], int res[], int n, int m)
```

```
{
// Concatenate two arrays
int i = 0, j = 0, k = 0;
while (i < n)
{
res[k] = a[i];
i += 1;
k += 1;
}
while (j < m) {
res[k] = b[j];
j += 1;
k += 1;
}
// sorting the res array
sort(res, res + n + m);
}
// Driver code
int main()
{
int a[] = { 10, 5, 15 };
int b[] = { 20, 3, 2, 12 };
int n = sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0]);
int m = sizeof(b) / sizeof(b[0]);
// Final merge list
int res[n + m];
sortedMerge(a, b, res, n, m);
cout << "Sorted merged list :";
for (int i = 0; i < n + m; i++)
cout << " " << res[i];
cout << "n";
return 0;
}
```

## In Java

```
public class SortedArray {
public static void main(String[] args) {
int a[]={8,7,9};
int b[]={10,5};
sort(a,b);
}
public static void sort(int[] a,int[] b) {
int[] c= new int[a.length+b.length];
for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
c[i]=a[i];
}
for (int i = 0, j=a.length; i < b.length; i++,j++) {
c[j]=b[i];
}
```

```
}  
for (int i = 0; i < c.length; i++) {  
    for (int j = i+1; j < c.length; j++) {  
        if(c[i]>c[j]) {  
            int temp=c[i];  
            c[i]=c[j];  
            c[j]=temp;  
        }  
    }  
}  
out.print("Sorted Array : ");  
for (int i = 0; i < c.length; i++) {  
    System.out.print(c[i]+" ");  
}  
}  
}
```

**Question 10: Write a program to swap two numbers without using third variable,**

**In C**

This question can be solved using three ways as follows:

### **1) Using + and -**

```
#include<stdio.h>  
intmain()  
{  
    inta=10, b=20;  
    printf("Before swap a=%d b=%d",a,b);  
    a=a+b;//a=30 (10+20)  
    b=a-b;//b=10 (30-20)  
    a=a-b;//a=20 (30-10)  
    printf("\nAfter swap a=%d b=%d",a,b);  
    return0;  
}
```

### **2) Using \* and /**

```
#include<stdio.h>  
#include<stdlib.h>  
intmain()  
{  
    inta=10, b=20;  
    printf("Before swap a=%d b=%d",a,b);  
    a=a*b;//a=200 (10*20)
```

```
b=a/b;//b=10 (200/20)
a=a/b;//a=20 (200/10)
system("cls");
printf("\nAfter swap a=%d b=%d",a,b);
return 0;
}
```

### 3) Using Bitwise XOR

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x = 10, y = 5;
    // Code to swap 'x' (1010) and 'y' (0101)
    x = x ^ y; // x now becomes 15 (1111)
    y = x ^ y; // y becomes 10 (1010)
    x = x ^ y; // x becomes 5 (0101)
    printf("After Swapping: x = %d, y = %d", x, y);
    return 0;
}
```

### Question 11: Write a program to find out sum of digits of given number.

This is a tricky question to solve. The algorithm to solve the question is given below:

- 1) Take the integer as input.
- 2) Divide the input integer by 10, obtain its remainder and quotient.
- 3) Increment the new variable with the remainder obtained in step 2.
- 4) Repeat the step 2 & 3 with the quotient obtained until the quotient becomes zero.
- 5) Print the output and exit.

### In C

```
/*C program to accept an integer & find the sum of its digits*/
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    long num, temp, digit, sum = 0;
    printf("Enter the number \n");
    scanf("%ld", &num);
    temp = num;
    while (num > 0)
    {
```



```
digit = num % 10;
sum = sum + digit;
num /= 10;
}
printf("Given number = %ld\n", temp);
printf("Sum of the digits %ld = %ld\n", temp, sum);
}
```

## **Question 12: Write a program to print Fibonacci series of given range.**

### **In C**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void main()
{
    long a=1 ,b=1 , c ;
    int i , n ;
    printf("Enter n: ") ;
    scanf("%d" , &n) ;
    printf("Fibonacci series is as shown: \n") ;
    if(n==1)
        printf("%ld \n %ld \n" , a , b) ;
    else if(n>1)
    {
        printf("%ld \n %ld \n" , a , b) ;
        c=a+b ;
        do
        {
            printf(" %ld \n" , c) ;
            a=b ;
            b=c ;
            c=a+b ;
        }
        while(c<=n) ;
    }
}
```

## **Difficult AMCAT Automata Questions**

One of the two questions asked in AMCAT Automata is difficult to solve. Here are a few of those questions discussed below:

**Question 1:** A system that can run multiple concurrent jobs on a single CPU have a process of choosing which

task has to run when, and how to break them up, called “scheduling”. The Round-Robin policy for scheduling runs each job for a fixed amount of time before switching to the next job. The waiting time for a job is the total time that it spends waiting to be run. Each job arrives at particular time for scheduling and certain time to run, when a new job arrives, It is scheduled after existing jobs already waiting for CPU time

Given list of job submission, calculate the average waiting time for all jobs using Round-Robin policy.

The input to the function waitingTimeRobin consist of two integer arrays containing job arrival and run times, an integer n representing number of jobs and an integer q representing the fixed amount of time used by Round-Robin policy. The list of job arrival time and run time sorted in ascending order by arrival time. For jobs arriving at same time, process them in the order they are found in the arrival array. You can assume that jobs arrive in such a way that CPU is never idle.

The function should return floating point value for the average waiting time which is calculated using round robin policy.

Assume  $0 \leq \text{jobs arrival time} < 100$  and  $0 < \text{job run time} < 100$ .

In C

```
#include<stdio.h>
int waitingtimerobin(int *job,int *run,int n,int tq)
{
    int j,count,time,remain,flag=0;
    int wait_time=0,turnaround_time=0,rt[10];
    remain=n;
    for(count=0;count<n;count++)
    {
        rt[count]=run[count];
    }
}
```

```

for(time=0,count=0;remain!=0;)
{
if(rt[count]<=tq && rt[count]>0)
{
time += rt[count];
rt[count]=0;
flag=1;
}
else if(rt[count]>0)
{
rt[count] -= time_quantum;
time += time_quantum;
}
if(rt[count]==0 && flag==1)
{
remain--;
wait_time += time-job[count]-run[count];
flag=0;
}
if(count==n-1)
count=0;
else if(job[count+1]<=time)
count++;
else
count=0;
}
printf("waiting time %f",wait_time*1.0/n);
return 0;
}
int main()
{
int ja[],at[];
int n,tq;
scanf("%d",&n);
for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
scanf("%d%d", &ja[i],&at[i]);
}
scanf("%d",&tq);
int *cellsptr=ja;
int *cellsptr1=at;
waitingtimerobin(cellsptr,cellsptr1,n,tq);
return 0;
}

```

**Question 2:** Mooshak the mouse has been placed in a maze. There is a huge chunk of cheese somewhere in the maze. The maze is represented as a two

dimensional array of integers, where 0 represents walls. 1 represents paths where Mooshak can move and 9 represents the huge chunk of cheese.

Mooshak starts in the top left corner at 0.

Write a method isPath of class Maze Path to determine if Mooshak can reach the huge chunk of cheese. The input to isPath consists of a two dimensional array and for the maze matrix. the method should return 1 if there is a path from Mooshak to the cheese. and 0 if not. Mooshak is not allowed to leave the maze or climb on walls.

EX: 8 by 8(8\*8) matrix maze where Mooshak can get the cheese.

```
1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1
1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 1 0 9 0 1 1
1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1
1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1
1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

Test Cases:

Case 1:

Input: [[1,1,1],[9,1,1],[0,1,0]]

Expected return value :1

Explanation:

The piece of cheese is placed at(1,0) on the grid

Mooshak can move from (0,0) to (1,0) to reach it or can move from (0,0) to (0,1) to (1,1) to (1,0)

Test case 2:

Input:

[[0,0,0],[9,1,1],[0,1,1]]

Expected return value:0

Explanation:

Mooshak cannot move anywhere as there exists a wall right on (0,0)

## In C

```
Int isPath(int **grid,int m,int n)
{
if (x,y outside maze) return false
if (x,y is goal) return true
if (x,y not open) return false
mark x,y as part of solution path
if (FIND-PATH(North of x,y) == true) return true
if (FIND-PATH(East of x,y) == true) return true
if (FIND-PATH(South of x,y) == true) return true
if (FIND-PATH(West of x,y) == true) return true
unmark x,y as part of solution path
return false*/
public boolean findPath(int x, int y){
// check x,y are outside maze.
if(x < 0 || x >= mazelength || y < 0 || y >= mazelength )
{
return false;
}
if(maze[x][y] == 9)
{
return true;
}
if(maze[x][y] != 1) return false; //mark x, y as part of the solution path
if(maze[x][y] == 1)
{
maze[x][y] = 3;
}
// move North
if( findPath(x-1,y)){
return true;
}
//move East
if( findPath(x,y+1)) return true;
//move South
if( findPath(x+1,y)) return true;
//move West
if( findPath(x,y-1)) return true;
// unMark x,y as part of the solution.
{
```

```

maze[x][y] = 0;
return false;
}
public void printSolution(){
out.println("Final Solution : ");
for(int i=0;i<mazelength;i++){
for(int j=0;j<mazelength;j++){
out.print(" "+maze[i][j]+" ");
}
out.println();
}
}
public static void main(String args[])
{
RatMazeProblem ratMazeProblem = new RatMazeProblem();
out.println(" is Path exist : "+ratMazeProblem.findPath(0,0));
printSolution();
}
}
}

```

**Question 3:** The Least-Recently-Used(LRU) cache algorithm exists the element from the cache(when it's full) that was least-recently-used. After an element is requested from the cache, it should be added to the cache(if not already there) and considered the most-recently-used element in the cache.

Given the maximum size of the cache and a list of integers(to request from the cache), calculate the number of cache misses using the LRU cache algorithm. A cache miss occur when the requested integer does not exist in the cache.

Initially, the cache is empty.

The input to the function LruCountMiss shall consist of an integer max\_cache\_size, an array pages and its length len.

The function should return an integer for the number of cache misses using the LRU cache algorithm.

Assume that the array pages always have pages numbered from 1 to 50.

Test Case 1:

INPUT: 3,[7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0],16

EXPECTED RETURN VALUE: 11

Test Case 2:

INPUT: 2,[2,3,1,3,2,1,4,3,2],9

EXPECTED RETURN VALUE: 8

## In C

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int lruCountMiss(int max_cache_size, int *pages,int len)
{
    int miss=0,cache[max_cache_size];
    /*variable miss and cache declared*/
    for (int i=0;i<max_cache_size;i++)
    {
        /*this is for clearing value of cache i.e. to empty cache. I used any value here*/
        cache[i]=0x87787;
    }
    for (int i=0;i<len;i++)
    {
        /*for loop for all the value from list one by one*/
        for(int j=0;j<max_cache_size;j++)
        {
            /*loop to check the cache value, if it matches the value*/
            if (pages[i]==cache[j]){ for (int k=i; k<max_cache_size;k++)
            {
                /*if the value is already present in the cache then shifting values from the present
                value.*/
                cache[i]=cache[i+1];
            }
            cache[max_cache_size-1]=pages[i];
            /*updating the last value of cache*/
            break;
        }
        else if(j==(max_cache_size-1))
        {
            for (int l=0; l<max_cache_size;l++)
            {
                /*if the value is not present in the cache then shifting values from starting.*/
                cache[l]=cache[l+1];
            }
            cache[max_cache_size-1]=pages[i];
            /*updating the last value of cache*/
```

```

miss++; } } return miss;
}
/*returning the Miss*/
int main()
{
/*main function*/
cout<< "We are checking two cases.\n"<<"Case 1:t"<<"Array values are
[7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0] n and cache size= 3; and total values to check are
16: n We got the miss. ";
int days,pages[]={7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0};
/*array to pass through function*/
int *cellspr=pages;
/*creating array values to pointer*/
cout<<"Miss =t"<<lruCountMiss(3,cellspr,16);
//passing to function
cout<<"nnCase 2:t"<<"Array values are [2,3,1,3,2,1,4,3,2] nand cache size= 2; and
total values to check are 9: n We got the miss. ";
int pages2[]={2,3,1,3,2,1,4,3,2};
int *cellspr2=pages2;
/*creating array values to pointer*/
cout<<"Miss =t"<<lruCountMiss(2,cellspr2,9);//passing to function return 0;
}

```

**Question 4:** Write a function to insert an integer into a circular linked \_list whose elements are sorted in ascending order smallest to largest. The input to the function insertSortedList is a pointer start to some node in the circular list and an integer n between 0 and 100. Return a pointer to the newly inserted node.

The structure to follow for a node of the circular linked list is\_\_

```

Struct CNode ;
Typedef struct CNode cnode;
Struct CNode
{
Int value;
Cnode* next;
};
Cnode* insertSortedList (cnode* start,int n

```



```
{  
//WRITE YOUR CODE HERE  
}  
//FUNCTION SIGNATURE ENDS
```

Test Case 1:

Input: [3->4->6->1->2->^],5

Expected Return Value: [5->6->1->2->3->4->^]

Test Case 2:

Input: [1->2->3->4->5->^],0

Expected Return Value: [0->1->2->3->4->5->^]

## Algorithm:

Allocate memory for the newly inserted node and put data in it. Let the pointer to the new node be new\_node. After memory allocation, following three cases needs to be handled.

### 1) Linked List is empty:

a) Since new\_node is the only node in CLL, make a self loop.

```
new_node->next = new_node;
```

b) change the head pointer to point to new node.

```
*head_ref = new_node;
```

### 2) New node is to be inserted just before the head node:

Find out the last node using a loop.

```
while(current->next != *head_ref)
```

```
current = current->next;
```

(b) Change the next of last node.

```
current->next = new_node;
```

(c) Change next of new node to point to head.

```
new_node->next = *head_ref;
```

(d) change the head pointer to point to new node.

```
*head_ref = new_node;
```

### **3) New node is to be inserted somewhere after the head node:**

Locate the node after which new node is to be inserted.

```
while ( current->next!= *head_ref &&
```

```
current->next->data < new_node->data)
```

```
{  current = current->next;  }
```

(b) Make next of new\_node as next of the located pointer

```
new_node->next = current->next;
```

(c) Change the next of the located pointer

```
current->next = new_node;
```

## **In C**

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
/* structure for a node */
struct Node
{
int data;
struct Node *next;
};
/* function to insert a new_node in a list in sorted way.
Note that this function expects a pointer to head node
as this can modify the head of the input linked list */
void sortedInsert(struct Node** head_ref, struct Node* new_node)
{
struct Node* current = *head_ref;
// Case 1 of the above algo
if (current == NULL)
{
new_node->next = new_node;
*head_ref = new_node;
}
// Case 2 of the above algo
else if (current->data >= new_node->data)
{
/* If value is smaller than head's value then
we need to change next of last node */
```

```
while(current->next != *head_ref)
current = current->next;
current->next = new_node;
new_node->next = *head_ref;
*head_ref = new_node;
}
// Case 3 of the above algo
else
{
/* Locate the node before the point of insertion */
while (current->next!= *head_ref &&
current->next->data < new_node->data)
current = current->next;
new_node->next = current->next;
current->next = new_node;
}
}
/* Function to print nodes in a given linked list */
void printList(struct Node *start)
{
struct Node *temp;
if(start != NULL)
{
temp = start;
printf("\n");
do {
printf("%d ", temp->data);
temp = temp->next;
} while(temp != start);
}
}
/* Driver program to test above functions */
int main()
{
int arr[] = {12, 56, 2, 11, 1, 90};
int list_size, i;
/* start with empty linked list */
struct Node *start = NULL;
struct Node *temp;
/* Create linked list from the array arr[].
Created linked list will be 1->2->11->12->56->90 */
for (i = 0; i < 6; i++)
{
temp = (struct Node *)malloc(sizeof(struct Node));
temp->data = arr[i];
sortedInsert(&start, temp);
}
printList(start);
return 0;
}
```

These are the most commonly asked AMCAT Automata questions with their answers. Even if the candidate can't derive an output for the question, it is advisable to try to write the code as much as he can. This is because, even partial answers and getting input carries marks.

**Q1.** There is a colony of 8 cells arranged in a straight line where each day every cell competes with its adjacent cells (neighbour). Each day, for each cell, if its neighbours are both active and both inactive, the cell becomes inactive the next day, otherwise it becomes active the next day.

**Assumptions:** The two cells on the ends have single adjacent cell, so the other adjacent cell can be assumed to be always inactive.  
Even after updating the cell state. Consider its previous state for updating the state of other cells.  
Update the cell information of all cells simultaneously.  
Write a function cell Compete which takes one 8 element array of integer's cells representing the current state of 8 cells and one integer days representing the number of days to simulate.  
An integer value of 1 represents an active cell and value of 0 represents an inactive cell.

### Existing Program

```
int* cellCompete(int* cells,int days)

{

/write your code here

}

//function signature ends
```

### Test Cases

TESTCASES 1:  
INPUT:  
[1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0],1  
EXPECTED RETURN VALUE:  
[0,1,0,0,1,0,1,0]

TESTCASE 2:  
INPUT:  
[1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1],2  
EXPECTED RETURN VALUE:  
[0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0]

### Solution:

```
#include<iostream>

using namespace std;
```

```
int cellCompete(int *cells ,int day){

//write your code here

for (int i=0;i<day;i++){

cells[-1]=0; //assumptions

cells[8]=0;//assumptions

int u[8]; //another array to copy value

for (int i=-1;i<9;i++){

u[i]=cells[i];

}

for(int j=0;j<8;j++){

if(u[j-1]==u[j+1]){ //comparing the value of the neighbouring cells of u[]

cells[j]=0; //changing value of cell according to condition

}

else

cells[j]=1;

} }

for (int i=0;i<8;i++){

cout<<cells[i];

}

return 0;}

int main(){ //main function

int days,cells[]={1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0}; //array to pass through function

int *cellsptr=cells; //creating array values to pointer

cout<<"enter days:"; //for days

cin>>days;

cout<<"n[1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0]n";

cellCompete(cellsptr, days); //passing to function
```

```
return 0;

}
```

**Q2.** Mooshak the mouse has been placed in a maze. There is a huge chunk of cheese somewhere in the maze. The maze is represented as a two-dimensional array of integers, where 0 represents walls. 1 represents paths where Mooshak can move and 9 represents the huge chunk of cheese.

Mooshak starts in the top left corner at 0.

Write a method isPath of class Maze Path to determine if Mooshak can reach the huge chunk of cheese. The input to isPath consists of a two dimensional array and for the maze matrix. The method should return 1 if there is a path from Mooshak to the cheese. And 0 if not Mooshak is not allowed to leave the maze or climb on walls.

**EX: 8 by 8(8\*8) matrix maze where Mooshak can get the cheese.**

```
1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1
1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 1 0 9 0 1 1
1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1
1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1
1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

### Test Cases:

#### Case 1:

Input: [[1,1,1],[9,1,1],[0,1,0]]

Expected return value :1

Explanation:

The piece of cheese is placed at(1,0) on the grid Mooshak can move from (0,0) to (1,0) to reach it or can move from (0,0) to (0,1) to (1,1) to (1,0)

Test case 2:

Input: [[0,0,0],[9,1,1],[0,1,1]]

Expected return value: 0

Explanation:

Mooshak cannot move anywhere as there exists a wall right on (0,0)

### Existing Program

```
/*include header files needed by your program
```

```
some library functionality may be restricted
```

```
define any function needed
```

```
fuction signature begins, this function is required*/
```

```
Int isPath(int **grid,int m,int n)
```

```
{/*
```

```
write your code here
```

```
*}
```

```
/function signature ends
```

## **Solution:**

```
if (x,y outside maze) return false
```

```
if (x,y is goal) return true
```

```
if (x,y not open) return false
```

```
mark x,y as part of solution path
```

```
if (FIND-PATH(North of x,y) == true) return true
```

```
if (FIND-PATH(East of x,y) == true) return true
```

```
if (FIND-PATH(South of x,y) == true) return true
```

```
if (FIND-PATH(West of x,y) == true) return true
```

```
unmark x,y as part of solution path
```

```
return false*/
```

```
public boolean findPath(int x, int y){
```

```
// check x,y are outside maze.
```

```
if(x < 0 || x >= mazelength || y < 0 || y >= mazelength ){
```

```
return false;
```

```
}
```

```
if(maze[x][y] == 9) {
```

```
return true;
```

```
}
```

```
if(maze[x][y] != 1) return false;
```

```
//mark x, y as part of the solution path
```

```
if(maze[x][y] == 1){
```

```
maze[x][y] = 3;
```

```
}
```

```
// move North
```

```
if( findPath(x-1,y)){  
    return true;  
}  
  
//move East  
  
if( findPath(x,y+1)) return true;  
  
//move South  
  
if( findPath(x+1,y)) return true;  
  
//move West  
  
if( findPath(x,y-1)) return true;  
  
// unMark x,y as part of the solution.  
  
maze[x][y] = 0;  
  
return false;  
}  
  
public void printSolution(){  
    System.out.println("Final Solution ::::: ");  
  
    for(int i=0;i<mazelength;i++){  
  
        for(int j=0;j<mazelength;j++){  
  
            System.out.print(" "+maze[i][j]+" ");  
  
        }  
  
        System.out.println();  
  
    }  
  
}  
  
public static void main(String args[]){  
  
    RatMazeProblem ratMazeProblem = new RatMazeProblem();  
  
    System.out.println(" is Path exist ::: "+ratMazeProblem.findPath(0,0));  
  
    ratMazeProblem.printSolution();  
  
}
```



```
}
```

**Q1.** The least recently used (LRU) cache algorithm exists the element from the cache(when it's full) that was least recently used. After an element is requested from the cache, it should be added to the cache (if not already there) and considered the most recently used element in the cache.

Initially, the cache is empty. The input to the function LruCountMiss shall consist of an integer max\_cache\_size, an array pages and its length Len

The function should return an integer for the number of cache misses using the LRU cache algorithm.

Assume that the array pages always have pages numbered from 1 to 50.

**TEST CASES:**

TEST CASE1:

INPUT:

3,[7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0],16

EXPECTED RETURN VALUE:

11

TESTCASE 2:

INPUT:

2,[2,3,1,3,2,1,4,3,2],9

EXPECTED RETURN VALUE:

8

**EXPLANATION:**

The following page numbers are missed one after the other 2,3,1,2,1,4,3,2.This results in 8 page misses.

**Existing Program**

```
int lruCountMiss(int max_cache_size, int *pages,int len)
```

```
{/
```

```
/write your code
```

```
}
```

**Solved Program**

```
#include<iostream>

using namespace std;

int lruCountMiss(int max_cache_size, int *pages,int len)

{

int miss=0,cache[max_cache_size]; /*variable miss and cache declared*/

for (int i=0;i<max_cache_size;i++){

/*this is for clearing value of cache i.e. to empty cache. I used any value here*/

cache[i]=0x87787;

}

for (int i=0;i<len;i++){ /*for loop for all the value from list one by one*/

for(int j=0;j<max_cache_size;j++){

/*loop to check the cache value, if it matches the value*/

if (pages[i]==cache[j]){

for (int k=i; k<max_cache_size;k++){

/*if the value is already present in the cache then shifting values from the present value.*/

cache[i]=cache[i+1];

}

cache[max_cache_size-1]=pages[i]; /*updating the last value of cache*/

break;

}

else if(j==(max_cache_size-1)){

for (int l=0; l<max_cache_size;l++){

/*if the value is not present in the cache then shifting values from starting.*/

cache[l]=cache[l+1];
```

```

}

cache[max_cache_size-1]=pages[i];

/*updating the last value of cache*/

miss++;

}

}}

return miss; /*returning the Miss*/

int main(){ /*main function*/

cout<<< "We are checking two cases.\n"<<<"Case 1:t"<<<"Array values are
[7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0] nand cache size= 3; and total values to check are 16:
n We got the miss. ";

int days,pages[]={7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0};

/*array to pass through function*/

int *cellsprtr=pages;

/*creating array values to pointer*/

cout<<<"Miss =t"<<<lruCountMiss(3,cellsprtr,16);//passing to function

cout<<<"nnCase 2:t"<<<"Array values are [2,3,1,3,2,1,4,3,2] nand cache size=
2; and total values to check are 9: n We got the miss. ";

int pages2[]={2,3,1,3,2,1,4,3,2};

int *cellsprtr2=pages2;

/*creating array values to pointer*/

cout<<<"Miss =t"<<<lruCountMiss(2,cellsprtr2,9);//passing to function

return 0;

}

```

**One practice question for you.**

Write a function to insert an integer into a circular linked \_list whose elements are sorted in ascending order (smallest to largest). The input to the function insert

Sorted List is a pointer start to some node in the circular list and an integer n between 0 and 100. Return a pointer to the newly inserted node...

The structure to follow for a node of the circular linked list is

```
Struct CNode ;
Typedef struct CNode cnode;
Struct CNode
{

    Int value;
    Cnode* next;
};C
node* insertSortedList (cnode* start,int n
{/
/WRITE YOUR CODE HERE
}/
/FUNCTION SIGNATURE ENDS
```

## Test Case 1:

Input:

[3>4>6>1>2>^],5

Expected Return Value:

[5>6>1>2>3>4>^]

## Test Case 2:

Input:

[1>2>3>4>5>^],0

Expected Return Value:

[0>1>2>3>4>5>^]

Given the maximum size of the cache and a list of integers (to request from the cache), calculate the number of cache misses using the LRU cache algorithm. A cache miss occur when the requested integer does not exist in the cache.