1. Discuss the importance of visualizing the solutions of the N-Queens Problem to understand the placement of queens better. Use a graphical representation to show how queens are placed on the board for different values of N. Explain how visual tools can help in debugging the algorithm and gaining insights into the problem's complexity. Provide examples of visual representations for N = 4, N = 5, and N = 8, showing different valid solutions.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
def plot_n_queens_solution(solution, N):
  board = np.zeros((N, N))
  for i in range(N):
    board[i, solution[i]] = 1
  plt.imshow(board, cmap='binary')
  plt.xticks([]) # Hide axis labels
  plt.yticks([])
  for i in range(N):
    plt.text(solution[i], i, '\', ha='center', va='center', fontsize=20)
  plt.show()
solutions = {
  4: [1, 3, 0, 2],
  5: [0, 2, 4, 1, 3],
  8: [0, 4, 7, 5, 2, 6, 1, 3]
}
for N, solution in solutions.items():
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plot\_n\_queens\_solution(solution, N)

2. Discuss the generalization of the N-Queens Problem to other board sizes and shapes, such as rectangular boards or boards with obstacles. Explain how the algorithm can be adapted to handle these variations and the additional constraints they introduce. Provide examples of solving generalized N-Queens Problems for different board configurations, such as an 8×10 board, a 5×5 board with obstacles, and a 6×6 board with restricted positions.

```
import numpy as np
N = 5
rows, cols = 5, 5
obstacles = [(2, 2), (4, 3)]
restricted_positions = [(1, 0), (3, 4)]
board = np.zeros((rows, cols))
for r, c in obstacles:
  board[r][c] = -1
queens = []
for r in range(rows):
  for c in range(cols):
    if (r, c) not in obstacles and (r, c) not in restricted_positions:
       safe = True
       for qr, qc in queens:
         if qr == r or qc == c or abs(qr - r) == abs(qc - c):
           safe = False
           break
       if safe:
         queens.append((r, c))
         board[r][c] = 1
         break
for row in board:
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print(" ".join('Q' if cell == 1 else 'X' if cell == -1 else '.' for cell in row))

3. Write a program to solve a Sudoku puzzle by filling the empty cells. A sudoku solution must satisfy all of the following rules: Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each row. Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each column. Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each of the 9 3x3 sub-boxes of the indicates empty cells.

```
def is_safe(board, row, col, num):
  for x in range(9):
    if board[row][x] == num:
      return False
  for x in range(9):
    if board[x][col] == num:
      return False
  start_row, start_col = 3 * (row // 3), 3 * (col // 3)
  for i in range(3):
    for j in range(3):
      if board[i + start_row][j + start_col] == num:
        return False
  return True
def solve_sudoku(board):
  for row in range(9):
    for col in range(9):
      if board[row][col] == 0: # Find an empty cell
        for num in range(1, 10): # Try all numbers from 1 to 9
           if is_safe(board, row, col, num):
             board[row][col] = num # Tentatively place num
             if solve_sudoku(board): # Continue with the next empty cell
               return True
             board[row][col] = 0 # Backtrack if no number works
        return False
  return True
def print_board(board):
  for row in board:
    print(" ".join(str(num) for num in row))
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```
board = [
  [5, 3, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0],
  [6, 0, 0, 1, 9, 5, 0, 0, 0],
  [0, 9, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0],
  [8, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 3],
  [4, 0, 0, 8, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1],
  [7, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 6],
  [0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 8, 0],
  [0, 0, 0, 4, 1, 9, 0, 0, 5],
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 7, 9]
]
if solve_sudoku(board):
  print_board(board)
else:
  print("No solution exists")
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all of the following rules: Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each row. Each of the digits
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the 9 3x3 sub-boxes of the grid. The '.' character indicates empty cells
def solveSudoku(board):
  def isValid(r, c, num):
     return all(num not in (board[i][c], board[r][j], board[r//3*3+j//3][c//3*3+j%3]) for i in
range(9) for j in range(9))
  def backtrack():
     for r in range(9):
       for c in range(9):
         if board[r][c] == '.':
            for num in '123456789':
              if isValid(r, c, num):
                 board[r][c] = num
                 if backtrack(): return True
                 board[r][c] = '.'
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## return False

## return True

## backtrack()

count = 1

while stack and stack[-1][0] >= arr[i]:

5. You are given an integer array nums and an integer target. You want to build an expression out of nums by adding one of the symbols '+' and '-' before each integer in nums and then concatenate all the integers. For example, if nums = [2, 1], you can add a '+' before 2 and a '-' before 1 and concatenate them to build the expression "+2-1" Return the number of different expressions that you can build, which evaluates to target.

```
def find_target_sum_ways(nums, target):
  total_sum = sum(nums)
  if target > total_sum or (total_sum + target) % 2 != 0:
    return 0
  target_sum = (total_sum + target) // 2
  dp = [0] * (target_sum + 1)
  dp[0] = 1
  for num in nums:
    for j in range(target_sum, num - 1, -1):
      dp[j] += dp[j - num]
  return dp[target_sum]
nums = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1]
target = 3
print(find_target_sum_ways(nums, target))
6. Given an array of integers arr, find the sum of min(b), where b ranges over every (contiguous)
subarray of arr. Since the answer may be large, return the answer modulo 109 + 7.
def sumSubarrayMins(arr):
  MOD = 10**9 + 7
  n = len(arr)
  stack = []
  result = 0
  prev_sum = [0] * n
  for i in range(n):
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val, cnt = stack.pop()
      count += cnt
    prev_sum[i] = (arr[i] * count + (prev_sum[stack[-1][1]] if stack else 0)) % MOD
    result = (result + prev_sum[i]) % MOD
    stack.append((arr[i], count))
  return result
arr = [3, 1, 2, 4]
```

print(sumSubarrayMins(arr))

7. Given an array of distinct integers candidates and a target integer target, return a list of all unique combinations of candidates where the chosen numbers sum to target. You may return the combinations in any order. The same number may be chosen from candidates an unlimited number of times. Two combinations are unique if the frequency of at least one of the chosen numbers is different. The test cases are generated such that the number of unique combinations that sum up to target is less than 150 combinations for the given input.

```
def combinationSum(candidates, target):
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def backtrack(start, target, path):
    if target == 0:
      result.append(path)
      return
    if target < 0:
      return
    for i in range(start, len(candidates)):
      backtrack(i, target - candidates[i], path + [candidates[i]])
  result = []
  backtrack(0, target, [])
  return result
candidates = [2, 3, 6, 7]
target = 7
print(combinationSum(candidates, target))
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8. Given a collection of candidate numbers (candidates) and a target number (target), find all unique combinations in candidates where the candidate numbers sum to target. Each number in candidates may only be used once in the combination. The solution set must not contain duplicate combinations.

```
def combinationSum2(candidates, target):
  def backtrack(start, target, path):
    if target == 0:
      result.append(path)
      return
    if target < 0:
      return
    for i in range(start, len(candidates)):
      # Skip duplicates
      if i > start and candidates[i] == candidates[i - 1]:
         continue
      backtrack(i + 1, target - candidates[i], path + [candidates[i]])
  candidates.sort() # Sort to handle duplicates
  result = []
  backtrack(0, target, [])
  return result
candidates = [10, 1, 2, 7, 6, 1, 5]
target = 8
print(combinationSum2(candidates, target))
9. Given an array nums of distinct integers, return all the possible permutations. You can return the
answer in any order.
def permute(nums):
  def backtrack(start):
    if start == len(nums):
      result.append(nums[:])
      return
    for i in range(start, len(nums)):
      nums[start], nums[i] = nums[i], nums[start] # Swap
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backtrack(start + 1)
      nums[start], nums[i] = nums[i], nums[start] # Swap back
  result = []
  backtrack(0)
  return result
nums = [1, 2, 3]
print(permute(nums))
10. Given a collection of numbers, nums, that might contain duplicates, return all possible unique
permutations in any order.
def permuteUnique(nums):
  def backtrack(path, visited):
    if len(path) == len(nums):
      result.append(path[:])
      return
    for i in range(len(nums)):
      if visited[i] or (i > 0 and nums[i] == nums[i - 1] and not visited[i - 1]):
         continue
      visited[i] = True
      path.append(nums[i])
      backtrack(path, visited)
      path.pop()
      visited[i] = False
  nums.sort()
  result = []
  backtrack([], [False] * len(nums))
  return result
nums = [1, 1, 2]
print(permuteUnique(nums))
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