# Algorithm and Problem Solving Quick Guide in C++

Data Structures, Algorithms and Coding Interview Problem Patterns in C++

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## INTRODUCTION

## **Motivation**

The tech industry hiring standard is based on algorithm and data structure.

There are plenty of free resources available around algorithms and data structures. The purpose of this project is to be a quick guide where you can learn and review learned algorithms and data structures.

Some of the intended **key features:** 

- Non-verbose, short-structured, and easy to follow descriptions
- Slide-based, practical for reviewing
- Free and open-source

right in the please add a star at github.com/rfdavid/cpp-algo-cheatsheet

## **Some Useful Links**

#### **Tech Interview Handbook**

https://www.techinterviewhandbook.org

A very well-structured resource for interview preparation

#### **TUF**

https://takeuforward.org/interviews/blind-75-leetcode-problems-detailed-video-solutions

Contains explanation and some videos for the problems from blind 75 list

#### **Blind 75 Leetcode Questions**

https://leetcode.com/discuss/general-discussion/460599/blind-75-leetcode-questions

## Blind 75

- Blind 75 is a popular list of algorithm problems that intends to cover the main data structures and patterns.
- It is a curated list of 75 popular coding questions created by an ex-Meta Staff Engineer

- ✓ Two Sum
- ✓ Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock
- ✓ Contains Duplicate
- ✓ Product of Array Except Self

Maximum Subarray

Maximum Product Subarray

Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array

Search in Rotated Sorted Array

3 Sum

✓ Container With Most Water

#### **Binary**

<u>Sum of Two Integers</u>

Number of 1 Bits

**Counting Bits** 

Missing Number

Reverse Bits

#### **Dynamic Programming**

✓ Climbing Stairs

Coin Change

Longest Increasing Subsequence

Longest Common Subsequence

Word Break Problem

**Combination Sum** 

House Robber

House Robber II

Decode Ways

Unique Paths

Jump Game

#### Matrix

Set Matrix Zeroes

Spiral Matrix

Rotate Image

Word Search

## Blind 75

Tree

✓ Maximum Depth of Binary Tree

Same Tree

**Invert/Flip Binary Tree** 

Binary Tree Maximum Path Sum

Binary Tree Level Order Traversal

✓ <u>Serialize and Deserialize Binary Tree</u>

Subtree of Another Tree

Construct Binary Tree from Preorder and Inorder Traversal

Validate Binary Search Tree

✓ Kth Smallest Element in a BST

Lowest Common Ancestor of BST

Implement Trie (Prefix Tree)

Add and Search Word

Word Search II

Heap

Merge K Sorted Lists

Top K Frequent Elements

Find Median from Data Stream

String

✓ Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters

Longest Repeating Character Replacement

Minimum Window Substring

Valid Anagram

**Group Anagrams** 

✓ Valid Parentheses

Valid Palindrome

Longest Palindromic Substring

Palindromic Substrings

Encode and Decode Strings ☆

**Linked List** 

Reverse a Linked List

Detect Cycle in a Linked List

Merge Two Sorted Lists

Merge K Sorted Lists

Remove Nth Node From End Of List

Reorder List

Graph

✓ Clone Graph

Course Schedule

Pacific Atlantic Water Flow

Number of Islands

Longest Consecutive Sequence

Graph Valid Tree ☆

Number of Connected Components

In an Undirected Graph 🖈

Interval

√ Insert Interval

✓ Merge Intervals

√ Non-overlapping Intervals

Meeting Rooms II ☆



## Other problems

#### Tree

- ✓ <u>Maximum Level Sum of a Binary Tree</u>
- ✓ <u>Minimum Number of Increments on Subarrays to Form a Target Array</u>
- ✓ <u>Leaf-Similar Trees</u>
- ✓ Count Good Nodes in Binary Tree

## **Space Complexity**

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- Count only extra space needed (exclude output)
- The space complexity of a recursive tree traversal is O(h), where h is the height of the tree. This is because each recursive call adds a frame to the call stack, and in the worst case, the maximum stack depth is proportional to the tree's height