

19. K-th Permutation Sequence

60. Permutation Sequence

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The set $[1, 2, 3, \dots, n]$ contains a total of $n!$ unique permutations.

By listing and labeling all of the permutations in order, we get the following sequence for $n = 3$:

1. "123"
2. "132"
3. "213"
4. "231"
5. "312"
6. "321"

Given n and k , return the k^{th} permutation sequence.

Example 1:

Input: $n = 3, k = 3$
Output: "213"

Example 2:

Input: $n = 4, k = 9$
Output: "2314"

Example 3:

Input: $n = 3, k = 1$
Output: "123"

i) Brute force:



- * Generate all the possible permutations of the given sequences.
- * Using Recursion and every permutations generated is stored in some data structure (vector/array list).
- * Sort the data structure in which we have stored all the sequences and return the k^{th} sequence from it.

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(N!N) + O(N! \log N)$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(N)$$

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$$S.C \Rightarrow O(N)$$

2) Optimal Solution

$$n = 4 \quad k = 17$$

Total = 24 permutation

$$\begin{array}{c} n = 4 \\ \downarrow \\ (1, 2, 3, 4) \end{array}$$

* I can start permutation from 1, 2, 3, 4.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 + (2, 3, 4) \quad] \quad 6 \\ 2 + (1, 3, 4) \quad] \quad 6 \\ 3 + (1, 2, 4) \quad] \quad 6 \\ 4 + (1, 2, 3) \quad] \quad 6 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$$

$$k = 17$$

0 based indexing

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \rightarrow (0)$$

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$$4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \rightarrow 23^{th}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ (1, 2, 3, 4) \end{array}$$

$$⑥ \quad 1 + (2, 3, 4) \quad] \quad 6 \quad (0 - 5)$$

$$⑦ \quad 2 + (1, 3, 4) \quad] \quad 6 \quad (6 - 11)$$

$$4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \rightarrow 23^{th}$$

$k=17$, so we look for 16th perm.

$$① \ 2 + (1, 3, 4) \Big] 6 \quad (6-11)$$

$$② \ 3 + (1, 2, 4) \Big] 6 \quad (12-17)$$

$$③ \ 4 + (1, 2, 3) \Big] 6 \quad (18-23)$$

$$\underline{24}$$

4 seqs

3

↑

$$16/6 = 2$$

$$16 \% 6 = 4^{th} \text{ seq}$$

$$\{1, 2, 4\} \quad k = 4/2 = 2$$

again same process

$$\underline{3} \quad \underline{4} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad \underline{\quad}$$

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$$⑥ \ 1 + \{2, 4\} \quad 2 \ (0-1)$$

$$⑦ \ 2 + \{1, 4\} \quad 2 \ (2-3)$$

$$⑧ \ 4 + \{1, 2\} \quad 2 \ (4-5)$$

$$\underline{6}$$

$$4 \% 2 = 0$$

$$\{1, 2\} \quad k = 0/1 = 0$$

again same process

$$\underline{3} \quad \underline{4} \quad \underline{1} \quad \underline{\quad}$$

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$$0 \% 0 = 0 \quad k = 0$$

$$\{2\} \quad k = 0$$

$$⑥ \ 1 + \{2\} \quad 1$$

$$⑦ \ 2 + \{1\} \quad 1$$

$$\underline{2}$$

$$2 + \{ \quad \}$$

↓ empty,

$$S.C \approx O(n)$$

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1 class Solution {
2     public String getPermutation(int n, int k){
3         int fact = 1;
4         List<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<>();
5         for(int i = 1; i < n; i++){
6             fact = fact * i;
7             numbers.add(i);
8         }
9         numbers.add(n);
10        String ans = "";
11        //reduce k value by 1, 0-based indexing
12        k = k - 1;
13        while(true){
14            ans = ans + numbers.get(k/fact);
15            numbers.remove(k/fact);
16            if(numbers.size() == 0){
17                break;
18            }
19            k = k % fact;
20            fact = fact / numbers.size();
21        }
22        return ans;
23    }
24 }
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