

## **Problem Solving Structured Approach**

### **1. Arrays**

- **Sliding Window:**
  - Maximum sum subarray of size K (e.g., LeetCode 53)
  - Longest substring without repeating characters (e.g., LeetCode 3)
- **Two Pointers:**
  - Remove duplicates (e.g., LeetCode 26)
  - Pair sum (e.g., LeetCode 167)
- **Binary Search:**
  - Find min in rotated sorted array (e.g., LeetCode 153)
  - Search in rotated sorted array (e.g., LeetCode 33)
- **Sorting and Greedy:**
  - Meeting rooms (e.g., LeetCode 252)
  - Minimum moves to equal array elements (e.g., LeetCode 453)
- **Prefix Sum:**
  - Subarray sum equals K (e.g., LeetCode 560)
  - Product of array except self (e.g., LeetCode 238)

### **2. Strings**

- **Two Pointers:**
  - Valid palindrome (e.g., LeetCode 125)
  - Reverse vowels of a string (e.g., LeetCode 345)
- **Sliding Window:**
  - Longest substring with at most K distinct characters (e.g., LeetCode 340)
  - Minimum window substring (e.g., LeetCode 76)
- **Dynamic Programming:**
  - Longest palindromic substring (e.g., LeetCode 5)
  - Edit distance (e.g., LeetCode 72)

- **Hashing:**
  - Group anagrams (e.g., LeetCode 49)
  - Longest substring without repeating characters (e.g., LeetCode 3)
- **Backtracking:**
  - Generate parentheses (e.g., LeetCode 22)
  - Word search (e.g., LeetCode 79)

### 3. Recursion and Backtracking

- **Subset Generation:**
  - Subsets (e.g., LeetCode 78)
  - Permutations (e.g., LeetCode 46)
- **Combination Generation:**
  - Combination sum (e.g., LeetCode 39)
  - Letter combinations of a phone number (e.g., LeetCode 17)
- **Sudoku/Constraint Problems:**
  - Sudoku solver (e.g., LeetCode 37)
  - N-Queens problem (e.g., LeetCode 51)
- **Recursive Backtracking:**
  - Word search (e.g., LeetCode 79)
  - Rat in a maze (classic problem)

### 4. Stacks

- **Monotonic Stack:**
  - Next greater element (e.g., LeetCode 496)
  - Largest rectangle in histogram (e.g., LeetCode 84)
- **Balanced Parentheses:**
  - Valid parentheses (e.g., LeetCode 20)
  - Minimum add to make parentheses valid (e.g., LeetCode 921)
- **Infix/Postfix Expressions:**

- Evaluate reverse polish notation (e.g., LeetCode 150)
  - Convert infix to postfix (classic problem)
- **Stack for Tracking Indices:**
  - Daily temperatures (e.g., LeetCode 739)
  - Stock span problem (classic problem)

## 5. Queues

- **Sliding Window:**
  - Maximum of each sliding window (e.g., LeetCode 239)
- **BFS Traversal:**
  - Level order traversal (e.g., LeetCode 102)
  - Shortest path in binary matrix (e.g., LeetCode 1091)
- **Deque for Double-Ended Processing:**
  - Sliding window maximum (optimized, e.g., LeetCode 239)
- **Circular Queue:**
  - Implement circular queue (e.g., LeetCode 622)

## 6. Priority Queues

- **Top K Elements:**
  - K closest points (e.g., LeetCode 973)
  - K largest elements (e.g., LeetCode 215)
- **Sliding Window Maximum:**
  - Maximum of each sliding window (e.g., LeetCode 239)
- **Sorting with Heaps:**
  - Sort characters by frequency (e.g., LeetCode 451)
  - Reorganize string (e.g., LeetCode 767)

## 7. Linked Lists

- **Two Pointers:**
  - Remove N-th node from end (e.g., LeetCode 19)

- **Reversal:**
  - Reverse a linked list (e.g., LeetCode 206)
  - Reverse nodes in k-group (e.g., LeetCode 25)
- **Cycle Detection:**
  - Detect cycle (e.g., LeetCode 141)
  - Find cycle start (e.g., LeetCode 142)
- **Merge:**
  - Merge two sorted lists (e.g., LeetCode 21)
  - Merge K sorted lists (e.g., LeetCode 23)

## 8. Trees

- **DFS/BFS Traversals:**
  - Preorder traversal (e.g., LeetCode 144)
  - Level-order traversal (e.g., LeetCode 102)
- **Recursion:**
  - Maximum depth of binary tree (e.g., LeetCode 104)
  - Path sum (e.g., LeetCode 112)
- **Binary Search Tree (BST):**
  - Validate BST (e.g., LeetCode 98)
  - Lowest common ancestor (e.g., LeetCode 235)
- **Backtracking on Trees:**
  - All root-to-leaf paths (e.g., LeetCode 257)
  - Flatten binary tree (e.g., LeetCode 114)

## 9. Dynamic Programming (DP)

- **0/1 Knapsack:**
  - Subset sum (e.g., LeetCode 416)
  - Partition equal subset sum (e.g., LeetCode 416)
- **Memoization:**

- Fibonacci sequence (e.g., classic problem)
- Climbing stairs (e.g., LeetCode 70)
- **Matrix DP:**
  - Unique paths (e.g., LeetCode 62)
  - Minimum path sum (e.g., LeetCode 64)
- **Sequence DP:**
  - Longest increasing subsequence (e.g., LeetCode 300)
  - Longest common subsequence (e.g., LeetCode 1143)
- **Subarray/Subsequence DP:**
  - Maximum sum subarray (e.g., LeetCode 53)
  - Palindromic subsequences (e.g., LeetCode 1312)

## 10. Intervals

- **Merge Intervals:**
  - Merge intervals (e.g., LeetCode 56)
  - Insert interval (e.g., LeetCode 57)
- **Sorting + Greedy:**
  - Non-overlapping intervals (e.g., LeetCode 435)
  - Meeting rooms II (e.g., LeetCode 253)
- **Two Pointers:**
  - Employee free time (e.g., LeetCode 759)

## 11. Bit Manipulation

- **Bitwise Operations:**
  - Single number (e.g., LeetCode 136)
  - Counting bits (e.g., LeetCode 338)
- **Masking:**
  - Subset sum problems (custom problems)

- **XOR Patterns:**

- Missing number (e.g., LeetCode 268)

## **12. Graphs**

- **BFS/DFS:**

- Connected components in a graph (e.g., LeetCode 200)
- Shortest path in an unweighted graph (e.g., LeetCode 1091)

- **Topological Sort:**

- Course schedule (e.g., LeetCode 207)
- Alien dictionary (e.g., LeetCode 269)

- **Dijkstra's Algorithm:**

- Network delay time (e.g., LeetCode 743)

- **Union-Find:**

- Number of connected components (e.g., LeetCode 323)
- Redundant connection (e.g., LeetCode 684)