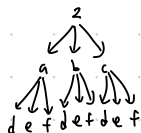


★ **Backtracking**: It's a problem-solving algorithmic technique that involves finding a solution incrementally by trying different options and undoing them if they lead to a dead end. It's commonly used in situations where you need to explore multiple possibilities to solve a problem, like searching for a path.

Letter Combinations of a Phone Number

Ex) digits = "23"

Output: ["ad", "ae", "af", "bd", "be", "bf", "cd", "ce", "cf"]



Algorithm:

num_to_char = {"2": "abc",

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"9": "wxyz"}

def backtrack(index, curstr):

if index == len(digits):

res.append(curstr)

return

for c in num_to_char[digits[index]]:

backtrack(index+1, curstr+c)

① $bt(0, "") \rightarrow bt(1, a), \text{stack}(bt(1, b), bt(1, c))$

② $bt(1, a) \rightarrow bt(2, ad), \text{stack}(bt(2, ae), bt(2, af))$

③ $bt(2, ad)$

④ $bt(2, ae)$

⑤ $bt(2, af)$

⑥ $bt(1, b) \rightarrow bt(2, bd), \text{stack}(bt(2, be), bt(2, bf))$

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