

Top-20 Training Program (BackTracking Problems)

Apply the solution building strategies discussed in class to solve following problems.

Group1: Permutations

Given a collection of n distinct numbers, return all possible permutations of length k .

<https://leetcode.com/problems/permutations/description/>

<https://leetcode.com/problems/permutations-ii/description/>

Group2: Combinations

<https://leetcode.com/problems/combinations/description/>

<https://leetcode.com/problems/combinationsum-iii/description/>

Group3: Subsets

<https://leetcode.com/problems/subsets/description/>

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Group4: N-queens

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<https://leetcode.com/problems/n-queens-ii/description/>

Group5: Misc

<https://leetcode.com/problems/beautiful-arrangement/description/>

<https://leetcode.com/problems/sudoku-solver/description/>

Bar Color Alignment

You are given a set of N "color bars," each bar containing N colors ($3 \leq N \leq 12$). The colors on a color bar can be changed by rotating them one step to the right, end around. For example, Red-Yellow-Green-Blue can be rotated to Blue-Red-Yellow-Green. The input will be two dimensional $N \times N$ array in which each row contains numbers representing the colors on that color bar. Colors will be represented by the integers 0 through 11. Rotate the color bars until every column contains every color, and no column contains the same color more than once. For example, for $N = 5$, the input might be:

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3 4 1 0 2
3 1 2 4 0
4 0 3 2 1
3 1 2 4 0
3 1 0 2 4

Your program must return true if such solution possible otherwise return false.

Cryptarithmic Puzzle Solving

Write an efficient program that solves the following cryptographic puzzle:

S E N D
+ M O R E

M O N E Y

The goal here is to assign each letter a digit from 0 to 9 so that the arithmetic works out correctly. The rules are that all occurrences of a letter must be assigned the same digit, and no digit can be assigned to more than one letter. Your method will take three strings as arguments and returns the valid assignment for all the characters available in puzzle if solution exists.

Maze Solving

The maze is represented as an $n \times m$ grid (a 2-D array named `maze_position[n][m]`). Each square in the grid can take on an integer value. The value of each square is initialized to zero except for the "end" of the maze, which is set to a value of 2. As the program moves through the maze, it should set the values of squares on the current path to 1 (this will allow the print-out to show the path when the program reaches the goal).

Walls of the maze are represented by two 2-D arrays: `horizontal_wall[n][m+1]`, and `vertical_wall[n+1][m]`. The values of the elements of these arrays are false for those positions with no wall and true for positions where there is a wall. The positions of the walls relative to the grid are as follows: For a grid cell at position x, y ,

The horizontal wall directly above it is at `horizontal_wall[x][y]`.

The horizontal wall directly below it is at `horizontal_wall[x][y+1]`.

The vertical wall directly to the left is at `vertical_wall[x][y]`.

The vertical wall directly to the right is at `vertical_wall[x+1][y]`.

