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Q1

 $O(mn) \cdot O(1)$ LC.73. Set Matrix Zeros

Given an  $m \times n$  integer matrix, if its  $a[i][j] = 0$  then set entire row & col to 0. [Constant Space Sol<sup>n</sup>]

0	1	2	0
3	4	5	2
1	3	1	5

 $\Rightarrow$ 

0	0	0	0
0	4	5	0
0	3	1	0

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  We will use the first cell of each row & each col. to note if a zero has been encountered in that row or column.

The problem then becomes having an extra variable to store state of row 0 as  $a[0][0]$  would already be used for col 0 state storage. And then do a reverse sweep to set zeroes [reverse because we don't want to lose state holding cells]

```
for row in range(m):
    for col in range(n):
        if mat[row][col] == 0:
            if row == 0: row0 = True
            else mat[row][0] = 0
            mat[0][col] = 0
            next_m1
```

```
for row in [m-1:-1]:
    if row == 0:
        if row0 == True:
            for col in [0,n]: mat[row][col] = 0
    else:
        for col in [n-1:-1]:
            if mat[0][col] == 0 or mat[row][0] == 0:
                set mat[r][c] = 0
```

Q2.

$O(n^2)$     $O(1)$

### LC-118 Pascal's triangle

Print the first n rows of Pascal Triangle



#### APPROACH1

- > There are n levels from [1 to n]
- > each level i has i elements (1-based)
- > The first & last element has always value 1
- > every other index of current level i would be sum of prevlvl[index-1] + prevlvl[index]

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  ans = []

```

for level → [1, n]:
    for elem → [1, level]:
        if elem = 1 or elem = n:
            curlvl[elem - 1] = 1
        else:
            curlvl[elem - 1] = prevlvl[elem - 2]
                           + prevlvl[elem - 1]
    ans.append[curlvl]
return ans.

```

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Q3

$O(n)$     $O(1)$

### LC-53 Maximum Subarray [Kadane's Algo.]

Return the largest sum of a contiguous subarray [with one or more element] from a given array.

[5, 4, -1, 7, 8]  $\Rightarrow$  23

[-2, 1, -3, 4, -1, 2, 1, -5, 4]  $\Rightarrow$  6 i.e. [4, -1, 2, 1]

- APPROACH1  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - a negative previous sum can only worsen further sums so no point carrying it further, reset it
  - Initialise both curr & max as first element as the answer would atleast have 1 element.

CODE

```

cursum, maxsum = arr[0], arr[0]
for num in arr[1:]:
    if cursum < 0:
        cursum = 0
    cursum += num
    maxsum = max(maxsum, cursum)
return maxsum

```

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Q4

 $O(n) \ O(1)$ LC 31 Next Permutation

Find next lexicographically greater permutation of given array.

$$[1, 2, 3] \Rightarrow [1, 3, 2] \quad [3, 2, 1] \Rightarrow [1, 2, 3]$$

Approach.

- Every permutation has some increasing prefix subarray. [Except for totally descending permutation like 3, 2, 1]
- In totally descending case we return  $\text{nums} \cdot \text{sort}()$ .
- In every other case, we replace the very last element of increasing subpart from with an element JUST GREATER than it from the non-increasing subpart.
- After swapping, we reverse the non-increasing subpart to get it in its lowest lexicographical state.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  traverse from back.

```

for i in [n-2, 0]:
    if a[i] < a[i+1]:
        for j in [n-1, i]:
            if a[j] > a[i]: swap a[j], a[i]
        reverse a[i+1:]
    return a
else return a · sort()  $\Rightarrow$  only runs if totally descending

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Q5

 $O(n) \ O(1)$ 

Sort array of 0's 1's and 2's [Dutch National Flag]  
["Sol" using pointers]

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Use 3 pointers low, high & mid  
 $\text{low} \rightarrow$  eventually has indices before which 0's are present.

$\text{mid} \rightarrow$  indices before which 0's & 1's are present and from & beyond which 2's are present.

$\text{End} \rightarrow$  index from which 2's are present.

Now keep moving mid from 0 till end pointer.

equal is needed in case last iter  
 while  $\text{mid} <= \text{end}$ : has cur value 0 in place  
 if  $\text{nums}[\text{mid}] == 0$ :  
 $\text{nums}[\text{mid}], \text{nums}[\text{low}]$  swap  
 $\text{mid}++, \text{low}++$   
 else if  $\text{nums}[\text{mid}] == 1$ :  
 $\text{mid}++$   
 else if  $\text{nums}[\text{mid}] == 2$ :  
~~swap~~  $\text{nums}[\text{mid}], \text{nums}[\text{end}]$   
~~end --~~

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Q6

$O(n)$   $O(1)$

### LC-121 Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

Return max achievable profit (by buying & then selling)

Approach -> It makes sense to pick buy date as the minimum price date encountered in past while considering current day as date of sale.

> Then store the maximum possible profit encountered in all cases.

CODE:-

maxProfit, minSeenBefore = 0, inf

for price in prices:

maxProfit = max(maxProfit, price - minSeenBefore)

minBefore = min(minBefore, price)

minBefore = min(minBefore, price)

return maxProfit

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### LC-56 Merge Intervals

Given array of intervals with intervals like  $[start, end]$ , merge overlapping intervals and return non-overlapping merged ones.

$[[1, 4], [4, 5]] \rightarrow [[1, 5]]$

we should

Approach -> Consider intervals which start earlier than others before we process the rest of intervals.

> To do that sort the intervals on basis of start time.

> If for current interval start time > end time of previous, then no overlap is possible

> for other case merge the two intervals and note the merged interval down by adjusting prev.

CODE:-  
intervals.sort(key=start-time)

ans, prev = [], intervals[0]

for interval in intervals[1:]:

if interval.start > prev.end:

ans.append(prev), prev = interval

else: prev = [prev.start, max(prev.end, interval.end)]  
ans.append(prev) # 1 interval always left in prev

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$O(n^2)$

$O(1)$

### L.C. 48 Rotate Image

Given a  $n \times n$  matrix, Rotate it in-place

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

➡

7	4	1
8	5	2
9	6	3

Approach → The main observation is to note that Rotation operation is equivalent to transpose and then flipping across vertical axis of matrix.

```
Code:- for i ∈ [0, n-1]
      for j ∈ [i+1, n-1] :
          swap a[i][j] and a[j][i]
          for col ∈ [0, n/2) :
              for row in [0, n-1]
                  swap a[row][col], a[row][n-1-col]
```

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$O(n^2)$

$O(1)$

$O(n+m)$

$O(n+m)$

### Knuth Morris Pratt Algorithm (LPS Based)

LPS → Longest Proper Prefix which is also suffix.

string	a	a	b	a	a	c	a	a	b	a	a	d
LPS	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	0

The value here is 2 because of aa on both ends.

> For algorithm to work  $\text{lps}[\text{index } 0] = 0$  always.

ALGO →       $i = 1, \text{len} = 0$   
                 while ( $i < \text{length of string}$ ):  
                     if  $s[i] == s[\text{len}]$ :  
                          $\text{len} += 1$   
                          $\text{lps}[i] = \text{len}$   
                          $i++$   
                     else  
                         if ( $\text{len} > 0$ ):  
                           $\text{len} = \text{lps}[\text{len} - 1]$   
                     else  
                          $\text{lps}[i] = 0$

Multiply by 2  
while subtracting  
to account for  
pattern appended  
before # 2 also  
to find index of  
starting point

where  $\text{kmp}[i]$   
is length of  
pattern

To actually search pattern  $i++$   
 $\text{kmp} = \text{getLPS}(\text{pattern} + \#\# + \text{string})$ ; return  $i - \text{len}(\text{pattern})$   
 where  $i$  is idx in  $\text{kmp}$   $\#\#$

$O(n+m)$

$O(1)$

Merge two sorted arrays in constant space

Two arrays  $a$  &  $b$  are given with length  $m$  &  $n$  respectively.  $a$  also has  $n$  extra positions in end. Place both array's elements in ' $a$ ' in sorted order.

Approach → Keep a last index  $x$ , and place the greatest elements of tail end of both array's in that last position and then decrement indexes accordingly.

CODE →

```
i = m-1, j = n-1  
k = m+n-1
```

```
while j >= 0  
if i >= 0 and a[i] >= b[j]:  
    swap a[k], a[i]  
    i--
```

```
else:  
    swap a[k], b[j]
```

```
j--  
always k--
```

return a

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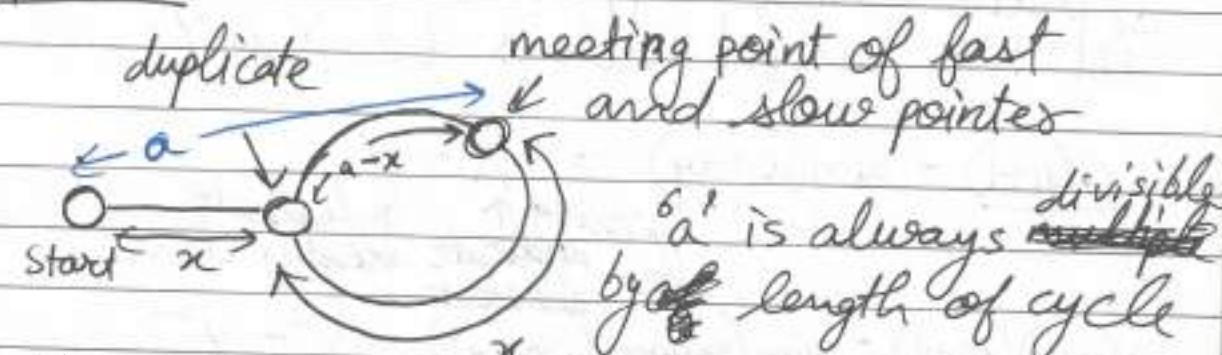
$O(n)$

$O(1)$

Find duplicate in array of integers

There is only one repeated number in a given array of integers (can be repeated multiple times though). Find the repeated element and don't modify the array and use only constant space

Approach



Distance by slow pointer → a

fast pointer → a

So move one pointer back to beginning and travel one by one  $x$  times to reach start of cycle.

CODE → slow, fast = nums[0], nums[0]  
while True:

fast, slow = nums[nums[fast]], nums[slow]

if fast == slow: break

slow = nums[0]

while fast != slow: fast, slow = nums[fast], nums[slow]

return slow [or fast]

$O(n)$

$O(1)$

## Repeat and Missing Number

a  $N$  length array has elements from 1 to  $N$  except one is missing and some other element is duplicated.

Find both the missing & duplicated element.

APPROACH → Two approaches.

① Mathematical approach.

let two target values be  $X$  &  $Y$

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \text{sum(array)} = X - Y$$

missing ↑ duplicate  
elem ↓ elem missing elem

$$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \text{sum(squares(array))} = X^2 - Y^2$$

Now we can solve for  $X$  &  $Y$

② XOR approach

(i) we find  $X \Delta Y$  by doing  $\text{xor(array)} \Delta \text{xor}[1 \dots n]$

(ii) now find any set bit in  $X \Delta Y$ , the two numbers differ here.

(iii) Now divide array in two buckets, in those buckets also put numbers from 1 to  $n$  which have bitset from step 2.

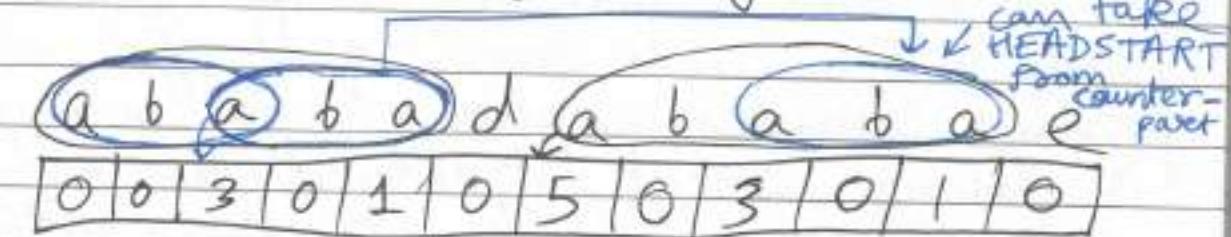
(iv) the values of two buckets in end would be  $X$  &  $Y$ .

$O(n+m)$   $O(n+m)$

## Z-Algorithm

APPROACH → Z-array → length of longest substring which is also prefix of the whole string starting at THAT INDEX.

>  $Z[\text{array}[0]] = N/A$  always (not defined)  
we initialize it to 0 generally but it's not used.



> Obviously headstart can only be given if fill end of range as values beyond or are unknown. So headstart has an upper limit.

> Algo has 3 steps → ① take headstart from known n  
② Grow beyond Known ③ Define new Known

CODE:  $l, r = 0, 0$

for  $i = 1 \dots n$ :

headstart[ if  $i \leq r$ :  $z[i] = \min(z[i-l], r-i+1)$  ]  
from unknown [ while  $i+z[i] \leq n$  and  $s[i+z[i]] == s[z[i]]$ :  
 $z[i]++$  ]

grow [ if  $i+z[i]-1 > r$ :

$l=i, r=i+z[i]-1$  ]

For pattern search return  $i - \text{needle.size}() - 1$

$O(n)$        $O(1)$

## Majority Element (Moore's Voting Algo)

There's a number which is present more than the rest of the numbers combined in an array. Find this special number in  $O(1)$  space.

APPROACH → We can use Moore's Counting algorithm.  
The idea is that we keep getting answer to new value once count of previous answer expires. If the answer is majority element, it would cancel out other elements in the array with its own count and eventually emerge as the answer.

CODE ⇒ ans, count = nums[0], 1  
for i in range [1, n):  
    cur = nums[i]  
    if count == 0:  
        ans = cur  
    if ans == cur:  
        count++  
    else:  
        count--  
return ans

$O(\log(n))$        $O(\log(n))$

## Recursive Exponentiation

Efficiently implement  $\text{pow}(x, n)$

APPROACH :-> We use recursion and use divide and conquer by splitting given problem to 2 equal smaller subproblems wherever possible.  
> We also take reciprocal of x if n is negative.

CODE :-

```
if n < 0:  
    x = 1/x  
    n = -n  
def powerRecursive(x, n):  
    if n == 0: return 1  
    if n < 0: return 1 / powerRecursive(x, -n)  
    if n % 2 == 1:  
        return x * powerRecursive(x, n-1)  
    else:  
        return powerRecursive(x, n/2) * 2  
    return powerRecursive(x, n)
```

$O(\log(m) + \log(n))$   $\alpha(1)$

### Search in a sorted 2-D Matrix

1	3	5	7	target = 3
10	11	16	20	write an efficient
23	30	34	60	search algorithm

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  We can see that minimum element and max element of each row are present in first and last index respectively.

$\therefore$  we can use binary search twice to first decide row index & then to decide column index.

$m \times n$  matrix

ALGO  $\rightarrow$

- Set  $l=0, r=m-1$
- do binary search to get row by comparing min & max val with target

- If row is defined and present, then do binary search again row in that specific row by setting  $l=0$  and  $r=n-1$

- If found target report True
- If row not defined or target not found, return False

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$\alpha(n \log n)$   $\alpha(n)$

### Inversions of Array

Form 1: Find number of pairs in array such that  $i < j$  &  $a[i] > a[j]$

Form 2: Find the minimum number of swaps of consecutive elements to sort array.

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  Merge sort modification: Do normal merge sort but also have a inversion count which gets incremented every time elements in left subpart  $>$  elements in right subpart  
 > NOTE:- Only declare minimal space temp array instead of cloning full array to not get TLE.

CODE :-

```

ans = 0
def mergeSort(l, r):
    if l < r:
        mid = (l+r)//2
        mergeSort(l, mid), mergeSort(mid+1, r)
        temp = [None]*((r-l+1)), k=0, i=l, j=mid+1
        while i <= mid and j <= r:
            if a[i] <= a[j]  $\Rightarrow$  temp[k++] = a[i++]
            else: ans += (mid-i+1), temp[k++] = a[j++]
            while i <= mid: temp[k++] = a[i++]
            while j <= r: temp[k++] = a[j++]
        Copy temp into a[l : r+1] (end index not inclusive)
        mergeSort(0, n-1), return ans.
    
```

$O(n)$

$O(1)$

## Majority Element - 2 (Modified Moore's voting)

Find those numbers in array which occur more than  $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor$  times.

APPROACH :- At max only 2 numbers can be present more than  $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor$  times.

so we find possible answers by modifying Moore's voting algorithm.

► We will need to verify the possible answers and also check for duplicates.

CODE :- ans, n1, n2, ct1, ct2 = set(), -1, 0, 0  
for i in nums:

```
if i == n1: ct1++  
else if i == n2: ct2++  
else if ct1 == 0: n1 = i, ct1 = 1  
else if ct2 == 0: n2 = i, ct2 = 1  
else:
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```
    ct2--, ct1--
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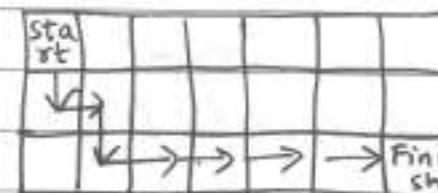
```
verify(n1)  
verify(n2)  
return ans
```

```
def verify(num):  
    if nums.count(num) > n//3:  
        ans.add(num)
```

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$O(m+n)$   $O(1)$

## Unique Paths



$m=3, n=7$

Print number of possible paths from top left to bottom right comprising of down or right moves.

APPROACH :- If  $m=1$  or  $n=1$ , there is only one way (all down or all right).

> In other cases our routes comprise of  $m-1$  downs and  $n-1$  rights. So we can apply combinatorics to find answer.

if  $m=1$  or  $n=1$ : return 1

$m=1, n=1$

return factorial(m+n) // [factorial(m)\* factorial(n)]

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$O(n \log n)$      $O(n)$

### Reverse Pairs

Find number of pairs  $(i, j)$  in array where  $0 \leq i < j \leq n$  and  $\text{num}[i] > 2 * \text{num}[j]$

APPROACH :> We modify merge sort and do the calculation of inversions in middle of a merge operation.

CODE :-  $\text{ans} = 0$

`def ms(l, r):`

`if l < r:`

`mid = (l+r)//2`

`ms(l, mid), ms(mid+1, r)`

`i, j = l, mid+1`

`temp = [0] * (r-l+1)`

`while i <= mid:`

`while j <= r and num[i] > num[j]:`

`j += 1`

`ans += j - mid - 1, i += 1`

        Now do rest of normal merge sort process

① populate temp with smallest

② Copy rest of left subpart &

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return ans after ③ Copy temp to array back.

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$O(n)$      $O(n)$

### LC.1 Two Sum

Return pair of indices in array having sum equal to given target

`nums = [2, 7, 11, 15], target = 9`

`Ans → [0, 1]`

APPROACH :> Store already encountered numbers and their corresponding occurrences in an unordered map. From that do lookups of target - current val to see if it exists

CODE :-

`for idx, num in enumerate(nums):`

`if target - num in map:`

`return [idx, map[target - num]]`

`map[num] = idx`

$O(n^3)$

$O(1)$

### LC-18 4Sum

Return distinct quadruplets from array summing up to given target, using constant space.

APPROACH1 → We will need to sort the array first if we want constant space (Quick sort)

> We will need to jump indices with repeating values to avoid duplicates without having to use hashset.

CODE → nums.sort(), i=0  
while i < n:

I = nums[i], j = i+1

while j < n:

J = nums[j], l = j+1, r = n-1, pre = I+J  
while l < r:

L, R = nums[l], nums[r], temp = L+R

if temp == target - pre:

ans.append([nums[i], nums[j], L, R])

move l forward dodging duplicate

and r back dodging duplicate.

else: move one of l and r to adjust absolute

move i right dodging duplicates

move j right dodging duplicates

move r left dodging duplicates

move l left dodging duplicates

move r right dodging duplicates

move l left dodging duplicates

move r right dodging duplicates

move l left dodging duplicates

move r right dodging duplicates

$O(n)$        $O(n)$

### LC-128 Longest Consecutive Sequence

Given an unsorted array, return length of longest consecutive elements sequence.

APPROACH1 → Sort nums and count max consecutive (nlogn)

APPROACH2 →  $O(3n)$  using unordered set

Only start from elements that don't have a predecessor, and do a linear traversal starting from those numbers and count longest streak.

CODE → hashset = set(nums)  
longest = 0

for num in nums:-

if (num-1 not in hashset):

cur = num, curstreak = 1

while cur in hashset :

cur += 1

curstreak += 1

longest = max(longest, curstreak)

return longest

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$O(n)$     $O(n)$

Largest Subarray with 0 sum

print length of longest subarray with 0 sum.

15, -2, 2, -8, 1, 7, 10, 23

Answer  $\rightarrow$  5

APPROACH :- Assume any subarray with below situation.



this initialization  
is needed for  
0 sum subarrays starting  
from beginning of array

If prefix-sum of 2 subarrays from start is equal, the difference of those 2 subarrays is a sub-array of 0 sum.

CODE  $\rightarrow$  prefix, earliestOccurrence = 0, 200 - 13  
longest = 0

for idx, num in enumerate(arr):

prefix += num

if prefix in earliestOccurrence:

longest = max(longest, idx - earliestOccurrence)

else

earliest[pre] = idx

$O(n)$     $O(1)$

Middle of Linked List

Given a linked list, find its middle, in case of even length list, return second middle node.

APPROACH :- Use fast and slow pointers

CODE  $\rightarrow$  slow, fast = head, head  
while fast and fast.next:

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

return slow

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$O(n)$   $O(1)$

## Reverse Linked List

Given the head of a linked list, reverse it and return new head.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Keep track of previous node and assign next of cur to prev, and keep repeating the process.

CODE

```

class prev = None, temp = head
while temp:
    next = temp.next
    temp.next = prev
    prev = temp
    temp = next

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return prev.

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$O(n)$   $O(1)$

## LC.3 Longest Substring without repeated characters

Find length of longest substring without any repeated characters.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Sliding window

- > Keep growing right boundary if no duplicates are found.
- > Remove elements from left until duplicacy is removed.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  vis = set(), l = 0, r = 0, ans = 0

while r < n:

```

        if s[r] not in vis:
            vis.add(s[r])
            r += 1
        else:
            vis.remove(s[l])
            l += 1

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ans = max(ans, r - l)

return ans

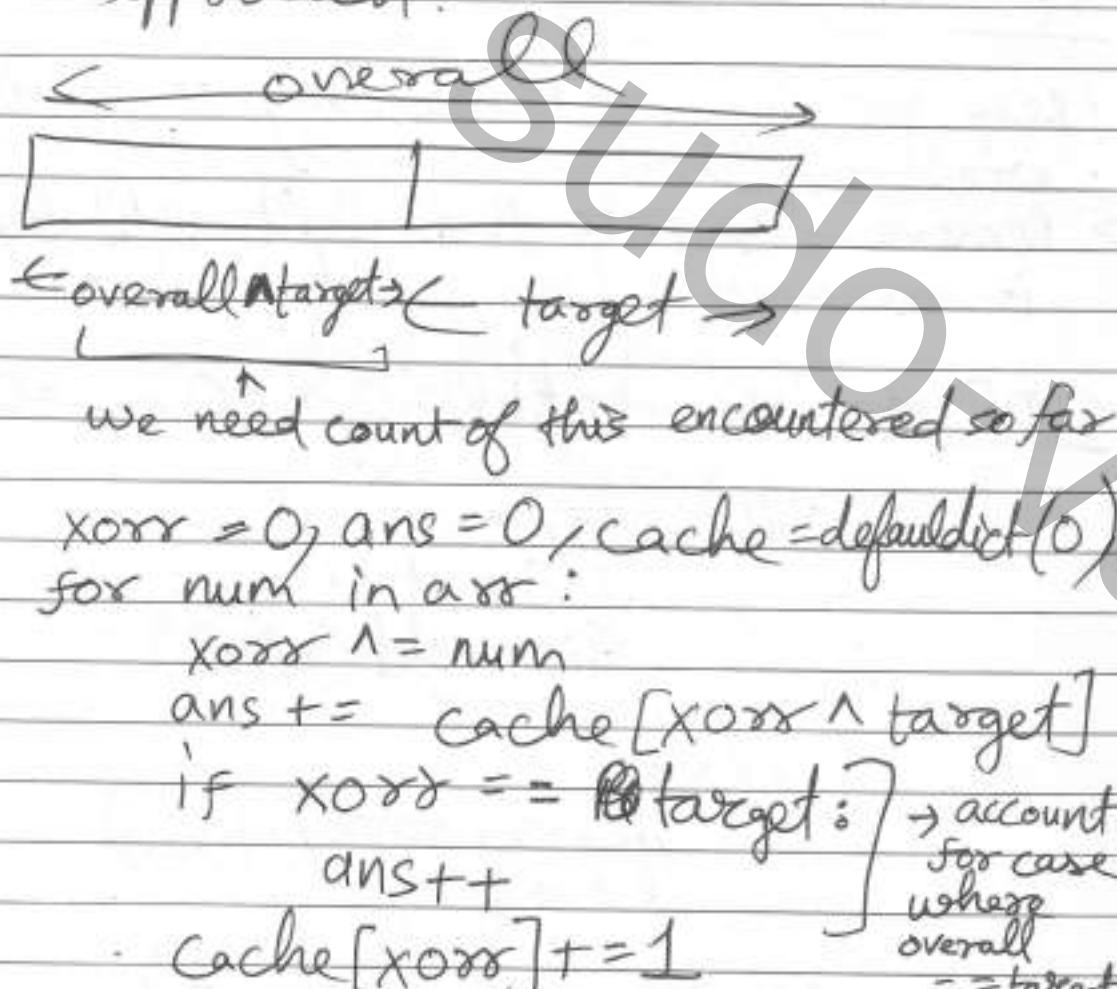
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$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### Subarray with given XOR value

Return number of subarrays possible from given arr with provided XOR values.

APPROACH → prefix computation based approach:



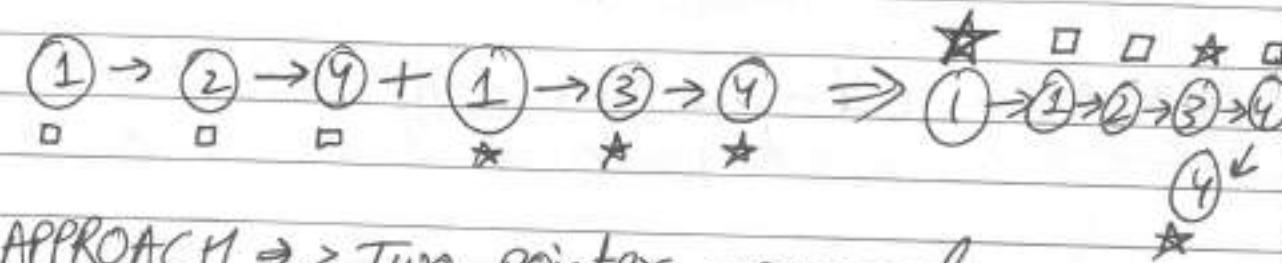
return ans

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$O(n_1+n_2)$   $O(1)$

### Merge two sorted Linked Lists

Merge two sorted linked lists in place by modifying next pointers of present nodes.



APPROACH 1 → Two pointer approach

> Keep a dummy head

> And a dummy prev → which goes through both lists combined in sorted order and is used to add new entries to that sequence using its next pointer.

CODE →  $p1, p2, \text{dummy} = \text{list1}, \text{list2}, \text{ListNode}()$

$\text{prev} = \text{dummy}$

while  $p1 \neq p2$ :

if  $p1 \neq \text{None}$  and  $p1.\text{val} \leq p2.\text{val}$ :

$\text{prev}.\text{next} = p1$

$\text{prev} = p1$

$p1 = p1.\text{next}$

else:  $\text{prev}.\text{next} = p2$

$\text{prev} = p2$

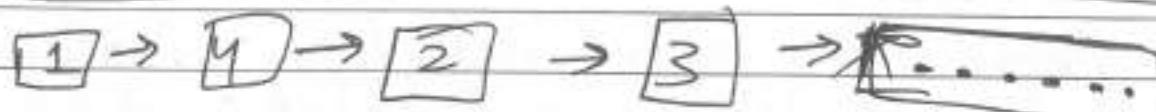
$p2 = p2.\text{next}$

return dummy.next

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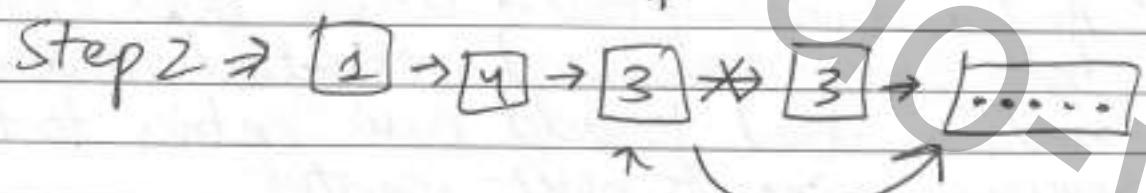
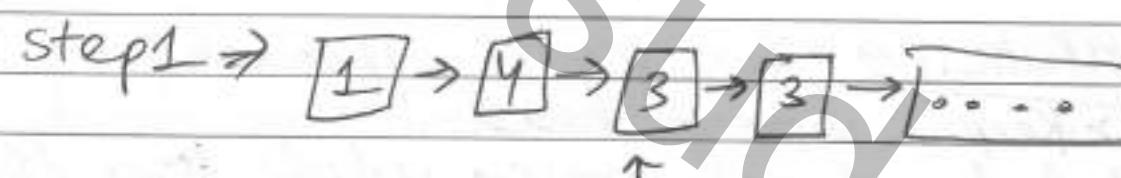
$O(1)$   $O(1)$

Delete Given Node in Linked List



delete this

APPROACH → Hint - You can copy value of next Node.



CODE ⇒

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node.val = node.next.val
node.next = node.next.next
    
```

↑ New connection

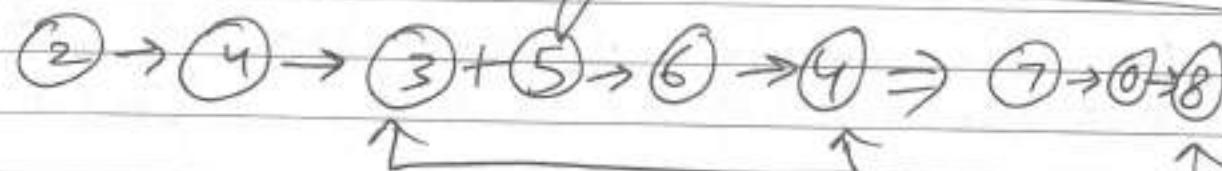
Incase if `node.next == null`:

just set `node = null`

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$O(n_1 + n_2)$   $O(\max(n_1, n_2))$

Add two Numbers given in Linked List Form



$$342 + 465 = 807$$

APPROACH → maintain a dummy node for head of answer and Keep adding answer terms as you keep generating them

> Also maintain carry variable for carry forwards

CODE ⇒ `dummy = ListNode(), temp = dummy`  
`p1, p2 = l1, l2`,  
`carry = 0`  
`while p1 or p2`  
`cur1 = p1.val or 0, cur2 = p2.val or 0`  
`total = cur1 + cur2 + carry`  
`nodeVal = total % 10, node = ListNode(nodeVal)`  
`temp.next = node, temp = temp.next`  
`if total >= 10: carry = 1`  
`else: carry = 0`      if carry: temp.next = ListNode(carry)  
`if p1: p1 = p1.next`  
`if p2: p2 = p2.next`  
`In the end account for carry outside loop → return dummy.next`      classmate

$O(n)$   $O(1)$

Delete  $n$ th node from end of linked list

You are not given total size of list  
and you have to do in only 1 pass.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  use two pointers.

- $\Rightarrow$  iterate 1 of those  $n$  times
- $\Rightarrow$  Now start iterating both together till one reaches end of list.
- $\Rightarrow$  the next of other pointer is node to be deleted, delete it as usual
- $\Rightarrow$  In case  $n = \text{size of list}$  just return head.next [as head itself will be removed]

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $p1, p2 = \text{head}, \text{head}$

    while  $n > p2 = p2.\text{next}$ ,  $n--$

$n = \text{len} \leftarrow$  if not  $p2$ : return head.next

    case

        while  $p2.\text{next}:$

$p2 = p2.\text{next}$

$p1 = p1.\text{next}$

        delete step  $\leftarrow p1.\text{next} = p1.\text{next}.\text{next}$

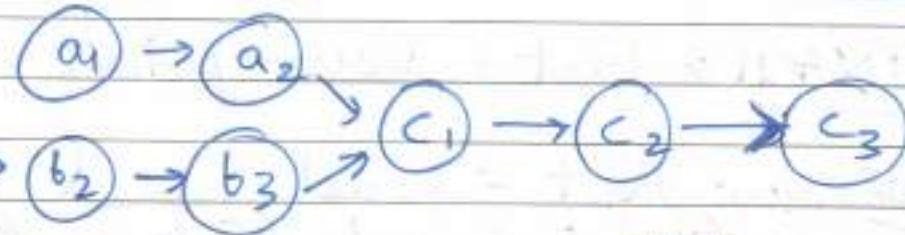
        return head

classmate

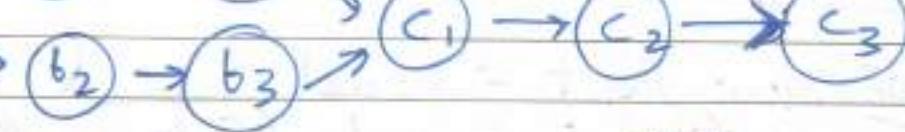
$O(m+n)$   $O(1)$

LC. 160 Intersection of 2 Linked Lists

A:



B:



APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  start iterating both lists, ~~one~~ will end first if length is unequal. Let's say A ends first. Now make this null pointer as head of B [This will help in compensating for extra length of B, now iterate both pointers, till one ends, this marks successful completion of excess length process. Now make null pointer equal to head of shorter list, and MOVE BOTH POINTERS TOGETHER TO GET ANSWER]

CODE :-  $t_1, t_2 = \text{headA}, \text{headB}$

    while  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ :  $t_1, t_2 = t_1.\text{next}, t_2.\text{next}$

    if  $t_1$  ends:  $\text{shorterHead} = \text{headA}$

$t_1 = \text{headB}$

    else:  $\text{shorterHead} = \text{headB}$

$t_2 = \text{headA}$

    while  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ :  $t_1, t_2 = t_1.\text{next}, t_2.\text{next}$

    if  $t_1 == \text{None}$ :  $t_1 = \text{shorterHead}$

    else:  $t_2 = \text{shorterHead}$

    while  $t_1 != t_2$ :

$t_1, t_2 = t_1.\text{next}, t_2.\text{next}$

    return  $t_1$

classmate

$O(n)$   $O(1)$

## Linked List Cycle Detection

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Fast & slow pointers

```

CODE: slow, fast = head, head
      while fast and fast.next:
          slow = slow.next
          fast = fast.next.next
          if slow == fast:
              return True
      return False
  
```

$O(n)$   $O(1)$

## Check if linked list is Palindrome

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  1) Find middle (Ignore middle element if list is odd length for palindrome)  
 2) reverse second part  
 3) compare first & reversed second part

```

CODE: def isPalindrome(head):
        middle, evenLength = getMiddle(head)
        if not evenLength:
            p2 = middle
        else:
            p2 = middle.next
        p1 = head
        p2 = reverse(p2)
        while p1 and p2:
            if p1.val != p2.val: return False
            p1, p2 = p1.next, p2.next
        return True
    
```

classmate

```

def reverse(head):
    prev = None, temp = head
    while temp:
        next = temp.next
        temp.next = prev
        prev = temp
        temp = next
    return prev
  
```

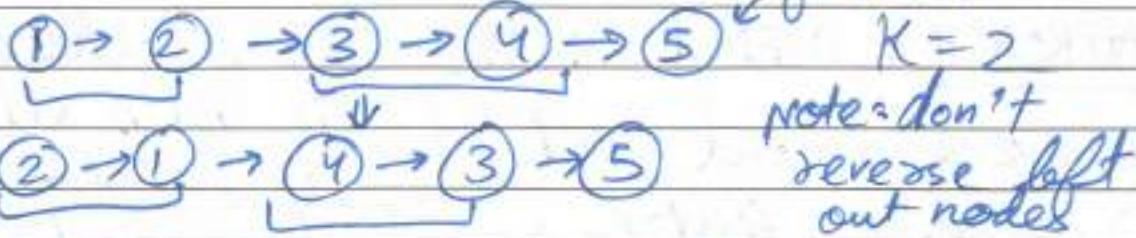
```

def getMiddle(head):
    slow, fast = head, head
    while fast and fast.next:
        slow, fast = slow.next, fast.next.next
    return slow, fast = None, fast.next
  
```

check for even strength

$O(n) \ O(1)$

Reverse Nodes in K-Group



APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  flip each subpart

- $>$  store last node of each step's reversed part [as that has to point at head of next reversed subpart]
- $>$  Use node of ~~next~~ next subpart as delimiter to check end of current sublist.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $l, r = \text{head}, \text{head}$   
 $\text{ans}, \text{prevStepLastNode} = \text{None}, \text{None}$   
 $\text{while } r:$

$\text{cnt} = 0$

$\text{while } r \text{ and } \text{cnt} < K:$

$r, \text{cnt} = r.\text{next}, \text{cnt} + 1$

if  $\text{cnt} != K$  # left out nodes

if  $\text{prevStepLastNode}:$

$\text{prevStepLastNode}.\text{next} = l$

return  $\text{ans}$  # head by default if all nodes

else:  $\text{newHead} = \text{self}. \text{reverse}(l, r)$

if  $\text{prevStepLastNode}:$   $\text{prevSLN}.\text{next} = \text{newHead}$

else:  $\text{ans} = \text{newHead}$

$l = r$   $\text{prevSLN} = \text{newHead}$

in the end return  $\text{ans}$

$O(n) \ O(1)$

Find starting point of loop of linked list

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  fast and slow pointer approach

slow, fast = head, head  
while fast and fast.next:

slow, fast = slow.next, fast.next.next  
if slow == fast: break

else: return None

slow = head

while slow != fast:

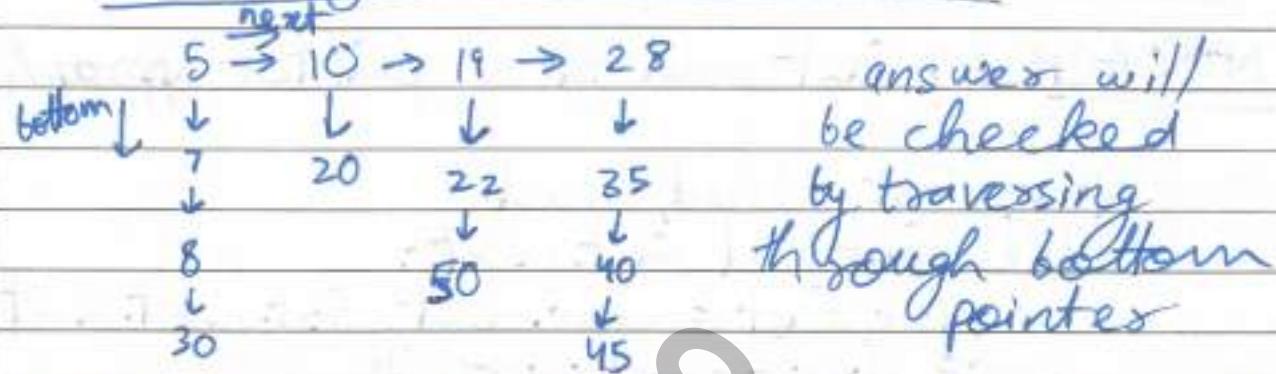
slow, fast = slow.next, fast.next  
return slow

classmate

$O(n+k)$

$O(1)$

## Flattening a Linked List



- > APPROACH : Use heap to keep track of next smaller node.
- > Insert garbage value to deal with equal value of nodes as nodes are not comparable.

```

CODE > pointers = [ ], temp=root, dummy = Node()
        i=0 # for preventing Node object comparison
        while temp:
            heappush(pointers, (temp.data, i, temp))
            temp = temp.next, i+=1
        temp = dummy
        while pointers:
            cur, curNode = heappop(pointers)
            temp.bottom = curNode
            temp = curNode, nex = curNode.bottom
            if nex!=None:
                heappush(pointers, (nex.data, i, nex))
            curNode.bottom = None # cleanup, not needed though
            i+=1
        return dummy.bottom
    
```

## Rotate List by K

K can be much greater than list length.

- > APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Find length of list and do  $K \% n$  to reduce computation iterations.
- > Change tail to point to head.
- > now travel  $n - k$  times and break the chain there and repeat new head.

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5, k=2 \Rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$

### CODE $\Rightarrow$

```

if not head: return head
lastnode, n = head, 1
while lastnode.next:
    lastnode = lastnode.next, n=n+1
lastnode.next = head # join end and begin
K% = n
KeepFromBegin = n-k
while KeepFromBegin:
    lastNode, KeepFromBegin = lastnode.next,
    newhead = lastnode.next
    lastnode.next = None
    return newhead
    
```

classmate

$O(n)$

$O(1)$

### Copy a Linked List with Random Pointers

Approach > Use next pointers of old list nodes as hashmap.

> Then establish random pointers for new nodes.

> Separate next pointers of two lists.

CODE:- if not head: return None  
temp = head

Setup [ while temp:

newNodes [ temp.next = Node(temp.val, temp.random)  
temp = temp.next.next

temp = head  
while temp:

temp.next.random = temp.random.next if

temp.random else

temp.next = temp.next.next

newHead = head.next, cur = head

while cur:

nextOldNode = cur.next.next, curNewNode = cur.next

curNewNode.next = nextOldNode.next if

nextOldNode else None

cur.next = nextOldNode

cur = cur.next

return newHead

classmate

$O(n^2)$   $O(1)$

### Three Sum (Avoid duplicate triples)

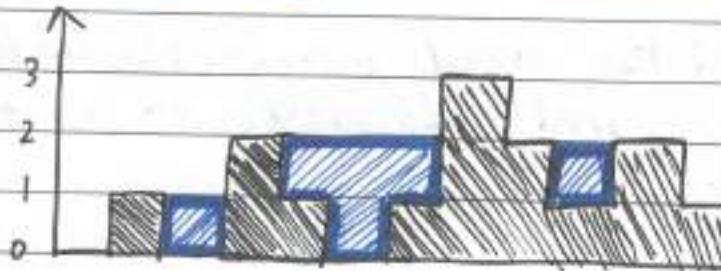
> Use an iter pointer and curr new pointers.  
> Sort first to efficiently be able to avoid duplicate vals.

CODE :-  
num.sort(), ans = []  
i, n = 0, len(nums)  
while i < n:  
 l = i + 1, r = n - 1, iVal = nums[i]  
 while l < r:  
 L, R, moveL, moveR = nums[l], nums[r], False, False  
 tot = iVal + L + R  
 if tot > 0:  
 moveR = True  
 elif tot < 0:  
 moveL = True  
 else:  
 ans.append((iVal, L, R))  
 moveL, moveR = True, True  
 while moveL and l < n and nums[l] == L:  
 l += 1  
 while moveR and r >= 0 and nums[r] == R:  
 r -= 1  
 while i < n and iVal == nums[i]: i += 1  
 return ans

classmate

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### LC-42 Trapping rainwater



Given the elevations, what's the most amount of water you can trap.

Approach → at every index, only think about your max storage possible

- Use monotonic stack or DP to find max height on left and right of current index.
- there can never be negative contribution by a index, so keep 0 minimum contribution.

#### CODE

```
for i in range(n):
    r = highestOnRight(i)
    l = highestOnLeft(i)
    ans += max(0, min(r, l) - height[i])
return ans.
```

#### @cache

```
def highestOnLeft(i):
    if i == 0: return height[i]
```

```
else:
```

```
    return max(height[i], hol(i-1))
```

height needs to be returned instead of 0 for dp to work for rest of indices.

#### @cache

```
def hol(i)
```

```
    if i == n-1: return
```

```
        height[n-1]
```

```
else:
```

```
    return max(height[i], hol(i+1))
```

classmate

$O(n \log n)$   $O(n)$   
or  
 $O(1)$

### Fractional Knapsack

APPROACH → greedy pick element with max val per unit weight  
→ PICK AS MUCH OF THE ITEM AS YOU CAN

#### CODE

Items.sort(key = lambda x: x.value/x.weight,  
reverse=True)

highest to lowest

for item in Items:

value, weight = item.value, item.weight

maxCanTake = min(weight, W)

W = maxCanTake

Knapsack capacity

ans += value \* (maxCanTake / weight)

Fractional Knapsack

classmate

$O(n)$   $O(1)$

### Remove duplicates from sorted Array

Modify array inplace, place answer in and return number of uniques beginning

$$[1, 1, 2] \Rightarrow [2, 1, 2, -]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  2 unique

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  2 pointers approach

$\Rightarrow$  Keep a third pointer, like  $K$ , which stores index till valid length.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $l, r, K, n = 0, 0, 0, \text{len(nums)}$

while  $r < n$ :

    while  $r < n$  and  $\text{nums}[r] == \text{nums}[l]$ :

$r += 1$

$\text{nums}[K] = \text{nums}[l]$

$K += 1$

$l = r$

    return  $K$

$O(n)$   $O(1)$

### Max consecutive Ones

Given an array of 0's and 1's, return max consecutive 1's in array.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  greedy approach

$\Rightarrow$  reset count whenever you see 0

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{cur}, \text{highest} = 0, 0$

for num in nums:

    if num == 1:

$\text{cur} += 1$

    else

$\text{cur} = 0$

    highest = max(highest, cur)

return highest

Depending on sorting algo  $O(n \log n)$  or  $O(n^2)$   $O(n)$  or  $O(1)$   
N meetings in one Room

Maximum number of meetings that can be conducted in one room without overlap.

APPROACH 2 do that meeting first which ends first

> if non-overlapping meet is found, make that the new prev.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$

```
meets.sort(key=lambda x: x.end)
prev = meets[0], ans = 1
```

for meet in meets[1:]:

if prev.end < meet.start: # no overlap  
 prev = meet  
 ans += 1

else:

continue

return ans

classmate

Time  $\rightarrow O(CoinTypeCount \times target)$   
Space  $\rightarrow O(target)$

Minimum Number of coins

You have infinite supply of every coin type.  
If its impossible to get target value, return -1.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Just because complexity of dp recursion is  $M \times N$ , doesn't mean its memo table size also has to be  $M \times N$ . This problem's sol<sup>n</sup> is an example of this. You should use for loop inside recursive function instead of relying on 2-dimensional recursion.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$

```
@cache
def minCoinCount(target):
    if target == 0: return 0
    res, ans = inf
    for coin in coins:
        if coin <= target:
            ans = min(ans, 1 + minCoinCount(target - coin))
    return ans

res = minCoinCount(target)
return -1 if res == inf else res
```

classmate

$O(n2^n)$   $O(2^n)$

### Subset Sums

Print all possible subset sums from a given array of unique and positive numbers

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  build curStep result from all previous steps

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  ans = [0]  $\Rightarrow$  You can always get 0 by ignoring all nums.

```

for num in arr:
    n = len(ans) # all previous steps
    for i in range(n):
        ans.append(ans[i] + num)
    return ans
  
```

Combine previous step with next step.

classmate

$O(N \cdot 2^N)$   $O(N \cdot 2^M)$

### Subsets with Duplicate

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Sort the array

- > Use normal subset generation logic of using result from all previous steps except for the case where cur element is same as last element.
- > In repeated case, only use results from previous step.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  nums.sort()

ans = [[]]

prev = [[]] # this value will get overwritten and never reused as it is

```

for i in range(len(nums)):
    tempans = []
    if i > 0 and nums[i] == nums[i-1]:
        for subset in prev:
            tempans.append(subset + [nums[i]])
    else:
        for subset in ans: # use all prev
            tempans.append(subset + [nums[i]]) steps
    prev = tempans
    ans.extend(tempans)
return ans
  
```

classmate

$O(n \log(n))$   $O(n)$

## Job Scheduling Problem

each job is of ~~deadline~~ type (id, deadline, profit)  
return max profit possible if each job takes 1 slot and can only be completed on or before deadline.

- > sort jobs from highest deadline to lowest, calculate slots between current and next highest deadline
- > while slots are available, assign highest possible profit job to schedule using heap.

doneJobs = 0, totProfit = 0  
CODE => jobs.sort(key = deadline)  
 for i in range(n-1, -1, -1) :  
 if i == 0:  
 slots = jobs[i].deadline  
 else: slots = jobs[i].deadline - jobs[i-1].deadline  
 heappush(maxHeap, (-jobs[i].profit), i)  
 while slots and maxHeap:  
 profit = -heappop(maxHeap).profit  
 slots -= 1, doneJobs += 1, totProfit += profit  
 return [doneJobs, totProfit]

classmate

$O(n)$

## Minimum Train platforms

~~O(n^2)~~  
~~O(2^36)~~  
 $O(1)$

given arrival and departures, find min platforms needed.

APPROACH 1:

NOTE  $\Rightarrow$  You can use heap approach of getting running meeting with quickest end time of MINIMUM MEETING ROOMS NEEDED PROBLEM (LC 253). But that approach is  $n \log n$

APPROACH 2  $\Rightarrow$  increment cur if train arrives and decrement if train leaves [keep arrivals and departures sorted in one single array itself] this approach also  $n \log n$ . But the most optimized soln is specific to this problem and assumes all train data is of same day

trains = [0 for i in range(2361)]  
 for time in arrival:  
 trains[time] += 1  $\xrightarrow{\text{extra sec for next day}}$   
 for time in dep:  
 trains[time] -= 1  $\xrightarrow{\text{at a timestamp}}$   
 cur, ans = trains[0], trains[0]  
 for i in range(1, 2361):  
 cur += trains[i]; ans = max(ans, cur)  $\xrightarrow{\text{Prefix sum}}$   
 return ans

TC  $\rightarrow O(2^{\text{target} \times \text{length of combination}})$

### L.C. 39 Combination Sum

Each candidate has infinite supply, return unique combinations which sum to target.

APPROACH ➡ Recursion, Unbounded Knapsack.

- use path data structure to keep track of nums used so far.

CODE ➡ N = len(candidates), ans = []

```
def solve(idx, target, path):
    if idx == N:
        if target == 0:
            ans.append(list(path))
    else:
```

```
        cur = candidates[idx]
```

# solve without picking

```
solve(idx+1, target, path)
```

# try solving with picking (not always possible)

if cur == target:

```
    path.append(cur)
```

```
    solve(idx+1, target - cur, path)
```

```
    path.pop()
```

```
solve(0, target, [])
```

return ans

don't do  
idx+1 here as  
nums can be  
repeated

SC  $O(K^N)$   
combination count  
(Duplicates)

TC  $O(2^N \times K)$   
SC  $O(K^N)$   
avg length of comb.  $\rightarrow$  number of comb (ignoring the recursive stack space)

### L.C. 40. Combination Sum II

Each number can be used only once.  
Generate all unique combinations with target sum.

APPROACH ➡ Think like each recursive call is to pick current position's chosen number.

- If you're able to ensure non-duplicacy for current pick, it will be ensured throughout the solution.
- Ignore duplicacy of the first index possible since its previous actually belongs to last step and not current step.

CODE :- candidates.sort(), N = len(candidates), ans = []

```
def solve(idx, target, path):
```

```
    if target == 0: ans.append(list(path))
```

```
    else: for i in range(idx, N):
```

```
        if i > idx and candidates[i] == candidates[i-1]: continue
```

```
        if candidates[i] > target: break
```

```
        path.append(candidates[i])
```

```
solve(i+1, target - candidates[i], path)
```

```
path.pop()
```

make sure to  
break here  
to avoid TLE

classmate

classmate

$O(n! \times n)$        $O(n! \times n)$   
 Print all permutations of array with  
 distinct numbers

For storing  
ans[]

APPROACH ▶ Any number can come at current index in permutation

▶ Assume each call to solve function is to determine number to be taken at current position.

CODE :-  
 $\text{ans} = []$ ,  $N = \text{len}(\text{nums})$   
 $\text{def solve}(\text{idx}):$   
 if  $\text{idx} == N$ :  
 $\text{ans.append}(\text{list}(\text{nums}))$   
 else:  
 for i in range(idx, N):  
 Swap to  $\rightarrow \text{nums}[i], \text{nums}[\text{idx}] = \text{nums}[\text{idx}], \text{nums}[i]$   
 simulate being in current position  
 solve(idx+1)  
 Swap back  $\rightarrow \text{nums}[i], \text{nums}[\text{idx}] = \text{nums}[\text{idx}], \text{nums}[i]$   
 to clean up for next step  
 solve(0)  
 return ans.

classmate

$O(n^2)$   
 loop  $\times$  remove from list per iter.  
 $O(n)$  to store answers

$K^{\text{th}}$  permutation Lexicographically

Given all permutations of nums 1 to n, return  $k^{\text{th}}$  such permutation.

APPROACH :- If  $N$  nums left in list, and  $N!$  permutations of those nums, each number will be at beginning of  $(N-1)!$  of those permutations. So we can find which bucket  $K$  belongs to for current step and keep recalculating  $K$  and moving forward.

CODE :-  
 $\text{nums} = \text{list}(\text{range}(1, n+1))$   
 $\text{ans} = []$   
 $\text{while } \text{len}(\text{nums}) > 0:$   
 $\quad \text{N} = \text{len}(\text{nums})$   
 $\quad \text{perthead} = \text{factorial}(N-1)$   
 $\quad \text{find index of current pick}$   
 $\quad \text{pickedIdx} = (k-1) // \text{perthead}$   
 $\quad \text{as nums is always sorted.}$   
 $\quad \text{pickedNum} = \text{nums}[\text{pickedIdx}]$   
 $\quad \text{ans.append(str(pickedNum))}$   
 $\quad \text{O}(n) \quad \text{nums.remove(pickedNum)}$   
 $\quad k = k \% \text{perthead}$   
 $\text{return ' '.join(ans)}$

classmate

## Palindrome Partitioning

$O(N \cdot 2^N)$

$O(N)$   
for recursion

## Partitioning

Print all partitions of string  $s$ , such that all subparts are palindromes  
 $'aab' \Rightarrow [[\text{'a'}, \text{'a'}, \text{'b'}], [\text{'aa'}, \text{'b'}]]$

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  recursion

> try every possible substring possible starting from current index and recur further if a palindrome is found possible.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  def solve(idx, path):

if idx == len(s):  
 res.append(list(path))

else:

cur = s[i:i]

for i in range(idx, len(s)):

cur += s[i]

if isPalin(cur):

path.append(cur)

solve(i+1, path)

path.pop()

res = []

solve(0, [])

return res

classmate

$O(N!)$

## LC-51 N-Queens

$O(N^2)$   
For board excluding space for answer

3	4	5	6
2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3

$2^{*(n-1)}$   
upper diagonal  
(0 to  $2^{n-1}$ )

$N=4$  gives

	Q		
		Q	
			Q
Q			

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  as we are placing queens left to right, column by column, we only need to worry about conflicts from the left side as right side is empty

[left of current row, upper diagonal, lower diagonal]

► The way to get to get most optimised soln for interview is to come up with efficient checks [ $O(1)$ ] for above 3. [Map rows to 0 to  $n-1$  and both diagonals b/w 0 to  $n-2$ ]

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  def solve(col, n):

if col == n: ansBoards.append(deepcopy(board))

else: for row in range(n):

Hash for row  $\rightarrow$  row  
 for lowerDiag  $\rightarrow$  row + col  
 for upperDiag  $\rightarrow$   $n-1 + col - row$

board[row][col] = 'Q'

leftRow[row] = full, lowerDiag[row+col] = full,  
 upperDiag[n-1 + col - row] = full;

solve(col+1, ~~to~~ n)

board[row][col] = '.'!

leftRow[row] = empty, lowerDiag[row+col] = empty,  
 upperDiag[n-1 + ~~to~~ col - row] = empty

CLEANUP  $\leftarrow$

$O(N!)^N$

### LC-37 Sudoku Solver

- Approach → recursion and backtracking.
- Try each num in each empty space and check for conflicts.

CODE → def willConflict(row, col, num):

```

for c in range(n):
    if b[row][c] == num: return True
for r in range(n)
    if b[r][col] == num: return True
R, C = row//3, col//3 # for 3x3 square
for r in range(3*R, 3*R+3):
    for c in range(3*C, 3*(C+3)):
        if board[r][c] == num: return True
return False

def solve(row, col):
    if col == n: return True # filling complete
    nextRow = (row+n) % n, nextCol = col+1 if row == n-1 else col+1
    if board[row][col] != empty: return solve(nextRow, nextCol)
    else: for num in range(1, n+1):
        if not willConflict(row, col, num):
            board[row][col] = str(num)
            temp = solve(nextRow, nextCol)
            if temp: return True
            board[row][col] = empty
    return False

```

solve(0,0)

$O(3^{N^2})$

### Rat in a Maze

$n^2$  cell and each has 3 unvisited cells.

$O(\frac{L}{3} * X)$   
avg. length ↓  
of path num.  
of paths

free = 1, blocked = 0 :- Print all paths from 0,0 to n-1,n-1 which don't have a blocked cell and visit cells only once.

- Approach :-> Depth first search recursive
- Mark visited nodes on the way and clean up when stepping out of recursion.

moves = [0, -1, 0, 1, 0]

mapping = {(0, 1): R, (0, -1): L, (-1, 0): U, (1, 0): D}

vis = [[False for \_ in range(n)] for \_ in range(n)]

def dfs(i, j, path):

if i < 0 or j < 0 or n-1 < i or n-1 < j or vis[i][j] or m[i][j] == blocked: return

else: vis[i][j] = True

if i == n-1 and j == n-1:

ans.append(str(path))

else:

for di, dj in zip(moves[1:], moves[:-1]):

I, J = i+di, j+dj

dfs(I, J, path + mapping[di, dj])

vis[i][j] = False # CLEANUP

dfs(0, 0, '')

return ans.

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$O(M^N)$

$O(N)$

## M-Coloring Problem

return yes or no if all vertices of graph can be colored with  $\leq M$  colors with no two neighbors having same color.

APPROACH → Don't use BFS or DFS

→ each vertex starting from 0 will check if  $[i+1, n]$  can be colored given its current color choice.

CODE → `color = [0 for _ in range(n)]`

`def isSafe(node, col):`

`for dest in adj[node]:`

`if color[dest] == col: return False`

`return True`

`def canAssign(node):`

`if node == n: return True`

`else: for col in range(1, m+1):`

`if isSafe(node, col):`

`color[node] = col`

`if canAssign(node+1):`

`return True`

`color[node] = 0`

`return False`

`return 1 if canAssign(0) else 0`

classmate

$O(\log n)$

$O(1)$

## Single Non-Repeat Element in Sorted Array

1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 8, 8 → Answer should be 2

APPROACH → Binary Search

Couple of observations → ① If you are standing before the target element, all first occurrences of nums would be at even indices and 2nd occurrences would be at odd indices.

② If first occurrences are at odd indices and second occurrences are at even indices after the target element.

CODE →  $l, r = 0, n-1$

while  $l \leq r$ :

$mid = l + (r-l)/2$

$cur = \text{nums}[mid]$

if  $mid > 0$  and  $\text{nums}[mid-1] == cur$ :

# means this is second occurrence

if  $mid \% 2 == 0$ : # means currently we are at after target

$r = mid - 1$

else:  $l = mid + 1$

elif  $mid < \text{len}(\text{nums}) - 1$  and  $\text{nums}[mid+1] == cur$ :  
# first occurrence

if  $mid \% 2 == 1$ :  $r = mid - 1$  # first occurrence

else:  $l = mid + 1$

else: return cur # target element

classmate  
at odd means  
after target

$O((\log n) \times \log(m \times 10^6))$   $O(1)$

for pow operations

precision digits

### $N^{th}$ Root of a Number Using Binary Search

Find  $(M)^{1/N}$

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  we can keep a search space of ans for 1 to M, and keep an eps (diff value) of  $10^{-7}$  (because answer will only be checked for 6 digits)

CODE

```
def find Nth Root of M(n,m):
    eps = 10**(-7)
    l, r = 1, m

    while r-l > eps:
        mid = l + (r-l)/2
        v = mid**n # diagonal
        if v > m:
            r = mid
        else:
            l = mid
    return r
```

Note :- total search space is

1.000 000 to m

so  $(m \times 10^6)$  total possible runs

so binary search will have  $\log(m \times 10^6)$

$O(N \times 2^N)$   $O(N \times 2^N)$

### Word Break Problem

Given a dictionary of words and a string of chars, put spaces in possible places such that valid words from dictionary are obtained. Return all such valid sentences.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$   $\triangleright$  Recursion

$\triangleright$  Very similar to palindrome partitioning

CODE :- words = set(dictionary), ans = []
def solve (idx, path):
 if idx == len(s):
 ans.append(" ".join(path))
 else:
 cur = s[idx]
 for i in range(idx, len(s)):
 cur += s[i]
 if cur in words:
 path.append(cur)
 solve(i+1, path)
 path.pop()

solve(0, [])

return ans.

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$n \times m$  matrix  $\xrightarrow{T.C. \rightarrow O(\log(10**9) * (n \log(m)))}$   
 $S.C. \rightarrow O(1)$

### Matrix Median with sorted rows with odd total elements

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  definition of median  $\rightarrow$  even counting  
duplicates (even of median itself), matrix would total have  $\geq (\text{tot}+1)/2$  elements which are less than or equal to it.  
► We should try to find the smallest num val which satisfies this property.  
► In the end I will always have the correct value.

CODE :- tot = len(A) \* len(A[0])  
lessThanEqLnt = (tot+1)//2  
l, r = 1, 10\*\*9

while l <= r:  
mid = l + (r-l)//2  
v = getCount(mid)  
if v >= lessThanEqLnt:  
r = mid - 1

else:  
l = mid + 1

return l

def getCount(num):  
ans = 0  
for row in A:  
ans += bisect-right(row, num)

return ans

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$O(\log N)$   $O(1)$

### L.C. 33 Search in a Rotated Sorted Array

[4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2], target = 0  
 $\uparrow$  Ans  $\rightarrow$  4

Approach  $\rightarrow$  Binary Search

► No matter where your mid lies, either the left subpart or the right subpart WILL BE SORTED.

► The approach relies on identifying IF IT'S POSSIBLE for the target to be in sorted subpart or not.

CODE :- l, r = 0, N-1  
while l <= r:  
m = l + (r-l)//2  
if nums[m] == target:  
return m  
elif nums[l] <= nums[m]: # sorted subpart l to m  
if nums[l] <= target <= nums[m]:  
 $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow r = m-1$   
else:  
l = m+1 will  
else: # right part ~~will~~ be sorted  
if nums[m] <= target <= nums[r]:  
l = m+1  
else:  
r = m-1

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return -1

$O(\log(\min(m,n)))$   ~~$\neq O(1)$~~

#### LC.4 Median of two sorted Arrays

in  $\log(\min(m,n))$  complexity

APPROACH :- ① Basically we do binary search to decide number of elements picked from arr1, from this we can also calculate number of elements picked in arr2 for that iteration.

② Then check if this is a valid split by comparing CROSS ELEMENTS.

③ In case of odd length combined, only consider the MAXIMUM ELEMENT of LEFT SUBPART.

CODE :-  
m, n = len(nums1), len(nums2)  
if m > n: swap nums1 and nums2 and m < n  
tot = m + n, onLeft = (m + n + 1) // 2, l = 0, r = m  
while l <= r:

takenFromFirst = l + (r - l) // 2

takenFromSecond = onLeft - takenFromFirst

if takenFromSecond > n: l = takenFromFirst + 1  
continue

elif takenFromSecond < 0: r = takenFromFirst - 1  
continue

{Check if (Cross elements) valid  
and (l1 <= tfs) and (l2 <= tot - tfs)}  
l1 = -inf if takenFromFirst == 0 else nums1[takenFromFirst]  
l2 = -inf if tfs == 0 else nums2[tfs - 1]  
r1 = inf if tff == m else nums1[tff], r2 = inf if tff == n  
if l1 <= r2 and l2 <= r1: else num2[tfs] > r2  
return max(l1, l2) if tot % 2 == 1 else (max(l1, l2), min(r1, r2))  
else: if l1 > r2: r = tff - 1 else l = tff + 1

$O(\log(\min(m,n)))$   $O(1)$

#### K<sup>th</sup> element of 2 sorted arrays

APPROACH :- same as previous problem, just try keep first K elements in left subpart.  
Also swap arrays if first one is bigger by default  
By default  $\rightarrow$  arr1  $\rightarrow$  m elements arr2  $\rightarrow$  n elements

CODE :- if  $n > m$ :

$n, m = m, n$

arr1, arr2, = arr2, arr1

$l, r = 0, n$

while  $l <= r$

pickedFrom1 =  $(l+r)/2$

pickedFrom2 =  $K - \text{pickedFrom1}$

if pf2 > m:  $l = pf1 + 1$ ; continue;

if pf2 < 0:  $r = pf1 - 1$ ; continue;

$l1 = -\inf$  if pf1 == 0 else arr1[pf1 - 1]

$l2 = -\inf$  if pf2 == 0 else arr2[pf2 - 1]

$x1 = \inf$  if pf1 == n else arr1[pf1]

$x2 = \inf$  if pf2 == m else arr2[pf2]

if  $l1 \leq r2$  and  $l2 \leq r1$ :

# valid possibility

return max(l1, l2)

else:

if  $l1 > r2$ :  $r = pf1 - 1$

else:  $l = pf1 + 1$

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$O(n \log n)$

### Aggressive Cows

Given possible stall locations and number of cows, return max possible min distance between cows.

APPROACH → ▶ binary search, try to get max possible answer

```
CODE → l, r = 0, stalls[-1] # possible distance space.
while l <= r:
    mid = (l+r)//2
    if isPos(mid):
        ans = max(ans, mid)
        l = mid+1
    else:
        r = mid-1
return ans
```

```
def isPos(dist):
    allotted = 0, prev = -inf
    for stall in stalls:
        if stall - prev >= dist:
            allotted += 1, prev = stall
        if allotted >= cows: break
    return allotted >= cows
```

$O(1)$

$O(n \log n)$

$O(1)$

### Allocated Books

Return min. possible max book allocation such that books are allocated continuously and each student gets at least one book.

APPROACH → ▶ Binary Search

```
CODE → if len(books) < students:
    return -1
else:
    l, r = 0, sum(books)
    ans = inf
    while l <= r:
        mid = (l+r)//2
        if isPos(mid):
            ans = min(ans, mid)
            r = mid-1
        else:
            l = mid+1
    return ans
```

```
def isPos(maxi):
    prev, assigned = maxi, 0
    for book in books:
        if prev+book > maxi:
            prev = book, assigned += 1
        if prev > maxi: return False
    else: prev += book
    return assigned <= students
```

$O(n \log k)$

$O(k)$

### $K^{th}$ Largest Element in an Array

APPROACH :- heap (minimum) [Largest finding]  
[needs min heap]

- ▶ Keeping adding to heap, as soon as number of elements becomes  $> K$ , kick one out.
- ▶ In the end return the topmost element.

CODE :- heap = []

for num in nums:

    heappush(heap, num)

    if len(heap)  $> K$ : heappop(heap)

return heappop(heap)

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$O(N \log N)$

$O(N)$

### Maximum Sum Combination

Given two arrays, comb-sum takes one elem from either array and returns top C of them

APPROACH 2

- ▶ Sort the arrays individually first
- ▶ Then there is no predictable way to tell next best possible combo after first, so just push all possibilities to the heap.
- ▶ Also keep track of visited set to prevent duplicates.

CODE :- ans, h, seen = [], [], set()

A.sort(), B.sort()

heappush(h, -(A[N-1] + B[N-1]), N-1, N-1))

for \_ in range(C):

    negTot, i1, i2 = heappop(h)

    ans.append(-negTot)

    if i1-1 >= 0 and (i1-1, i2) not in seen:

        seen.add((i1-1, i2))

        heappush(h, -(A[i1-1] + B[i2]), i1-1, i2))

    if i2-1 >= 0 and (i1, i2-1) not in seen:

        seen.add((i1, i2-1))

        heappush(h, -(A[i1] + B[i2-1]), i1, i2-1))

return ans

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Find median  $O(\log N)$

space  $O(N)$

### Find Median from Data Stream

- APPROACH ▷ Use two heaps, minimum elements would be stored in maxHeap and maximum elements in minHeap.
- ▷ Also keep elements balanced, ~~max~~ minHeap should have one element extra, in case of odd total elements. Also use this while calculating median, taking elements from both heaps for even total length.

CODE:-

```
def addNum(num):
    heappush(maxHeap, -num)
    heappush(minHeap, -heappop(maxHeap))
    if len(minHeap) > len(maxHeap):
        heappush(maxHeap, -heappop(minHeap))

def findMedian():
    if len(maxHeap) > len(minHeap):
        return -maxHeap[0]
    else:
        return (-maxHeap[0] + minHeap[0])/2
```

$O(n \log k)$   $O(n)$

### Top K Frequent Elements

- APPROACH ▷ Make a dictionary of num to freq  
▷ keep highest freqs ( $k$  of them) in heap, and kick out when this count goes  $>k$ .

CODE:-

```
ctr = Counter(nums)
minH = []
for key in ctr:
    heappush(minH, (ctr[key], key))
if len(minH) > k:
    heappop(minH)
return [x[1] for x in minH]
```

$N \rightarrow$  total elements in all arrays  $O(n \log k)$   $O(n)$   
 $k$  Num of arrays  
Merge  $k$  sorted Arrays

APPROACH → Keep a pointer for each index of each array, and push the next index of an array once current one is processed and pushed to answer.

CODE ►  $\text{minH} = []$ ,  $\text{ans} = []$   
for  $i$  in range( $K$ ):  
    heappush( $\text{minH}$ , ( $K$ Arrays[i][0], i, 0))  
while  $\text{minH}$ :  
    val, arrIdx, idx = heappop( $\text{minH}$ )  
    arrLen = len( $K$ Arrays[arrIdx])  
    ans.append(val)  
    if  $idx + 1 < arrLen$ :  
        heappush( $\text{minH}$ , ( $K$ Arrays[arrIdx][idx+1],  
                              arrIdx, idx+1)))  
return ans

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### Check Valid Parenthesis

APPROACH ➤ use stack for matching  
► Return False whenever any mismatch occurs.

CODE ►  $\text{st} = \text{deque}()$  # to simulate stack  
 $\text{pair} = \{'\}': '(', ']': '[', '}': '{' }$   
for c in s:  
    if c in '({':  
        st.append(c)  
    else:  
        if len(st) == 0 or st[-1] != pair[c]:  
            return False  
        st.pop()  
return len(st) == 0 # Final check

$O(n)$        $O(n)$

## LC-496 Next Greater Element - I

APPROACH → monotonous stack.

- Given nums array and query array, store the result for each unique num in map as they are popped out of stack.
- The answer for each num is that number which "pops it out" from monotonous stack.

CODE:-

```

gtr = defaultdict(lambda: -1)
st = []
for num in nums:
    if len(st) == 0 or st[-1] > num:
        st.append(num)
    else:
        while st and st[-1] < num:
            gtr[st.pop()] = num
        st.append(num)
return [gtr[num] for num in query]

```

$O(1)$  amortised all ops       $O(n)$

## L.C. 232 Implement Queue Using Stacks

APPROACH → Use two stacks

- Keep all operations amortized,  $O(1)$ .
- We do push operation fullfillment from st1 and pop operation fullfillment from st2.

CODE:-

```

def __init__(self):
    self.st1, self.st2 = [], []

def push(self, x):
    self.st1.append(x)

def empty(self):
    return not (self.st1 or self.st2)

def pop(self):
    if not self.st2:
        while self.st1:
            self.st2.append(self.st1.pop())
    return self.st2.pop()

def peek(self):
    if not self.st2:
        while self.st1:
            self.st2.append(self.st1.pop())
    return self.st2[-1]

```

$O(1)$   
for push

$O(n)$   
for pop and  
peek

$O(n)$   
space

## Implement Stack Using Queues

(Using Only 1 queue)

APPROACH

- append or push just like normal
- But while popping or peeking, we basically wrap around the whole queue and return or pop the last element.

CODE :-

```

def push(x):
    self.q.append(x)
def size():
    return len(self.q)
def empty():
    return self.size() == 0
def pop():
    n = self.size()
    for _ in range(n-1): # except last
        self.q.append(self.q.popleft())
    return self.q.popleft()
def top():
    n = self.size()
    for _ in range(n-1):
        self.q.append(self.q.popleft())
    temp = self.q.popleft()
    self.q.append(temp)
    return temp # send back to queue

```

$O(n^2)$

$O(n)$

## Sort Stack

### APPROACH

- We need 2 recursive functions, one sorts and other appropriately inserts inside a presorted stack.
- We remove current element and sort rest of stack.
- And then assuming stack has been sorted, we go and insert current value in correct place.

CODE :-

```

def sortStack(stack):
    if stack:
        cur = stack.pop()
        sortStack(stack)
        insertInStack(stack, cur)

```

```

def insertInStack(stack, elem):
    if len(stack) == 0 or stack[-1] <= elem:
        stack.append(elem)
        return

```

```

else:
    temp = stack.pop()
    insertInStack(stack, elem)
    stack.append(temp)

```

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$O(n * \log(\log(n)))$   $O(n)$

### Sieve of Eratosthenes

Returns the prime numbers in a given range.

# Initialize Array  
prime = [True] \* (range(n+1))

Each index will tell if given index num is prime

# Start from 2

p = 2

while p\*p <= n:

if prime[p]: # Only try for primes.

for i in range(p\*p, n+1, p):  
prime[i] = False

p += 1

↳ skip p steps every time

# Finally prime array will have status of all nums [prime or not]

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$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### LC 901 Online Stock Span

Number of days in a row where stock price was  $\leq$  current day price including today.

CODE

```
def __init__(self):  
    self.st = deque()  
    self.cnt = 1
```

```
def next(self, price):  
    while self.st and self.st[-1][0] <= price:  
        self.st.pop()
```

```
    prevHigher = self.st[-1][1] if self.st else 0  
    ans = self.cnt - prevHigher  
    self.st.append((price, self.cnt))  
    self.cnt += 1
```

return ans

APPROACH ⇒ Keep popping elements which have lesser or equal price, and store day also in stack.

Answer is given by currentDay - prev day with higher value.

► Remember to push current value in end and update count.

$O(n)$

$O(n)$

### Prev Smaller

- Monotonic stack, keep kicking greater and equal elements, store current elem when you're done.

```
CODE :- st, n = [] len(arr)
ans = [-1]*n
for idx, num in enumerate(arr):
    while st and st[-1] >= num:
        st.pop()
    if st:
        ans[idx] = st[-1]
    st.append(num)
return ans
```

$O(1)$

$O(n)$

### Min Stack

Develop special stack that supports getting minimum element in  $O(1)$

```
def __init__(self):
    self.st = []
```

```
def push(self, val)
```

```
    self.st.append((val, min(val, self.st[-1][1]) if
                    self.st else val))
```

```
def pop(self):
```

```
    return self.st.pop()[0]
```

```
def getMin(self):
```

```
    return self.st[-1][1]
```

$O(m \cdot n)$

$O(m \cdot n)$

### LC 994 Rotting Oranges

Find minimum time to spread rotting to all fresh oranges using bfs.

APPROACH

- ▶ Push all rotten oranges position in queue.
- ▶ From those keep spreading and increment time when one iteration of spreading is over for all rotten oranges.

# First mark totalOranges, and rottenOranges  
queue

while infected and totInfected != totOranges:

N = len(infected)  
for \_ in range(N):

i, j = infected.popleft()

for di, dj in moves:

I, J = i+di, j+dj

if 0 <= I < m and 0 <= J < n

and grid[I][J] == fresh:

grid[I][J] = rotten

totInfected += 1

infected.append((I, J))

time += 1

return time if totInfected == totOranges else -1

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$O(3N)$

$O(N)$

### LC 84 Largest Rectangle in Histogram

- ▶ Keep track of next smaller and prev smaller.

NOTE → always keep out of index range value as default in case AND THEN subtract any double countings !!

For example -1 for prevSmaller and n for nextSmaller while range is 0 to n-1

CODE →

# use stack to get nextSmaller &  
# prevSmaller with defaults n & -1 resp.  
# then -

ans = 0

for idx in range(n):

cur = heights[idx]

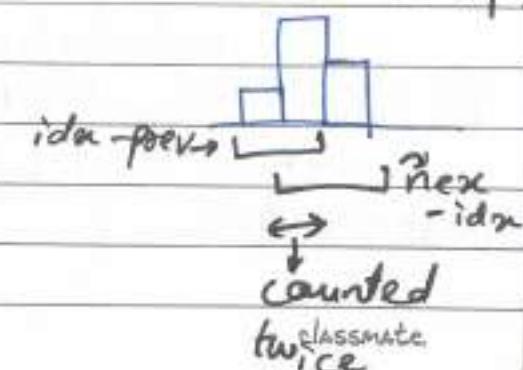
next, prev = nextSmaller[idx], prevSmaller[idx]

LTR = (idx - prev) \* cur, (next - idx) \* cur

ans = max(ans, LTR)

return ans

remove overlap



$O(N)$   $O(1)$

### LC-277 Find the Celebrity

A celebrity knows no-one but all know him/her. Tell if celebrity exists or not in  $\leq 3N$  calls ( $\text{to\_knows}(i, j)$ )

**APPROACH** • Start with a candidate and every call will rule out 1 candidate (by either establishing new candidate and rejecting old or keeping current candidate and reject current other person being checked)

- Final confirmation check is needed however
- Totally makes around  $3N$  calls. [isCeleb]

CODE:

```
candidate = 0
for i in range(1, N):
    if knows(i, candidate):
        pass
    else:
        candidate = i
if isCeleb(candidate):
    return candidate
else:
    return -1
```

```
def isCeleb():
    for j in range(1):
        if knows(i, j) or
           not knows(j, i):
            return False
    return True
```

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### Reverse Words in a String

"hello...world"  $\Rightarrow$  "world hello"  
(Also remove extra spaces)

Straightforward code using inbuilt

return s.join(s.strip().split()[::-1])

A note on reducing space complexity

The below steps won't remove extra space but will solve rest of problem

① Reverse whole string "dlrow olleh"  
② Reverse word by word "world hello"

This makes space complexity  $O(1)$   $\rightarrow$  Use sliding window concept

Since roman numerals are finite (3999)  $\leftarrow O(1)$

## Roman to Integer

APPROACH → if a character with smaller value occurs before a character with higher value, then subtract the smaller character value.

CODE ⇒  $st = deque$

valMap = {I: 1, V: 5, X: 10, L: 50, C: 100, D: 500, M: 1000}

ans = 0

for i in s:

if not st or st[-1] >= valMap[i]:

pass

else:

ans -= st.pop()

st.append(valMap[i])

ans += st.sum() # sum of unpopped elements.

return ans.

$O(1)$

$O(n^2)$

$O(1)$

## Longest Palindromic Substring

APPROACH → If you don't use dp, you can do in constant space

- Assume each index as starting point and assume both odd or even length.
- Save the longest palindrome encountered so far.

CODE ⇒  $ans = s[0]$

for startingPoint in range(n):

oddLen = equalsCount(startingPoint, startingPoint)

evenLen = equalsCount(startingPoint, startingPoint+1)

if  $2 * oddLen - 1 > len(ans)$ :

ans = s[startingPoint - oddLen : startingPoint + oddLen]

if  $2 * evenLen > len(ans)$ :

ans = s[startingPoint - evenLen : startingPoint + evenLen + 1]

return ans

def equalsCount(l, r):

diff = 0

while l - diff >= 0 and r + diff < len(s) and

return diff

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$O(n)$

$O(n)$

## Sliding window Maximum

Find maximum value of every window of size  $K$ .

► Approach → use `deque()`, remove elements that go out of sliding window scope or have value smaller or equal to current  $idx$  value, this ensures max value for each window is on left front of queue.

CODE ⇒ `q, ans = deque(), []`

for  $idx, num$  in enumerate(`nums`):  
 while  $q$  and  $q[0][0] == idx - K$ :

`q.popleft()`

while  $q$  and  $q[-1][1] <= num$ :

`q.pop()`

`q.append([idx, num])`

if  $idx \geq K - 1$ :

`ans.append(q[0][1])`

`return ans`.

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$O(n)$

$O(n)$

## Maximum of minimum of every Window Size

APPROACH → Naive approach would be  $O(n^3)$  time and  $O(1)$  space  
► Optimised approach requires finding nextSmaller and prevSmaller  
► Other imp. facts → ① you are a potential minimum for the window size of (`yournextsmaller - yourprevsmaller - 1`)  
② For the unfilled slots from previous step, answers are not directly available, so use `ans[size] = max(ans[size], ...)`  
∴ Answer of smaller window size = Ans of a larger window size

CODE → `tempans = [-inf for _ in range(n+1)]`

for  $i$  in `range(n)`:

`windowLen = nextSmaller[i] - prevSmaller[i] - 1`

`tempans[windowLen] = max(tempans[windowLen], a[i])`

for  $i$  in `range(n-1, 0, -1):`

`tempans[i] = max(tempans[i], tempans[i+1])`

return `tempans[1:]` # final answer.

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## Longest Common Prefix

- Given a set of strings return the longest common prefix among them all.
- Use vertical scanning and check if those chars match.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$

```

N, idx = len(stos), 0
while True:
    char = None
    for i in range(N):
        if len(stos[i]) <= idx:
            return stos[i][:-idx]
        else:
            if char == None:
                char = stos[i][idx]
            else:
                if char != stos[i][idx]:
                    return stos[i][:-idx]
    idx += 1

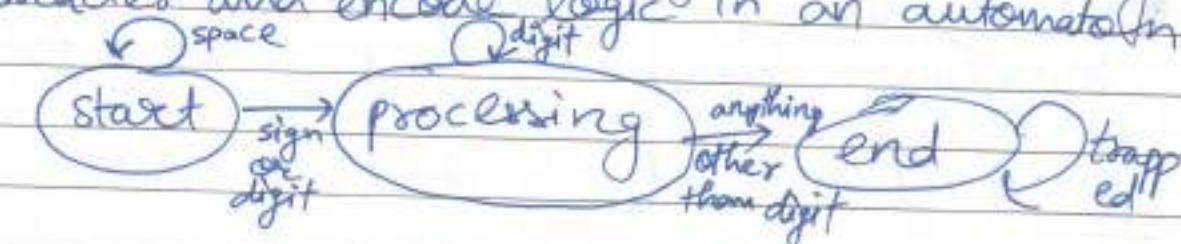
```

$O(S)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{total number of chars}}$   $O(1)$

$O(L)$   $O(1)$

## LC-8 Automaton based atoi

- Approach  $\Rightarrow$  The logic can get quite complex if written through if statements and loops alone.
- So it makes more sense to process character by character and encode logic in an automaton



- To store number, keep a val and multiplier variable each to store magnitude and sign
- Keep clamping the value to  $2^{31}$  to prevent overflow
- Before returning results, make sure to account that there is  $-2^{31}$  in 32-bit integer but not  $2^{31}$

$O(m+n)$   $O(1)$

Valid

### LC-242 Anagrams

- Two anagrams are equal if the number of each alphabet in both is same.
- We could use sorting also but that increases time complexity

CODE → def check(s, t):

return Counter(s) == Counter(t)

S/DO Vibhav

Not easy to predict complexity, varies based on N

### LC-38 Count And Say

$\text{CountAndSay}(n) = 1 \text{ if } n=1 \text{ else } \text{CountAndSay}(n-1)$   
and we process like this  $\underline{6} \underline{3} \underline{2} \underline{2} \underline{2} \underline{5} \underline{1} \rightarrow \underline{2} \underline{3} \underline{3} \underline{2} \underline{1} \underline{5} \underline{1}$   
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$   
count + num

APPROACH ➡ Sliding window, keep growing till char same as start, then append to ans and reset window with  $\text{cnt} = 0$

CODE → def countAndSay(n):

if  $n == 1$ : return '1'  
base = countAndSay(n-1)  
cur, x, cnt, N, ans = None, 0, 0, len(base), ''

while  $x < N$ :

cur = base[x]

while  $x < N$  and base[x] == cur:

$x += 1$

$cnt += 1$

$ans += str(cnt) + cur$

$cnt = 0$

return ans

$O(\max(M, N))$   $O(1)$

### LC-165 Compare Version Numbers

APPROACH

- ▶ Sliding window goes over both strings and resets on finding a period symbol.

$i, j, m, n = 0, 0, \text{len}(v1), \text{len}(v2)$

while  $i < m$  or  $j < n$ :  
 $\text{val}_1, \text{val}_2 = 0, 0$

while  $i < m$  and  $v1[i] = 6.9$ :  
 $\text{val}_1 *= 10$   
 $\text{val}_1 += \text{int}(v1[i])$   
 $i += 1$

$i += 1$  # move ahead of decimal  
while  $j < n$  and  $v2[j] = 6.9$ :  
 $\text{val}_2 *= 10$   
 $\text{val}_2 += \text{int}(v2[j])$   
 $j += 1$

$j += 1$

if  $\text{val}_1 < \text{val}_2$ : return -1  
elif  $\text{val}_1 > \text{val}_2$ : return 1

return 0

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$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### Minimum Characters Required to make String Palindrome

- ▶ Modification of Knuth Morris Pratt (longest proper prefix which is also suffix)
- ▶ The answer comes from subtracting last value in lps array from length of string
- ▶ we feed  $A + \# + A[::-1]$  into Kmp.

$\underbrace{AA\text{CECAAA}}_{\text{base input}} A \xrightarrow{\text{Kmp}} \underbrace{AA\text{CECAAA}\#}_{\text{val}} \underbrace{(\text{AA})\text{AA}\text{CECAA}}_{\text{these 2 characters of lps will need to be added}}$

(9 - 7) hence will be 7

CODE  $\rightarrow$  return  $\text{len}(A) - \text{kmp}(A + \# + \text{rev}(A))[-1]$

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$O(n)$

$O(n)$

### Path to Given Node in Tree

Return path from root to node, target will always be present.

APPROACH:-

- Do a VLR traversal (pre-order)
- Append your current node to path.
- If current node is target return path else recurse further.

```

def vlr(root, target, path):
    if not root: return False
    path.append(root.val)
    if root.val == target: return path
    l, r = vlr(root.left, target, path),
          vlr(root.right, target, path)
    if l != False:
        return l
    elif r != False:
        return r
    path.pop()
    return False
return vlr(root, target, [])

```

$O(1)$

$O(\text{capacity})$

### LRU cache

► Involves using a hashmap and doubly linked list.

```

DLLNode {
    int key;
    int val;
    DLLNode prev;
    DLLNode next;
}

```

oldest node near head  
newest near tail

DLL Class

► Keep head and tail nodes and store list between them.

► Maintain a size variable or use hashmap size to know when to popleft.

Functions to use in Doubly linked list?

► moveToBack(Node)  $\Rightarrow$  clear and reset pointers of prev and next node then call append.

► append  $\Rightarrow$  modify tail.prev and tail node and the node itself.

► popFront  $\Rightarrow$  reset head and head.next pointers; also remove key from hashmap afterward.

$O(N)$

$O(1)$   
[if not counting  
ans array]

### Morris Traversal [IN-ORDER] (And pre-order)

- APPROACH ▶ Uses the space in right pointers of leaf nodes to traverse and not use any stack or queue.
- ▶ Since its in-order traversal:-
- ① if there is no temp.left, insert value and move right
  - ② Now if left subtree exists, find its right ~~most~~ node or detect if cycle is present in tree
    - (i) If cycle is present, push current and reset pointer and move to right subtree.
    - (ii) Else set temp.right to node and move to left subtree for traversal.

CODE :- temp = root, ans = []

while temp:

    if not temp.left:

        ans.append(temp.val)

        temp = temp.right

    else:

        rightMostLeaf = temp.left

        while rightMostLeaf.right and

            rightMostLeaf.right != temp:

            rightMostLeaf = rightMostLeaf.right

            if rightMostLeaf.right == temp:

                ans.append(temp.val),

                rightMostLeaf.right = None, temp = temp.right

            else: rightmostLeaf.right = temp, temp = temp.left

                temp = temp.left

        return ans

In-order case  
we append to ans  
when traversal  
of left side is over  
i.e. when rightMost  
leaf ka right matches  
temp in pre-order case  
append to ans before left  
traversal starts

add ans.append  
line to other  
side of if  
statement and  
you get pre  
order

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$O(m \times n)$       $O(mn)$

### LC 733. Flood Fill

Starting from source cell, fill all nearby cells with newColor (4-directionally adjacent).

APPROACH:- ▶ Use DFS,

CODE

m, n = len(image), len(image[0])

baseColor = image[sr][sc]

if baseColor != newColor:

def dfs(r, c):

    if 0 <= r < m and 0 <= c < n and image[r][c] == baseColor:

        image[r][c] = newColor

        for dr, dc in moves

            R, C = r + dr, c + dc

            dfs(R, C)

dfs(sr, sc)

return image

classmate

$O(n \log k)$   $O(k)$

### LC-215 $K^{th}$ Largest Element in an Array

APPROACH → Two common approaches :-

- 1) QuickSelect, 2) Heap (minHeap)

constant space but  $n^2$  worst case time so don't use.

### HEAP APPROACH CODE

```
heap = []
for num in nums:
    heappush(heap, num)
    if len(heap) > K:
        heappop(heap)
return heap[0]
```

Similar Question → LC-703

$K^{th}$  Largest element in a stream.

Only difference is elements are inserted dynamically.

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$O(n \log n)$   $O(n)$

LC-300

### Length of Longest Increasing Subsequence

APPROACH ▷ Keep a res array, it won't contain

the lis. but its length will be same as L.I.S.

► If ~~num~~ in nums is largest element so far, then append it to end of res.

► Otherwise it will just replace another older element.

REASONING → res represents tails where tails[i] (or res[i]) is the smallest tail of all possible increasing subsequences of its (end element) length.

For example  $\text{nums} = [4, 5, 6, 3] \Rightarrow \text{tails} = [3, 5, 6]$

tails (or res) is clearly an increasing array, and we can do binary search to pick which index to update.

CODE :- tails = []

for num in nums:

temp = bisect\_left(tails, num)

if temp == len(tails): tails.append(num)

else:

tails[temp] = num

return len(tails)

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$O(n)$        $O(n)$

or right view  
Left View of Binary Tree

CODE :- ans = []  
 def lvr(root, depth=0)  
 if not root: return  
 if depth == len(ans):  
 ans.append(root.val)  
 lvr(root.left, depth+1)  
 lvr(root.right, depth+1)  
 lvr(root, 0)  
 return ans

$O(n)$  t.c. possible  
 [Check bottom]  
 $O(n \log n)$        $O(n)$   
 (similar to level order traversal  
 and zig-zag level order)  
Bottom View of a Binary Tree  
APPROACH :- In case of overlap, we need to consider  
 the node occurring later in a level order traversal.  
 ▶ This gives hint to use LVL ORDER TRAVERSAL.  
 ▶ Maintain a delta attribute which starts at 0  
 at root and then increase or decreases on  
 moving right or left. This will be used to calculate  
 bottom view. Use map to store value against each delta.

CODE :- bottomView = {}  
 q = deque()  
 q.append((root, 0))  
 while q:  
 lenQ = len(q)  
 for \_ in range(lenQ):  
 node, delta = q.popleft()  
 bottomView[delta] = node.val  
 if node.left:  
 q.append((node.left, delta-1))  
 if node.right:  
 q.append((node.right, delta+1))  
 Keys = sorted(list(bottomView.keys()))  
 ans = [bottomView[key] for key in Keys]  
 return ans

To get  $O(n)$  → you need to find how left the leftmost  
 node goes and then add that to every delta in future  
 traversal, this removes need of map, can use array

$O(n \log n)$      $O(n)$

## Top View of Binary Tree

- Just like bottom view, this also needs level order traversal and hashmap.
- No need to overwrite once a key value is set since top elements are already first due to Level order traversal.

CODE:-

```

q = deque(), tv = {}
q.append((root, 0))
while q:
    lenQ = len(q)
    for _ in range(lenQ):
        node, delta = q.popleft()
        if delta not in tv:
            tv[delta] = node.data
        if node.left:
            q.append((node.left, delta - 1))
        if node.right:
            q.append((node.right, delta + 1))
keys = sorted(list(tv.keys()))
ans = [tv[key] for key in keys]
return ans

```

$O(n)$      $O(n)$

## LC-104 Depth of Binary Tree

- Approach → Use recursion
- add one for each non null node and take max depth of child subtrees recursively

```

def maxDepth(root):
    if not root: return 0
    return 1 + max(maxDepth(root.left),
                   maxDepth(root.right))

```

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### L.C.110 Balanced Binary Tree

- APPROACH:- This is similar to previous question of calculating height/depth, except with a few more conditions.
- Check if condition is true for current subtree and also check if it holds for child subtrees. Only say true if holds for all three trees.
- Recursive basecase: always balanced for empty tree.

CODE:-

```
def lvr(root):
    if not root: return (0, True)
    l = lvr(root.left)
    r = lvr(root.right)
    isBal = l[1] and r[1] and abs(l[0]-r[0]) <= 1
    return (1+max(l[0], r[0]), isBal)
```

return lvr(root)[1]

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### LC.100 Same Trees

- Base Case: If one root is null other should be null as well.
- Otherwise current value should be same and recursively same Tree property should hold for corresponding children.

def isSame(p, q):

CODE:- if not p or not q:  
    return p == q  
else:

    return p.val == q.val and  
        self.isSame(p.left, q.left) and  
        self.isSame(p.right, q.right)

$O(n \log n)$   $O(n)$

### LC-987 Vertical Order traversal in Binary Tree

- If row and col are same for a node, output in sorted manner for those nodes.

APPROACH:-

- ① Use a sorted map,  $(\text{col}, \text{row}) \rightarrow$  sorted list<sup>of values</sup>
- ② Now do any traversal and append nodes to the 'correct sorted' set. (basically multiset)
- ③ Then just unpack the values from sorted set into answer.

CODE:-

```
def verticalTraversal(root):
```

```
    colMap = SortedDict()
    def vlr(node, row=0, col=0):
        if not node: return
        if not col in colMap:
            colMap[col] = SortedDict()
        if row not in colMap[col]:
            colMap[col][row] = SortedList()
        colMap[col][row].add(node.val)
        vlr(node.left, row+1, col-1)
        vlr(node.right, row+1, col+1)
```

vlr(root)

ans = []

for col in colMap:

temp = []

for row in colMap[col]:

temp.append(colMap[col][row])

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ans.append(temp)

return ans

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### LC-662 Maximum Width of Binary Tree

Basically the maximum distance between two nodes on same level of tree.

- Since dist. is to be found between nodes of same level, level order traversal
- To maintain distance calculation, children should be assigned indices of  $2 * \text{id}_x$  and  $2 * \text{id}_x + 1$ .

But since exponential doubling can quickly exhaust 32-bit integer space and since only relative index on current level matters, we can set starting node's index to 0 and subtract starting index value from other same level nodes as

CODE:-

ans, q = 0, deque()

q.append((root, 1))

while q:

ans = max(ans, q[-1][1] - q[0][1] + 1)

lenQ, begin = len(q), q[0][1]

for i in range(lenQ):

cur\_idx = q.popleft()

idx -= begin

if cur.left:

q.append((cur.left, idx\*2))

if cur.right:

q.append((cur.right, idx\*2+1))

return ans

$O(n)$

$O(n)$

### L.C. 543 Diameter of Binary Tree

APPROACH :- ① Calculate the ans considering diameter passes through current node, but pass the recursive return value as if it does not pass through end at current subtree!

② So answer is given ultimately by answer variable and not by return value of recursion.

ans = 0

def solve(node):

nonlocal ans

if not node: return 0

L, R = solve(node.left), solve(node.right)

ans = max(ans, 1 + L + R)

return 1 + max(L, R)

~~Ans~~

Solve(root)

return ans

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$O(n)$        $O(n)$

### Preorder, In-order, Post Order in One traversal

Just need to be smart about when exactly you do recursive call on subtree.

CODE :- preorder, inorder, postorder = [ ], [ ]

def solve(root):

if not root: return

preorder.append(root.val)

solve(root.left)

inorder.append(root.val)

solve(root.right)

postorder.append(root.val)

solve(root)

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$O(n)$   $O(n)$

### Distinct Numbers in Window

- Keep adding numbers to window and maintain a dictionary to keep track of distinct values.
- Pop values from left, when your window size would be increased beyond limit.

CODE :- n, ans, vis = len(A), [], {}

```

for x in range(n):
    cur = A[x]
    if cur not in vis:
        vis[cur] = 1
    else:
        vis[cur] += 1

    if x >= B - 1: # time to add to
                    # ans and pop
                    # from left
        ans.append(len(vis))
        end_idx = x - B + 1
        end_val = A[end_idx]
        vis[end_val] -= 1
        if vis[end_val] == 0:
            del vis[end_val]

```

return ans.

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T.C.  
 $O(n)$

SCs  
Recursion  
 $O(n)$

iterative  
 $O(1)$

### LC-114 Flatten Binary Tree

Recursion approach

- Keep a track of prev and do normal pre-order traversal.

CODE :- prev = None

def vlr(node):

if not node: return

L, R = node.left, node.right

if prev: prev.right = node

prev = node

node.left = None

vlr(L), vlr(R)

vlr(root)

### Iterative Approach (Morris Traversal Modification)

temp = root

while temp:

if temp.left:

rightMost = temp.left

while rightMost.right:

rightMost = rightMost.right

rightMost.right = temp.right

temp.right = temp.left

temp.left = None

temp = temp.right

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$O(n)$   $O(n)$

## Lowest Common Ancestor in B.T.

APPROACH → We need a recursive find function that returns the node p or q if any is found but if both nodes are found in different child subtrees, it returns the parent itself.

CODE →

```
def Find (root, p, q):
    if not root or root == p or root == q:
        return root
    L = find (root.left, p, q)
    R = find (root.right, p, q)
    if L and R:
        return root # both present in different subtrees
    return L or R
```

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$O(n)$   $O(n)$

## Boundary of Binary Tree

(root, then left boundary, then leaves, then right boundary)

Left Boundary → root.left and its children, prefer left child (reversed)

Right Boundary → root.right and its children, prefer right child

ans = [root.val]

CODE → if isLeaf(root): return ans if root is also leaf and will be double counted

else:

ans.extend(leftBound(root.left))

leaves = []

getLeaves (root, leaves)

ans.extend(leaves)

ans.extend(rightBound(root.right)[::-1])

return ans

def leftBound(node):

res = []

while node and not isLeaf(node):

res.append(node.val)

node = node.left or node.right

return res

def rightBound(node):

res = []

while node and not isLeaf(node):

res.append(node.val)

node = node.right or node.left

return res

def getLeaves (node, leaves):

if not node: return

if isLeaf(node): leaves.append(node.val)

getLeaves (node.left, leaves)

getLeaves (node.right, leaves)

def isLeaf(node):

return

node and not (node.left or node.right)

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$O(n)$

$O(n)$

Similar → from Postorder and Inorder

Construct Binary Tree from Preorder and Inorder

APPROACH:- ① First put val to idx mapping for all elements in inorder for quick retrieval.

② since its preorder, we know the root will be the first element. Similarly root of each subtree comes before its subtree. But just using pre-order, we can't tell where each subtree ends, this we can find using inorder.

③ But we need to calculate starting point of right subtree in preorder using inorder [By accounting for left subtree size]

CODE:-  
n = len(inorder), inorderMap = {x: i for i, x in enumerate(inorder)}  
def solve(idx, l, r):  
 for preOrder in range(l, r+1):  
 if idx < n and l <= idx <= r:

curn = preorder[idx]

node = TreeNode(curn) # Generate current root  
inOrderIdx = inorderMap[curn] # And in inorder

Now l to inOrderIdx-1 is left subtree &

inOrderIdx+1 to r is right subtree

> but for further calls we need new idx value in preorder, for left subtree it can be idx+1 but for right subtree it needs to be calculated.

leftSubtreeSize = inOrderIdx - l

node.left = solve(idx+1, l, inOrderIdx-1)

node.right = solve(idx+1+leftSubtreeSize, inOrderIdx+1, r)

return node

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return solve(0, 0, n-1)

$O(n)$

$O(n)$

LC 101 Symmetric Tree

(subtrees are mirrors)

► Just do recursive checking.

CODE :-

def check(p, q):

if not p or not q:  
 return p == q

return p.val == q.val and  
check(p.right, q.left) and  
check(p.left, q.right)

return check(root.left, root.right)

Similar Question

Generate Mirror of Tree

def mirror(root)

if not root: return

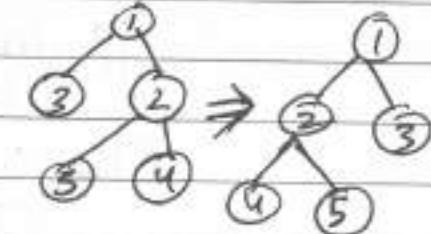
L, R = root.left, root.right

root.left = mirror(R)

root.right = mirror(L)

return root

T.C. →  $O(n)$  S.C. →  $O(n)$  [Skewed Tree case]



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L.C. 235

$O(\log n)$

$O(1)$

### Lowest Common Ancestor of Binary Search Tree

APPROACH :- While normal tree needs to be scanned fully, search space in BST can be efficiently pruned in half at each step.

CODE :-

```
temp = root
smaller = p if p.val < q.val else q
larger = p if smaller == q else q
```

while temp :

if temp == smaller or temp == larger  
or smaller.val < temp.val < larger.val  
return temp

if larger.val < temp.val :  
 temp = temp.left

else :

temp = temp.right

return temp // won't be called ideally

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LC.124

$O(n)$

$O(n)$   
(skew-tree)

### Binary Tree Max path sum

APPROACH → ▶ Like diameter of tree, calculate ans w.r.t current subtree, but pass recursive return value as if final answer is going to be with some parent  
▶ Also if keeping only current node and discarding children increases return value, then discard those.

CODE :-

```
ans = root.val
def solve(node):
    if not node: return 0
    L,R = solve(node.left), solve(node.right)
    ans = max(ans, node.val + max(0,L)+max(0,R))
    return node.val + max(0,L,R)
solve(root)
return ans.
```

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O(n) O(n)

### LC-98 Validate Binary Search Tree

- APPROACH :-
- ① We need to make sure each node meets the most restrictive constraints imposed due to parent values
  - ② Readjust limits before calling further recursion.
  - ③ Empty tree is also valid

```
def solve(root, maxi = inf, mini = -inf):  
    if not root: return True  
    cur = root.val  
    return mini < cur < maxi and  
    solve(root.left, min(maxi, cur), mini) and  
    solve(root.right, maxi, max(mini, cur))  
  
return solve(root)
```

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O(n) O(n)

### Children Sum Property

- ⑧ We can only increment node values (not decrement) and sum of children values should be equal to value of parent.

APPROACH :-

- ① If current sum of children is lesser, increase their value each to root's value, and keep recursing. This ensures root's value is always lesser than children's sum.
- ② Then in the end recalculate for final values

```
def changeTree(root):
```

```
def solve(node):
```

if not node: return

L, R = 0, 0

if node.left:

L = node.left.data

if node.right:

R = node.right.data

if L+R < node.data:

if node.left: node.left.data = node.data

if node.right: node.right.data = node.data

solve(node.left) / solve(node.right)

L, R = 0, 0

if node.left: L = node.left.data

if node.right: R = node.right.data

if node.left or node.right:

node.data = L + R

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solve(root)  
return root

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similar Roof/Ceil  $O(\log N)$   $O(1)$

Floor in BST

APPROACH :- We can prune search space in half each time.

- Set largest possible num smaller than  $x$  as answer.

CODE :-

```
temp = root, ans = -inf
while temp:
    if temp.data == x:
        return x
    elif temp.data < x:
        ans = temp.data
        temp = temp.right
    else:
        temp = temp.left
return ans.
```

$O(n)$   $O(n)$

$\log N$  for recursion

LC-108 Get BST from Keys / Convert sorted Array to BST

APPROACH → input Keys are sorted, set middle most element as current root. and populate children recursively.

- This will ensure left subtree is always smaller and right subtree will be always greater than root.

CODE :-

```
def solve(l, r):
    if l >= r:
        m = (l+r)//2
        node = TreeNode(nums[m])
        node.left = solve(l, m-1)
        node.right = solve(m+1, r)
        return node
    return solve(0, len(nums)-1)
```

$O(\log N)$   $O(1)$   
similar  $\Rightarrow$  successor  
 $\swarrow$

### Find inorder predecessor of BST

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  i) Since Inorder of BST is always sorted, finding predecessor means finding floor of value in BST, which we have already done 😊, just slight modifications in that.

CODE:- predNode, predVal = None, -inf  
temp = root

while temp:  
if ~~temp~~ predVal < temp.val < target:  
predVal = temp.val  
predNode = temp  
if temp.val < target:  
temp = temp.right  
else:  
temp = temp.left  
return predNode

Best  $\Rightarrow O(n)$   $O(n)$

### Generate BST from Preorder

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  start of subarray denotes root of subtree, then bisect ( $\log N$ ) to find placement point of start in rest of subarray. Left of this point is left subtree and rest is right subtree recursively  $\Rightarrow O(n \log n)$  approach

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  pointer approach (not bisect)  
by setting upper bound  
► first try placing value in left subtree  
but if upper bound doesn't allow  
then place it in right

CODE for APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$

```
n = len(preorder), idx = 0
def helper(upperBound):
    if idx == n or preorder[idx] >= ub:
        return None
    node = TreeNode(preorder[idx+1])
    node.left = helper(node.val)
    node.right = helper(ub)
    return node
return helper(-inf)
```

Most operations  $\rightarrow O(L)$  T.C.  
Not easy to predict average length of word space.

## Implement Trie

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  alphabets act as keys and similarly subtrees are ~~not~~ pointed at and traversed.

```

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  TR = lambda: defaultdict(TR)  $\rightarrow$  WORD = "word"
class Trie:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = TR()
    #equivalent of
    #Trienode class
    def insert(self, word):
        tmp = self.root
        for c in word:
            tmp = tmp[c]
        tmp[WORD] = True
    def search(self, word):
        tmp = self.root
        for c in word:
            if c not in tmp: return False
            tmp = tmp[c]
        return WORD in tmp
    def startsWith(self, prefix):
        tmp = self.root
        for c in prefix: if c not in tmp: return False
        tmp = tmp[c]
        return len(tmp.keys()) > 0
    
```

T.C. S.C.  
 $O(n\log n) + O(NL)$   $O(NL)$   
for sorting but longest average len of word

Lexicographically smallest  $\rightarrow$  starting with all prefixes present  
For example  $\rightarrow [ab, abc, a, bp] \Rightarrow$  ans  $\rightarrow$  abc because  
a, ab, abc all present

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  Sort strings by length first so that prefixes get inserted first, and then check how many new nodes are created in each word insertion to trie.

② A perfect string won't have to insert any node other than the last node since all previous nodes would be pre-created by prefixes.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$

```

a = sorted(key=lambda x: len(x))
trie = Trie()
longest, longestIdx = 0, -1
for idx, word in enumerate(a):
    insertDone = insert(trie, word)
    if insertDone <= 1 and (len(word) > longest
                           or len(word) == longest and word < a[longestIdx]):
        longest, longestIdx = len(word), idx
return a[longestIdx] if longestIdx != -1
else 'None'
    
```

To get insertion just increment count var every time node wasn't present already.

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$O(n^2)$

$O(n^2)$

$O(N)$

$O(1)$

$(2^{maxLen})$

## Count Distinct Substrings of string

- This can be found in polynomial time using trie. In the end, every node of trie represents end of a unique substring. So answer is  $1 + \text{trieNodeCount}[1 \text{ extra for empty substring}]$ .
- Pick each index of string as potential starting point for substring and do insertion.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$ 

```
trieNodes = 1
trie = Trie()
for i in range(n):
    insert(trie, s[i:])
return trieNodes
```

```
def insert(trie, word):
    tmp = trie
    for c in word:
        if c not in tmp:
            trieNodes++
            tmp = tmp[c]
```

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## Maximum XOR of 2 nums in an Array

- The key approach is to compare each num in array against all previous nums, and find max XOR.
  - Max XOR will be obtained when you do XOR of a number with its total opposite (each bit flipped).
  - However that best possible case might not always be available, so we go with ~~next~~ closest possible case to that by searching in trie.
- CODE  $\Rightarrow$

```
def findMaxXOR(nums):
    trie = Trie()
    ans = 0, MAXLEN = len(bin(max(nums)))
    for num in nums:
        self.insert(trie, num)
        bestXOR = self.findClosest(trie, num)
        ans = max(ans, bestXOR)
    return ans
```

def findClosest(trie, num):

```
tmp, ans = trie, 0
for i in range(MAXLEN-1, -1, -1):
    flippedBit = 1 - (target >> i) & 1
    if flippedBit in tmp:
        ans = ans | 1, tmp = tmp[flippedBit]
    else:
        tmp = tmp[1 - flippedBit]
ans <<= 1
return ans >> 1 [Compensate for extra shift]
```

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$O(n \log n)$   $O(1)$

LC1707. Max XOR with element from array below  
upperbound

query structure  $(x, \text{upperbound})$

since queries are offline what we can do is insert only those elements from array at any point which are smaller or equal to upperbound (By sorting queries and nums).

After that approach is identical to previous question of finding max possible XOR using Trie.

In the end we should be able to map answers back to original query index since we sorted queries for our convenience initially for that you can use hashmap to just store original index with each query itself.

DP

LC.1143

### Longest Common Subsequence

APPROACH ▶ Use recursive sol<sup>n</sup>, cache output of recursive function.

▶ If current character for both pointers is same, move both forward, otherwise pick best output received by moving only one of them.

CODE  $\Rightarrow m, n = \text{len}(\text{text1}), \text{len}(\text{text2})$

@cache

def lcs(i, j):

if i == m or j == n:

return 0

if text1[i] == text2[j]:

return 1 + lcs(i+1, j+1)

else:

return max(lcs(i+1, j), lcs(i, j+1))

return lcs(0, 0)

LC · 474

~~O(mn)~~  
~~O(mn)~~  
zeroes And Ones (0/1 Knapsack Modification)

Given max nums of 0's and 1's in total, return largest possible subset of strings which can be made

APPROACH → We need to consider both taking and not taking current string and cache recursive function output.

CODE →

```
stars = [s[0]:0, s[1]:0, **(Counter(s)) for s in stars]
```

@cache  
def solve(idx, zeroLeft, oneLeft):

if idx == len(stars): return 0

ans = solve(idx+1, zl, ol)

cur = stars[idx]

if cur[0] <= zl and cur[1] <= ol:

ans = max(ans, 1 + solve(idx+1, zl - cur[0], ol - cur[1]))

return ans

return solve(0, zl, ol)

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LC · 72 Edit Distance

Given 2 strings you can add, update or delete charact from  $\text{text1}$ , what is min. operations needed to get  $\text{text2}$

APPROACH → simulate recursively and cache

CODE →  $m, n = \text{len}(\text{text1}), \text{len}(\text{text2})$

@cache  
def solve(i, j):

if i == m or j == n:

return  $(n-j) + (m-i)$

else: if  $\text{text1}[i] == \text{text2}[j]$ :

return solve(i+1, j+1)

else:

return

$1 + \min(\text{solve}(i+1, j+1), \text{solve}(i, j+1))$

solve(i+1, j))

Updating  
text1

assumed  
insertion  
in text1

assumed  
deletion  
in text1

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$O(n^3)$      $O(n^2)$

### Matrix - Chain - Multiplication

APPROACH ▶ This is a famous pattern in DP which basically implies having a for loop inside of the recursive (cached) function to find the most optimal answer at each step.

▶ In this question also, we run for loop to try placing end of left matrix multiplication and start of right matrix multiplication at each possible mid.

CODE:-

```
@cache
def solve (start, end):
    if end - start >= 2:
        ans = inf
        for mid in range (start+1, end):
            ans = min (ans,
                       solve (start, mid) +
                       solve (mid, end) +
                       a[start] * a[mid] * a[end])
    return ans
```

```
return ans
else:
    return 0
return solve(0, N-1)
```

$O(n^2)$

$O(n^2)$      $O(n)$

### Increasing Subsequence Maximum Sum

APPROACH → MCM variation, except we need to consider every index as initial index and only consider next index only if next element is greater than cur.

CODE → @cache

```
def solve(i):
    ans = arr[i]
    for next in range (i+1, n):
        if arr[next] > arr[i]:
            ans = max (ans, arr[i] + solve(next))
    return ans

return max ([solve(i) for i in range (n)])
```

this for loop doesn't make complexity  $n^3$  overall because most solve queries would be served from cache

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$O(n)$   $O(1)$

LC-152 Maximum Product Subarray  
pick max possible non-empty contiguous product

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  have record of max streak and min streak,

current number can be 0 or +ve or -ve

both streaks can be updated, or new ones can be started from current index itself

Overall result should be stored as well

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $n = \text{len(nums)}$

ans, max streak, min streak = nums[0], nums[0], nums[0]

for i in range(1, n): newstreak

cur = nums[i]  $\uparrow$  ~~+ve X +ve~~ ~~-ve X -ve~~

new\_max\_streak = max(cur, cur \* max streak)

$\leftarrow$  ~~-ve X -ve~~  $\leftarrow$  cur \* min streak

Similarly  $\leftarrow$  [min streak = min(cur, cur \* max streak), cur \* min streak]

minimum might be updated max streak = new\_max\_streak

ans = max(ans, max streak)

return ans

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$O(mn)$   $O(mn)$

Minimum Path Sum in Matrix

You can only move down or right in origin to bottom right cell.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  DFS Recursive DP, move left and right down at each step to check.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  moves = [(1, 0), (0, 1)]

@cache

def dfs(i, j):

if i >= m or j >= n: return inf

remaining = jinf

for di, dj in moves:

remaining = min(remaining, dfs(itdij, j+di)))

if rest == inf:

return grid[i][j]

else:

return grid[i][j] + rest

this will only happen for bottom-right cell.

return dfs(0, 0)

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$O(n^2)$      $O(n)$

### Word Break

Given a dictionary and a string return Yes or no if string can be exactly broken down into words from dictionary.

APPROACH → Try breaking it at every point possible.

CODE →

```
dictionary = set(dictionary)
n = len(line)
```

@cache

```
def solve(i):
    if i == n: return True
    for j in range(i+1, n+1):
        if line[i:j] in dictionary and
            solve(j): return True
    return False
```

```
return solve(0)
```

S.C.  $\rightarrow O(n \times \text{Sum}(\text{arr}))$

T.C.  $\rightarrow O(n \times \text{Sum}(\text{arr}))$

### Partition Equal Subset Sum

Return if you can partition array into two subsets of equal value, leaving no element that doesn't belong to one of the two.

APPROACH → If total sum is odd not possible.

→ In case of even, take half of it and then try finding subsequence with half sum, remaining elements will form other subset.

CODE :- tot = sum(nums)

if tot % 2 == 1: return False

@cache

```
def solve(i, target):
    if i == len(nums): return target == 0
    else:
        return solve(i+1, target) or
               solve(i+1, target - nums[i])
```

```
return solve(0, tot//2)
```

$O(n^3)$  $O(n^2)$ 

total  
Minimum cost to cut a stick

Cost = length of stick that you're cutting.

- Approach  $\Rightarrow$  to cut rope from  $l$  to  $r$ , we need to account for all cuts in the range of  $l$  to  $r$  [end cuts ( $l$  or  $r$ ) don't count].
- Then we do matrix chain multiplication pattern to find lowest overall cost of all options

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  ~~@cache~~ (l, r):

def solve(l, r):

ans = inf

for cut in cuts:

if  $l < \text{cut} < r$ :

ans = min(ans,  $r - l + \text{solve}(l, \text{cut}) + \text{solve}(\text{cut}, r)$ )

if ans == inf: return 0

else: return ans

return solve(0, n)

current  
cut solve

b

inf means  
no cut was  
present between  
 $l$  &  $r$  so no  
cost

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T.C.  
 $O(\text{egg} \times \text{floor}^2)$

S.C.  
 $O(\text{egg} \times \text{floor})$

## Egg Dropping Problem

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  There is one ground floor and  $K$  floors on top of that [You need to check  $K$  floors only and not ground one because that's the default answer if all  $K$  floors fall].

Another imp. point is that we'll have to check all floors one by one if only 1 egg is left (from bottom to left).

~~@cache (floors, eggs):~~

def solve(floors, eggs):

if eggs == 1 or floors <= 1: return floors

ans = inf

consider overall for curDrop in range(floors):

minimum  $\rightarrow$  ans = min(ans,  $1 + \max($  pick worst case here to get correct value  $)$ )

case when egg breaks at curDrop so one egg breaks reduces and for floors less than curDrop

solve(curDrop, eggs - 1),  
solve(floors - 1 - curDrop, eggs)

egg won't break case go check for higher floors only now

return ans

return solve(floors, eggs)

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$O(n^2)$

$O(n^2)$

## LC-132 Palindrome Partitioning II

get minimum partitions to have each subpart palindrome.

APPROACH → at each point see if a palindrome is being formed. If yes, recurse further and find optimal answer using DP.  
► Also we need to cache output of  $\text{BPalin}$  to make each check request  $O(1)$  amortized.

$n = \text{len(string)}$

@cache

```
def BPalin(l, r):
    if l >= r: return True
    return string[l] == string[r] and
           isPalin(l+1, r-1)
```

avoid ending after  
 $n-1$  index because

there is nothing after it so  
it makes no sense to do there

@cache

def solve(i):

if isPalin(i, n-1): return 0

else: ans = inf

for midEnd in range(i, n-1):

if isPalin(i, midEnd):

ans = min(ans, 1 + solve(midEnd+1))

return ans

return solve(0)

T.C.  
 $O(V+E)$

S.C.  
 $O(V)$

## Topological Sort for DAGs

Basically all  $u \rightarrow v$  edges should result in  $u$  coming before  $v$  in final ordering topologically.

DFS approach → Keep an answers array and only insert a node in it once all its successors in graph have already been explored through DFS (and hence already been pushed to ans). In the end reverse ans array and return.

ans = [], vis = set()

def dfs(node):

if node in vis: return  
vis.add(node)

for dest in adj[node]: dfs(dest)  
ans.append(node)

for i in range(n): dfs(i)  
return ans[::-1]

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Can be used for cycle detection  $O(V+E)$   $O(V)$

↓  
Toposort using BFS (Kahn's Algorithm)  
(Can also be used to detect cycle)

Start with nodes having 0 indegree and traverse from there.

$q = \text{deque}()$ ,  $\text{ans} = []$ ,  $\text{indegree} = \{i: 0 \text{ for } i \text{ in range}(V)\}$

for  $i$  in range( $V$ ):  
    for dest in  $\text{adj}[i]$ :  $\text{indegree}[j] += 1$

for  $i$  in range( $V$ ):  
    if  $\text{indegree}[i] == 0$ :  $q.append(i)$

$cnt = 0$  # can be used to detect cycle

while  $q$ :  
     $cur = q.popleft()$   
     $\text{ans.append}(cur)$   
    for dest in  $\text{adj}[cur]$ :  
         $\text{indegree}[dest] -= 1$   
        if  $\text{indegree}[dest] == 0$ :  
             $q.append(dest)$

$cnt += 1$

if  $cnt != V$ : print("cycle detected")  
else: return  $\text{ans}$

$O(V+E)$   $O(V)$

Cycle detection in Directed Graph (DFS)

Every node can be in 3 states in a visited d.s.

① Node key not present → means not encountered at all yet

② Node key present and value false → seen once but not in current traversal

③ Node key present and value True → seen and that too in current traversal

This third case implies a cycle in graph.

CODE:- def DFS(node): # returns True if cycle present in connected component.  
    if node in vis:  
        return vis[node]

vis[node] = True

for dest in  $\text{adj}[node]$ :

    if DFS(dest): return True

vis[node] = False # seen once but not in current

return False

for  $i$  in range( $V$ ):

    if DFS(i): print("cycle exists")  
    return

print("no cycle")

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$O(V+E)$   $O(V)$

Clone an undirected graph

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Keep a hashmap of old node to new node map. and do dfs.

nodes = {}

```
def dfs(node):
    if node not in nodes:
        nodes[node] = new Node(node.val)
        for dest in node.neighbors:
            nodes[node].neighbors.append(dfs(dest))
    return nodes[node]
```

```
return dfs(originalNode) if originalNode != None
else None
```

$O(V+E)$   $O(V)$

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Undirected Graph Bipartite Check (DFS)

APPROACH  $\rightarrow$  We can use 2 colors 0 and 1.  
Assign 0 to unvisited node and start dfs of each connected component to check for conflicts.

DFS soln  $\Rightarrow$  color = {}

```
def dfs(node, col):
    color[node] = col
    for dest in adj[node]:
        flip
        if dest in color:
            if color[dest] == col:
                return False
            else:
                if not dfs(dest, 1 - col):
                    return False
```

```
return True
for node in range(len(graph)):
    if node not in color: # connected
        if not dfs(node, 0):
            return False
return True # otherwise bipartite.
```

$O(V+E)$   $O(V)$

### Undirected Graph Bipartite check (BFS)

Same as previous question, but BFS implementation.

color = {3}, q = deque()

for node in range(len(graph)):

if node not in color:

q.append(node)

color[node] = 0

while q:

currNode = q.popleft()

for dest in adj[currNode]:

if dest in color:

if color[dest] == color[currNode]

return False

else:

color[dest] = 1 - color[currNode]

q.append(dest)

return True.

$O(V+E)$   $O(V+E)$

Kosaraju's algorithm for strongly connected components  
in directed graph

A s.c.c. is a subset of graph nodes where you can reach anywhere from anywhere.

Three steps to Kosaraju algorithm :-

① Topological sort 'like' DFS (Alg is same but

actually topological sorting is

② Construct reversed [only for DAGs, but SC (graph can have cycle)]

③ Do DFS in reversed graph in topological-like ordering.

CODE →

check topo-sort dfs code written previously

seen = set(), topoLike = [] ↴

for i in range(v): topo(i)

topoLike.reverse() ↴ new set

cc = [], ccCount = 0, vis = set(), revAdj = [[] for \_ in range(v)]

for i in range(v): ↴

for dest in adj[i]: revAdj[dest].append(i)

graph ↴

for node in topoLike:

done on ↴ if node not in vis:

dfs(node), ccCount++;

print(cc) → basically all unique

elements seen in last traversal

dfs ↴ classmate

return ccCount

$O(V+E)$   $O(V+E)$

Dijkstra Algorithm for shortest distance (weight) from source

Algorithm → have a priority queue and keep getting the lowest known distance edge at every point and if its presence can optimise dist. of any of its neighbours, push them as well.

```

CODE → heap = [] , dists = [inf]*V
dists[src] = 0
heappush((0,src))
while heap:
    curDist, curNode = heappop(heap)
    stale entry [ if curDist > dists[curNode]:
        no need to process] continue
    for dest, wt in adj[curNode]:
        if curDist + wt < dists[dest]:
            dists[dest] = curDist + wt
            heappush(heap, (dists[dest], dest))
return dists
  
```

return dists

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T.C.  
 $O(V*E)$

S.C.  
 $O(V)$

Bellman Ford algorithm for finding minimum distance es from source and also to detect -ve weight cycles

If there are  $n$  vertices in a graph, then even in worst case, there can be  $n-1$  edges involved from any  $u$  to  $v$  node (or lesser edges) but definitely not more than  $n-1$ .

Bellman Ford Negative cycle detection works on this principle itself ~~too~~ by trying an extra  $n^{\text{th}}$  time.

```

dist = [inf]*V, dist[src] = 0
for relaxationCnt in range (1, V+1):
    for u, v, wt in edges:
        if dist[u] + wt < dist[v]:
            if relaxationCnt == V:
                print("cycle detected")
            dist[v] = dist[u] + wt
            print("no cycle detected")
return dist # minimum distances from source
  
```

NOTE → Dijkstra can't work reliably with negative weights while Bellman Ford can but its T.C. is much worse than dijkstra.

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T.C.  $O(E \log E) + O(E)$   
 S.C.  $O(E)$   
 for sorting for iterating  
 and doing union

Minimum Spanning Tree (Kruskal)

Pick edges sorted on basis of weight and use union find to only consider those edges that unify previously disjoint sets. Connected components.

- Use rank compression to make union find faster

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $UF = UF(v)$   
~~edges~~ ans = 0  
~~edges~~.sort(key = weight)

for  $u, v, wt$  in edges:  
 if  $UF.find(u) == UF.find(v)$ : continue  
 $ans += wt$   
 $UF.union(u, v)$

return ans # weight of minimum spanning tree

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$O(E \log V)$   $O(V+E)$   
Minimum Spanning Tree (Prim's Algorithm)

Here we use priority queue to ~~find~~ find lowest connection cost on a per node basis. So unlike Kruskal's algorithm, emphasis is on nodes in pq than edges.

- inMst is a set or array to account if a node is already included in M.S.T.
- At each step, one node from mstset would be connected to one node outside of MST (This is called cut in graph).

$heap = []$ ,  $dists = [inf] * V$ ,  $parent = [-1] * V$   
 $inMst = [False] * V$   
 $dists[0] = 0$ ,  $heappush(heap, (0, 0))$

while heap:

$u = heappop(heap)$   
 $inMst[u] = True$   
 for  $v, wt$  in  $adj[u]$ :  
 if not  $inMst[v]$  and  $wt < dists[v]$ :  
 $dists[v] = wt$ ,  $parent[v] = u$   
 $heappush(heap, (wt, v))$

return sum(dists)

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$O(V^3)$

$O(1)$

(not considering adj matrix)

## Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- Work for all sort of graphs (directed and undirected)
- Assume by putting an extra node  $K$  between  $i$  and  $j$  node and see if overall distance improves

CODE  $\Rightarrow$  (Assumes  $mat[i][j] = \infty$  for cases where edge doesn't exist)

```
for K in range(n):
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(n):
            in case of directed graph mat[i][j] = min(mat[i][j], mat[i][K] + mat[K][j])
            (For undirected also recalculate mat[j][i])
    return mat # return min. possible distances from any node to any other node.
```

$O(n)$

$O(n)$

## Serialize and deserialize binary Tree

Generally normal VR traversal is not enough to deserialize a tree uniquely. But if we use modified serialization (means put # or some symbol instead of totally ignoring them)

def serialize(root):

if root is None:

def VLR(root, string):

if root is None: string += '#,'

else:

string += str(root.val) + '#,'

string += VLR(root.left) string

string += VLR(root.right) string

return string

return VLR(root, '#')[:-1]  $\rightarrow$  ignore last comma

def deserialize(data):

iterator  $\rightarrow$  i=0, nodes = data.split(',')  
def getTree():

if nodes[i] == '#': i+=1, return None

root = TreeNode(int(nodes[i]))

i+=1

root.left = getTree()

root.right = getTree()

return root

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$T.C \rightarrow O(K)$   
similar to  $K^{th}$  largest element  
in BST

$O(1)$   
S.C

### $K^{th}$ Smallest element in B.S.T.

- APPROACH → we can do LVR traversal because bst guarantees its LVR traversal being ascending in order.
- Doing Morris traversal makes sure we don't take any extra space

CODE →

$ct = 0$

$temp = root$

while  $temp$ :

if not  $temp.left$ :

$ct += 1$

if  $ct == k$ : return  $temp.val$

~~$temp = temp.right$~~   $temp = temp$

else:

$rightMost = temp.left$

while  $rightMost.right$  and  $rightMost.right != temp$ :

$rightMost = rightMost.right$

if  $rightMost.right == None$ :

$rightMost.right = temp$

$temp = temp.left$

else:  $rightMost.right = None$

$ct += 1$

if  $ct == k$ : return  $temp.val$

$temp = temp.right$

$T.C.$   
 $O(1)$

$S.C.$   
 $O(h)$

### B.S.T Iterator

Point values from smallest to largest (lvs) when asked for using  $\text{next}()$  method

APPROACH ⇒ Keep a stack of elements yet to be included in  $\text{next}()$  response. As soon as you pop a value from stack, insert the leftmost path of its right's subtree next in stack!

CODE ⇒ def \_\_init\_\_(root):

$self.st = []$

$temp = root$

while  $temp$ :

$self.st.append(temp)$

$temp = temp.left$

def next():

$node = self.st.pop()$

$temp = node.right$

while  $temp$ :

$self.st.append(temp)$

$temp = temp.left$

return node.val

def hasNext():

return not self.st.empty()

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T.C.  
 $O(n)$

S.C.  
 $O(h)$   
or  
 $O(n)$  (skewed tree)

largest B.S.T subtree node sum in Tree  
return max possible BST sum you can get.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  Recurse and return if current subtree is a BST. If both children are BST and you lie in middle of values of both children, then try resetting final answer value.

CODE  $\Rightarrow$   $ans = 0$   
isBST, minVal, maxVal, sum = range(4)

def solve(node):  
 if not node: return (True, inf, -inf, 0)  
 L, R = solve(node.left), solve(node.right)  
 if L[isBST] and R[isBST] and  
 L[maxVal] < node.val < R[minVal]:  
 tempSum = L[sum] + R[sum] + node.val  
 ans = max(ans, tempSum)  
 return (True, min(node.val, L[minVal]),  
 max(node.val, R[maxVal]),  
 tempSum)

else:  
 return tuple([False])

solve(root)  
return ans

rest of value <sup>classmate</sup> don't matter

$O(n) O(h)$

Two Sum in a BST

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  We need l and r pointers of sorted array for two sum, but since this is a tree we need lvr and rvl iterators. (We need to modify BST iterator code)

just order  
flipped from lvr  
code

def findTarget(root, target):  
 l, r = BSTIter(lvr), BSTIter(rvl)  
 while True:  
 L, R = l.peek(), r.peek()  $\rightarrow$  stack  
 if L >= R: return False  
 temp = L + R  $\rightarrow$  top val  
 if temp == k: return True  
 elif temp < k: l.next()  $\rightarrow$  pop  
 else: r.next()  $\rightarrow$  from stack

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$O(1)$   
Time

$O(\text{capacity})$

## LFU Cache 😊

We want LRU behaviour in case of a frequency tie.

APPROACH  $\Rightarrow$  We need to maintain a dictionary of LRU caches, one for each frequency.

► Also need to keep track of minimum freq.  
~~Frequency~~ currently present in cache.

► In case capacity exceeds, we first remove minFreq LRU cache from

► On updation or get operation, promote node from one frequency level to next. Also increment minFreq value if dict cache corresponding to minFreq becomes empty at any point of time.