

Welcome 😊

Agenda : Backtracking  
3-4 problems.

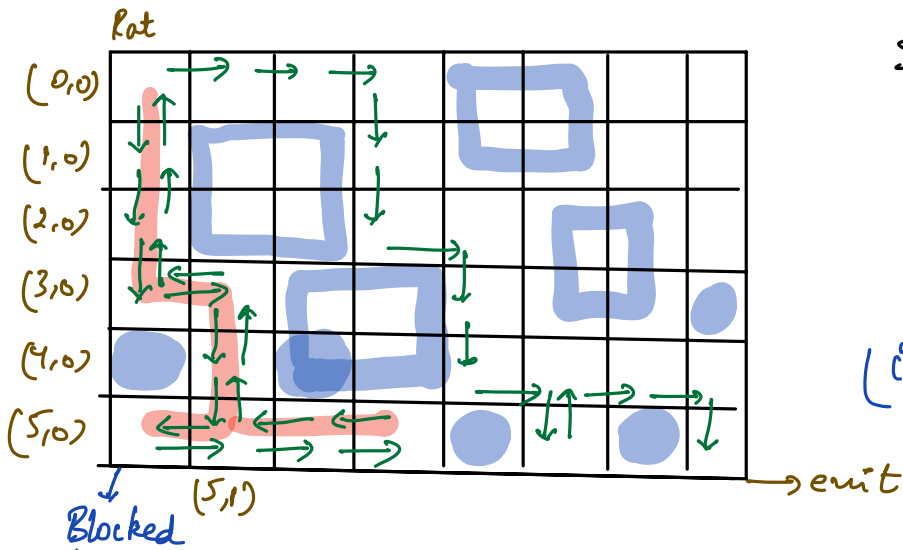
Recursion  $\rightarrow$  Solving a problem using its sub problems.

Backtracking  $\rightarrow$  Trying all possibilities with recursion.  
 Brute force approach

10 bones  $\rightarrow$  Find out which bone has chocolate  $\rightarrow$  check all bones.  
(bruteforce)

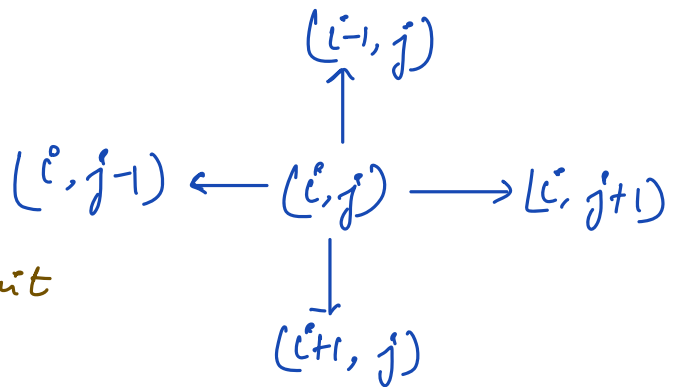
Q Rat in a Maze.

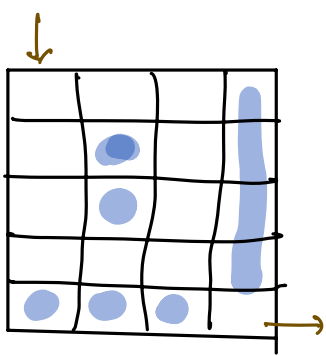
Check if it is possible to go from top left to bottom right cell in a maze with some blocked cells.



Blocked  
↳ whenever blocked,  
backtrack one step  
and try alternate paths.

I/P  $\Rightarrow A[][] \begin{cases} \rightarrow 0 \text{ (empty)} \\ \rightarrow 1 \text{ (blocked)} \end{cases}$





- 1) Rat is always inside the cage.
- 2) Rat should not go to any visited cell.
- 3) Rat cannot go to any blocked cell.

Code

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boolean check(i, j)
{
    if (i == N-1 && j == M-1) // reached destination.
        return true;

    if (i < 0 || i >= N || j < 0 || j >= M) // outside cage.
        return false;

    if (A[i][j] == 1 || A[i][j] == 2) // blocked or visited.
        return false;

    A[i][j] = 2 // make cell visited.
    return check(i+1, j) || check(i-1, j) ||
           check(i, j+1) || check(i, j-1)
}

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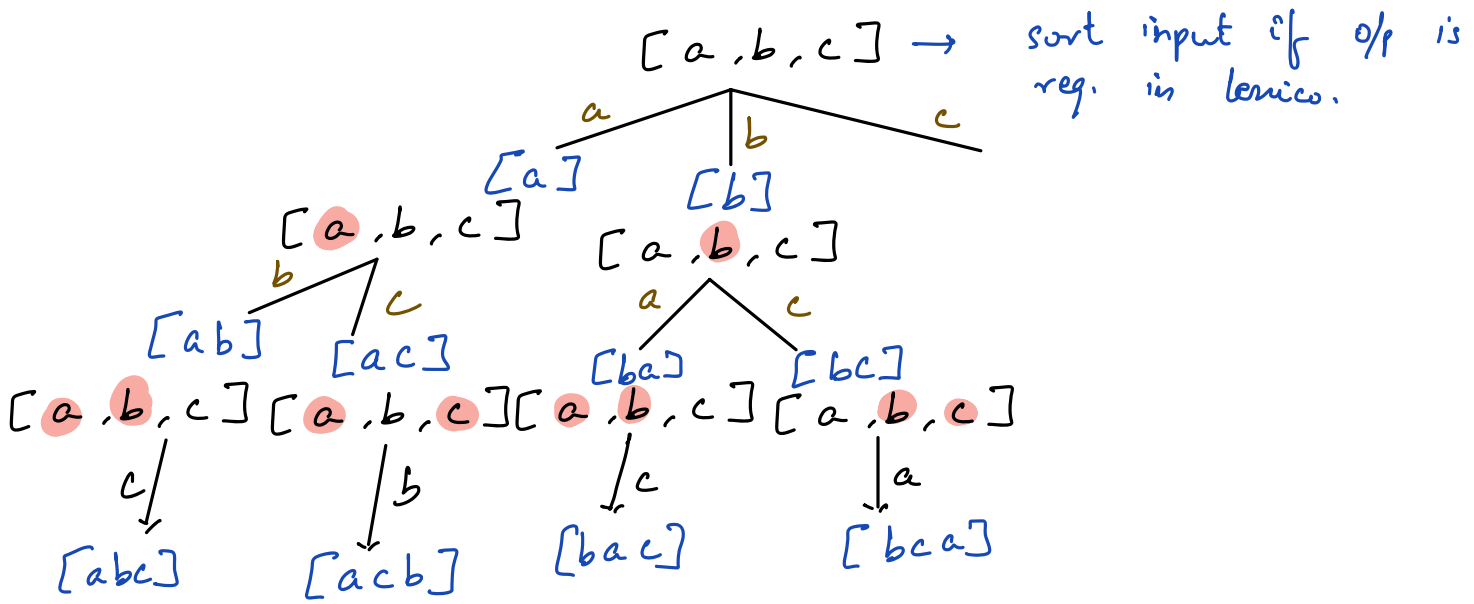
T.C  $\rightarrow O(N \times M)$   
S.C  $< O(N \times M)$

Q Given a char array with distinct elements.

Print all the permutations of the array without modifying the input array.

eg: [a b c]  $\Rightarrow$       abc      acb  
                          bac      bca  
                          cab      cba

$$\underline{3} * \underline{2} * \underline{1} = \underline{n!}$$



code

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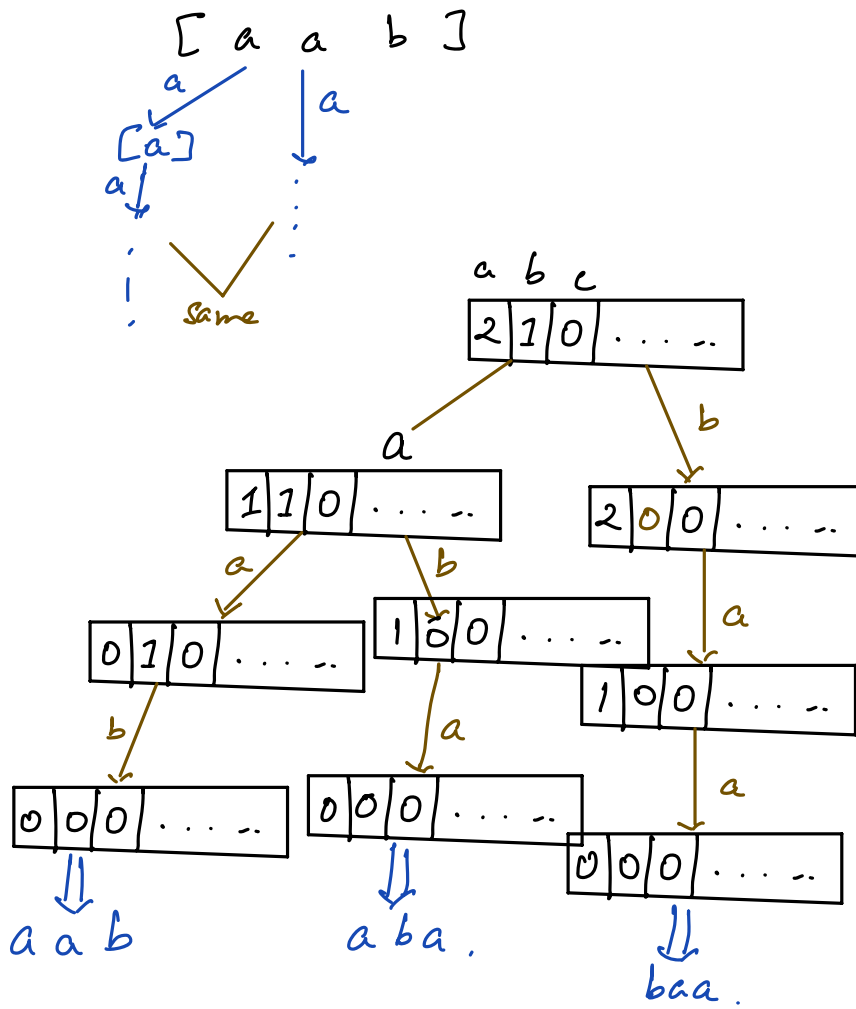
void permutation ( A[], ans[], vst[], ind )
{
    if ( ind == N ) { // Base case
        printArray (ans)
        return;
    }
    for ( i = 0 to N-1 ) // trying all possibilities
    {
        if ( !vst[i] ) { // valid possibility.
            vst[i] = true
            ans[ind] = A[i]
            permutation ( A[], ans[], vst[], ind+1 ) // recursion
            vst[i] = false. // UNDO
        }
    }
}
  
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T.C  $\rightarrow O(N! * N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

Q Print all unique permutations of the given char array

eg: [ a a b ]  $\Rightarrow$  a a b    b a a    a b a



Code

```
void permute ( F[], ans[], ind, N) // length of array.
{
    if ( ind == N ) {
        print Array (ans)
        return;
    }
    for ( i -> 0 to 25 ) // all possibilities.
    {
        if ( F[i] > 0 ) { // valid case.
            F[i] --
            ans[ind] = (char)(i+'a') } DO
            permute ( F[], ans[], ind+1, N ) // recursion.
            F[i] ++ // undo
        }
    }
}
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T.C  $\rightarrow O(N! * 26) = O(N!)$

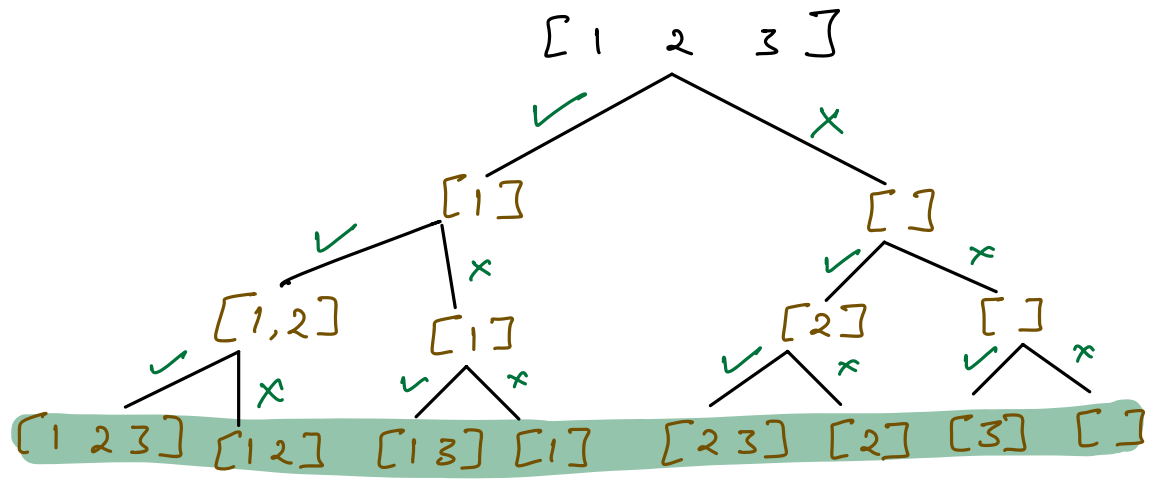
S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

Q

Given a set of distinct integers A, return all possible subsets.

eg: A = [1 2 3]  $\Rightarrow$  [ ]  
[1] [1 2] [1 3] [1 2 3]  
[2] [2 3]  
[3]

Select      —      —      —  
OR      2 \* 2 \* 2  
NOT SELECT



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