

DSA Learning Path & Resources

Week 1-2: Foundations

- Understand Time & Space Complexity
- Master Recursion Basics
- Learn Stack Operations and Applications
- Practice Queue Implementations
- Understand HashMap and HashSet Usage

Practice Problems:

- Two Sum
- Valid Parentheses
- Group Anagrams

Week 3: Two Pointers & Sliding Window

- Understand Fixed & Variable Sliding Window
- Practice Fast and Slow Pointer Problems

Practice Problems:

- Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters
- Minimum Window Substring
- Container With Most Water

Week 4: Binary Search & Sorting

- Master Classic Binary Search
- Learn Binary Search on Answer Technique
- Understand Merge and Quick Sort

Practice Problems:

- Search in Rotated Sorted Array
- Median of Two Sorted Arrays
- Kth Smallest Element in a Matrix

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Week 5: Recursion & Backtracking

- Solve Problems using Recursion
- Apply Backtracking for Combinations & Permutations

Practice Problems:

- Word Search
- N-Queens
- Combination Sum

Week 6-7: Dynamic Programming (DP)

- Learn Top-down (Memoization)
- Practice Bottom-up (Tabulation)
- Understand State Transitions

Practice Problems:

- House Robber I & II
- Longest Increasing Subsequence
- Edit Distance

Week 8: Greedy Algorithms

- Understand Greedy Strategy
- Solve Interval Problems

Practice Problems:

- Jump Game
- Merge Intervals
- Activity Selection / Minimum Arrows

Week 9: Graph Algorithms

- Implement BFS and DFS

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- Learn Topological Sort
- Understand Union-Find (DSU)

Practice Problems:

- Number of Islands
- Course Schedule
- Clone Graph

Week 10: Trees & Tries

- Practice Tree Traversals
- Implement Trie Structure

Practice Problems:

- Binary Tree Level Order Traversal
- Serialize and Deserialize Binary Tree
- Implement Trie

Week 11: Bit Manipulation & Math

- Understand Bitmasking
- Learn XOR Tricks
- Practice Sieve of Eratosthenes

Practice Problems:

- Single Number
- Subsets with Bitmasks
- Count Primes

Week 12: Mixed Practice & Mock Contests

- Participate in Weekly Contests (LeetCode/Codeforces)
- Revisit Failed/Hard Problems

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- Focus on Speed and Accuracy

Recommended Resources

- CP Algorithms: <https://cp-algorithms.com>
- GeeksforGeeks DSA: <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/data-structures/>
- LeetCode Top Interview Questions: <https://leetcode.com/problemset/top-interview-questions/>
- HackerRank Interview Prep Kit: <https://www.hackerrank.com/interview/interview-preparation-kit>