Array Problems Summary

Merge Intervals Example Fast and Slow Pointers

Matrix Pattern Problems
Two Pointers Problems

stack and queue based top 15 problem commonly asked in interview questions.

give input and output of the problem.

list 5 easy, 5 medium, 5 hard difficulty problems.

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Here's a list of commonly asked interview problems related to stacks and queues, categorized by difficulty. Each problem includes a brief description along with example input and output.

Easy

1. Valid Parentheses

- Description: Given a string containing just the characters `'('`, `')'`, `'{'`, `'}'`
 `'['`, and `']'`, determine if the ut string is valid.
- Input: `"()"`, `"{[]}"`, `"([)]"`
- Output: `true`, `true`, `false`

2. Implement Stack using Queues

- Description: Implement a stack using two queues.
- Input: `push(1)`, `push(2)`, `pop()`, `top()`, `empty()`
- Output: `null`, `null`, `2`, `1`, `false`

3. Implement Queue using Stacks

- · Description: Implement a queue using two stacks.
- Input: `push(1)`, `push(2)`, `peek()`, `pop()`, `empty()`
- Output: `null`, `null`, `1`, `1`, `false`

4. Reverse a Stack

- **Description**: Reverse the elements of a stack.
- Input: Stack: `[1, 2, 3, 4] ` \
- Output: Stack: `[4, 3, 2, 1]`

5. Min Stack

- Description: Design a stack that supports push, pop, top, and retrieving the minimum element in constant time.
- Input: `push(-2)`, `push(0)`, `push(-3)`, `getMin()`, `pop()`, `top()`, `getMin()`
- Output: `null`, `null`, `null`, `-3`, `null`, `0`, `-2`

Medium

1. Daily Temperatures

- Description: Given a list of daily temperatures, return a list where each element is the number of days you have to wait until a warmer temperature.
- Input: `[73, 74, 75, 71, 69, 72, 76, 73]`
- Output: `[1, 1, 4, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0]`

2. Queue Reconstruction by Height

- **Description**: Reconstruct the queue based on the given heights and the number of people in front.
- Input: `[[7, 0], [4, 4], [7, 1], [5, 0], [6, 1], [5, 2]]`
- Output: `[[5, 0], [7, 0], [5, 2], [6, 1], [7, 1], [4, 4]]`

3. Next Greater Element I

• Description: Find the next greater element for each element in the first array with

- Input: `nums1 = [4, 1, 2], nums2 = [1, 3, 4, 2]`
- Output: `[-1, 3, -1]`

4. Implement Stack with Min Function

- **Description**: Implement a stack with a `min` function that returns the minimum element in the stack.
- Input: `push(5)`, `push(3)`, `min()`, `pop()`, `min()`
- Output: `null`, `null`, `3`, `null ↓ 5`

5. Sort a Stack

- **Description**: Sort a stack in ascending order using another stack.
- Input: Stack: `[3, 1, 4, 2]`
- Output: Stack: `[1, 2, 3, 4]`

Hard

1. Longest Valid Parentheses

- Description: Find the length of the longest valid (well-formed) parentheses substring.
- Input: `"(()())"`
- Output: `6`

2. Evaluate Reverse Polish Notation

- Description: Evaluate the value of an arithmetic expression in Reverse Polish Notation.
- Input: `["2", "1", "+", "3", "*"]
- Output: `9`

3. Sliding Window Maximum

- **Description**: Find the maximum value in each sliding window of size `k`.
- Input: `nums = [1, 3, -1, -3, 5, 3, 6, 7], k = 3`
- Output: `[3, 3, 5, 5, 6, 7]`

4. Trapping Rain Water

- **Description**: Calculate how much water can be trapped after raining given the elevation map.
- Input: `[0,1,0,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,2,1]`
- Output: `6`

5. Maximal Rectangle

- Description: Find the area of the largest rectangle that can be formed from a binary matrix
- Input: `[['1','0','1','0','0'], ['1','0','1','1','1'], ['1','1','1','1','1'], ['1','0','0','1','0']]`
- Output: `6`

These problems cover a range of skills related to stacks and queues, from basic operations to more complex scenarios.

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