

Exercise 1.4.15: Faster 3-sum. As a warmup, develop an implementation TwoSumFaster that uses a *linear* algorithm to count the pairs that sum to zero after the array is sorted (*instead of* the binary-search-based *linearithmic* algorithm). Then apply a similar idea to develop a *quadratic* algorithm for the 3-sum problem.

Solution:

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//PseudoCode: Faster 3-sum
//Assume arrays already sorted.
//Find linearithmic solution for pairs that sum to 0

function Check_two_faster_sum(arr []):
    int a = 0;
    int b = arr.length-1;

    int count = 0;
    while(b>a): //first find the pairs that result in 0 initially, then use again after
        if(arr[a] + arr[b] > 0):
            b--

        else if(arr[a] + arr[b] < 0):
            a++

        else:
            count++

            //compare all following elements w/array[end]
            tempIndex = start + 1

            while(tempIndex < end && (arr[tempIndex] + arr[end] == 0)):
                count++;
                tempIndex++;

            //compare all prev elements w/array[start]
            tempIndex = end-1
            while(tempIndex>start && (arr[start] + array[tempIndex] == 0)){
                count++
                tempIndex--
            }

            start++;
            end--;

    return count;
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//PseudoCode: Faster 3-sum
//Assume arrays already sorted.
//Quadratic soln assuming integers are distinct.
//The code below sorts the array, then does  $n(n-1)/2$  binary searches
//This takes time proportional to  $\log n$ , for a total runtime of  $(n^2)\log n$ 
//If duplicates occur or if we do brute force, then time proportional to  $O(n^3)$ 

/*
A pair  $a[i]$  &  $a[j]$  is part of a triple (3 # set) that sums to
0 if and only if value  $0 - (a[i] + a[j])$  is in the array. This value would
represent the third value. We can do this using Binary Search
*/

//count trucks that sum to 0
int count_3_sums(a[]){

    N = a.length
    cnt = 0;

    for i in range(N):
        for(int j = i+1; j<N; j++){
            if(BinSearch.indexOf(a, -(a[i] + a[j])) > j):
                cnt++;
        }
    return cnt;
}

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