

Today's Content

1. 2 Pointers Intro

2. $a+b=k$

3. count pairs $a+b=k$

4. $a-b=k$

5. Max water between any 2 buildings

2 Things: Chat/Unmute

Optim1: If things are clear, Just send reaction

Optim2: If Doubt route hand:

a. Make you contributor &

you can unmute & make you viewer

2 Pointer

1. C/C++ pointers *

2. int variable = index:

2 pointers = 2 variable index:

3 pointers = 3 variable index:

Q1. Given $arr[N]$ distinct sorted elements, check if there exists a pair (i, j) such that $arr[i] + arr[j] = k$ and $i \neq j$

Ex:

$arr[] = \{ 3, 7, 8, 11, 14, 19, 20 \}$ $k = 25$: $arr[3] + arr[4] = 25$ True.

Ideas

a) For all pairs check if their sum $= k$.

TC: $O(N^2)$ SC: $O(1)$

b) Optimise:

1) HashMap/HashSet : TC: $O(N)$ SC: $O(N)$

2) Binary Search : ? TC: $O(N \log N)$ SC: $O(1)$

$arr[] = \{ 3, 7, 8, 11, 14, 19, 20 \}$ $k = 25$

$a + b = 25$ Note: fix a ; Search for $b = 25 - a$

3 $b = 22$: search for b : from $[1, 6]$ ✗

7 $b = 18$: search for b : from $[2, 6]$ ✗

8 $b = 17$: search for b : from $[3, 6]$ ✗

11 $b = 14$: search for b : from $[4, 6]$ ✓ : Return True

Idea: fix every $arr[i]$ as a &

Search for b from $[i+1, N-1]$ using Binary Search

TC: $O(N \times \log N)$ SC: $O(1)$

Worst: $\log N$

Idea3: 2 Pointer : { 2 variable = index value }

arr[11] = { 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 } $k = 17$
~~1~~ ~~1~~ ~~1~~ ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~2~~ ~~2~~

P_1	P_2	$arr[P_1] + arr[P_2]$	Sum	update
0	9	$-3 + 25 = 22 > 17$	\downarrow	P_2--
0	8	$-3 + 18 = 15 < 17$	\uparrow	P_1++
1	8	$0 + 18 = 18 > 17$	\downarrow	P_2--
1	7	$0 + 14 = 14 < 17$	\uparrow	P_1++
2	7	$1 + 14 = 15 < 17$	\uparrow	P_1++
3	7	$3 + 14 = 17 == 17$		return True;

obs: for each iterate
 we will skip 1 element
 In Total N elements.
 Total iterations = N

bool checksum(int arr[], int k)

Why logic works?

int N = arr.length;

int $P_1 = 0, P_2 = N - 1$;

while ($P_1 < P_2$) {

if ($arr[P_1] + arr[P_2] == sum$) {
 return True;

if ($arr[P_1] + arr[P_2] < sum$) {
 P_1++ ;

else {
 P_2-- ;

} return false;

Tc: $O(N)$ Sc: $O(1)$

sorted
 arr[5] = { ~~3~~ 9 10 14 ~~18~~ } $k = 19$
 $P_1 \rightarrow P_1$ $P_2 \leftarrow P_2$

arr[P_1] arr[P_2]
 $3 + 18 = 21 > 19$: dec P_2-- ;

Note: 18 cannot be part of ans.
 9
 10
 14 } + 18 > 21

$3 + 14 = 17 < 21$: inc P_1++ ;

Note: 3 cannot be part of ans.
 $3 + \begin{Bmatrix} 9 \\ 10 \end{Bmatrix} < 21$

If arr[] is not sorted will logic work? Nope

Given a sorted arr[], where elements repeat count no. of pairs (i, j)

such that $arr[i] + arr[j] = k$. ($i \neq j$)

Ex: arr[] = { 3 5 5 5 6 6 8 8 8 8 10 10 11 11 11 11 17 } ans = 22
 $k = 16$ P_1 P_2

Pairs:

(1 12) (2 12) .. (6 7)
 (1 13) (2 13) .. (6 8)
 (1 14) (2 14) .. (6 9)
 (1 15) (2 15) ..

Formula:

How many he can select 2 from N = $\frac{N(N-1)}{2}$

How many ways he can select 2 from 4 = 6

Ex: arr[] = { 3 5 5 5 6 6 8 8 8 8 10 10 11 11 11 11 17 } ans = 22
 $k = 16$ P_1 P_1 P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2 P_2 P_2 P_2
 $C_5 = 0 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ $+ 1 + 1 = 2$ 6 pairs $2 = 1 + 1$ $4 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$ $C_{11} = 0$

P_1	P_2	$arr[P_1] + arr[P_2]$	Sum	Update
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0	16	$3 + 17 = 20 > 16$	↓	P_2--
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0	15	$3 + 11 = 14 < 16$	↑	P_1++
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1	15	$5 + 11 = 16 = 16$	Q: How many pairs with 5, 11.
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Q1: How many 5's $C_5 = 3$ } = 12 pairs

Q2: How many 11's $C_{11} = 4$ }

4	11	$6 + 10 = 16 = 16$	Q: How many pairs with 6, 10.
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Q1: How many 6's $C_6 = 2$ } = 4 pairs

Q2: How many 10's $C_{10} = 2$ }

6	9	$8 + 8 = 16 = 16$	Q: if $arr[P_1] = arr[P_2]$:
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Q: How many el: $[P_1, P_2] = C = P_2 - P_1 + 1 = 4$ } 6 pairs

4 Break code & return ans;

long countSum(int arr[], int k) { TC: $O(N)$ SC: $O(1)$

int N = arr.length, p1 = 0, p2 = N - 1;

long ans = 0;

while (p1 < p2) {

if (arr[p1] + arr[p2] > k) { // dec sum

3 p2--; // 1 iteration: 1 ele is skipped

else if (arr[p1] + arr[p2] < k) { // inc sum

3 p1++; // 1 iteration: 1 ele is skipped

else { // arr[p1] + arr[p2] == k:

if (arr[p1] != arr[p2]) {

int t = arr[p1], cl = 0, cr = 0;

while (arr[p1] == t) { // count no: of arr[p1]

cl++; // count 1 iteration: 1 ele is skipped

3 p1++; // dec p1++;

t = arr[p2];

while (arr[p2] == t) { // count no: of arr[p2]

cr++; // count; 1 iteration: 1 ele is skipped

3 p2--;

3 ans = ans + cl * cr;

else { // arr[p1] == arr[p2]

long c = p2 - p1 + 1;

ans = ans + $\frac{c * (c - 1)}{2}$

3 break; // No more elements

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return ans;

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Q2: Given $arr[N]$ sorted elements, check if there exists a pair (i, j)

such that $arr[j] - arr[i] = k$ & $i \neq j$ & $k \geq 0$: If k is anything?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 $arr[10] = \{-3, 0, 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 21, 25\}$ $k=5$

$\rightarrow arr[4] - arr[2] = 5$: Return True;

Ideas

1. Generate all pairs. TC: $O(N^2)$
2. Using HashMap: TC = $O(N)$ SC: $O(N)$
3. Using Binary Search: TC = $O(N \log N)$

0 1 2 3 4 5
 $arr[] = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12\}$ $k=10$

$\rightarrow arr[5] - arr[2] = 10$: Return True;

Idea4: 2 Pointers: Initialize in such a way we can update pointers without any confusion.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 $arr[10] = \{-3, 0, 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 21, 25\}$ $k=5$
 P_1 P_2

Case-2: $P_1 = 0$ $P_2 = 1$ ✓

P_1 P_2 : $arr[P_2] - arr[P_1]$

0 1 : $0 - (-3) = 3 < 5$: Inc P_2++

0 2 : $1 - (-3) = 4 < 5$: Inc P_2++

0 3 : $3 - (-3) = 6 > 5$: Dec P_1++

1 3 : $3 - 0 = 3 < 5$: Inc P_2++

1 4 : $6 - 0 = 6 > 5$: Dec P_1++

2 4 : $6 - 1 = 5 = 5$: Return True;

Case-4: $P_1 = N-2$ $P_2 = N-1$ ✓

P_1 P_2 : $arr[P_2] - arr[P_1]$

8 9 : $25 - 21 = 4 < 5$: Inc P_1--

7 9 : $25 - 14 = 11 > 5$: Dec P_2--

Case-1: $P_1 = 0$ $P_2 = 9$ *

P_1 P_2 : $arr[P_2] - arr[P_1]$

0 9 : $25 - (-3) = 28 > 5$ ↓ Dec diff:

Dec Diff: Ambiguity / Confusion / We cannot

P_1++ ; $25 - 0 = 25$ decide which pointer

P_2-- ; $21 - (-3) = 24$ to update *

Wrong initialization.

Case-3: $P_1 = N/2$ $P_2 = N/2 + 1$ *

P_1 P_2 : $arr[P_2] - arr[P_1]$

4 5 : $8 - 6 = 2 < 5$: ↑ Inc Diff

Dec Diff:

P_1-- ; or P_2++ : Both will Dec Diff.

/ Confusion We cannot decide which pointer update Wrong initialization

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bool diff(int arr[], int k) {
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    k = Math.abs(k);
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    int N = arr.length;
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    int p1 = 0, p2 = 1;
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    while (p2 < N) {
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        if (arr[p2] - arr[p1] == k) {
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            return true;
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        if (arr[p2] - arr[p1] < k) {
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            // inc Diff
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            p2++;
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        } else { // Dec Diff
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            p1++;
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        } if (p1 == p2) { p2++; }
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    } return false;
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}
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TC: $O(N)$ SC: $O(1)$.

Edge Case

arr[3] = { 4, 10, 13 } k=10

Case 3 p1=0 p2=1

p1 p2 : arr[p2] - arr[p1]

0 1 : 10 - 4 = 6 < 10 : inc Diff: p2++

0 2 : 13 - 4 = 9 < 10 : inc Diff: p2++

0 3 : Stop.

arr[3] = { 4, 10, 13, 13 } k=0

Case 3 p1=0 p2=1

p1 p2 : arr[p2] - arr[p1] Diff

0 1 : 10 - 4 = 6 > 0 : Dec Diff: p1++

1 1 : if (p1 == p2) { p2++; }

1 2 : 13 - 10 = 3 > 0 : Dec Diff: p1++

2 2 : if (p1 == p2) { p2++; }

3 2 : 13 - 13 = 0 = 0 : Return True;

If $k < 0$: Make it +ve & search for pair

arr[3] = { 4, 10, 13 } k=3

Pair k=3 : arr[2] - arr[1] = 3 ✓

Pair k=-3 : arr[1] - arr[2] = -3 ✓

obs:

if $arr[i] - arr[j] = k \Leftrightarrow arr[j] - arr[i] = -k$

con: if pair with diff k exists \Leftrightarrow pair with -k also exists