

4. Two Pointer Approach

In Two Approach:

Determine Three Conditions Always

Con1: *KIS CONDITION PAR RUKNA HAI*

Con2: *START KO KAISE MOVE KARNA HAI (start++/start--)*

Con3: *END KO KAISE MOVE KARNA HAI (end++/end--)*

Problem 1: Two Sum (Leetcode-1)

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Example 1:

Input: nums = [2,8,7,15], target = 9

Output: $[0, 2]$

Explanation: Because nums[0] + nums[2] == 9, we return [0, 2].

STEP 1

Create the array of `pair<value, index>` due to not sorted input array

val	index
2	0
8	1
7	2
15	3

vector<pair<int,int>> temp

STEP 2

Short the temp array based on value

Sort(Temp.begin(), Temp.end());

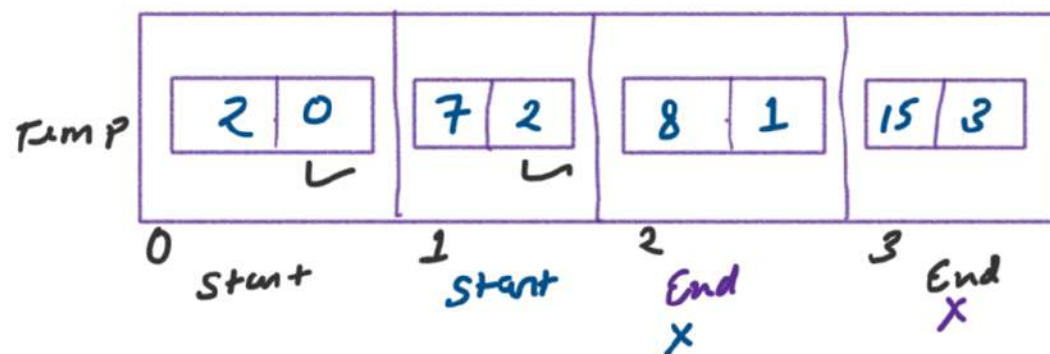
Diagram illustrating a linked list structure with four nodes. Each node is represented by a box divided into two parts: the left part for the data and the right part for the next pointer.

- Node 0: Data = 20, Next = 1
- Node 1: Data = 72, Next = 2
- Node 2: Data = 81, Next = 3
- Node 3: Data = 153, Next = null (indicated by a dashed line)

STEP 3

Apply two pointer approach to get the intent output

$$\text{target} = 9$$



(1)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{start} &= 0 \\ \text{End} &= 3 \\ \text{sum} &= 2 + 15 \\ &= 17 \\ \text{sum} &> \text{target} \\ \hookrightarrow 17 &> 9 \\ \Rightarrow \text{End} &--\end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{start} &= 0 \\ \text{End} &= 2 \\ \text{sum} &= 2 + 8 \\ &= 10 \\ \text{sum} &> \text{target} \\ \hookrightarrow 10 &> 9 \\ \Rightarrow \text{End} &--\end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{start} &= 0 \\ \text{End} &= 1 \\ \text{sum} &= 2 + 7 \\ &= 9 \\ \text{sum} &== \text{target} \\ \hookrightarrow \text{return Index pair} \\ [0, 2] &\leftarrow \text{Output} \\ \boxed{\text{stop}}\end{aligned}$$

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// Problem 01: Two Sum (Leetcode-1)

class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> twoSum(vector<int>& nums, int target) {
        // Step 1: Create the array of pair<value, index> due to not
        // sorted input array
        vector<pair<int, int>> temp;
        for(int i=0; i<nums.size(); i++){
            temp.push_back({nums[i], i});
        }

        // Step 2: Sort the temp array based on value
        sort(temp.begin(), temp.end());

        // Step 3: Apply two pointer approach to get the intent output
        int start = 0;
        int end = nums.size()-1;
        vector<int> ans;

        while(start < end){
            int sum = temp[start].first + temp[end].first;
            if(sum == target){
                ans.push_back(temp[start].second);
                ans.push_back(temp[end].second);
                break;
            }
            else if(sum > target){
                end--;
            }
            else{
                start++;
            }
        }
        return ans;
    }
};

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Time complexity

STEP 1 $O(N)$

STEP 2 $O(N \log N)$

STEP 3 $O(N)$

space complexity

TEMP $\Rightarrow O(N)$

Ans $\Rightarrow O(1)$

SP $\Rightarrow O(N)$

Overall time complexity is

$\Rightarrow O(N) + O(N \log N) + O(N)$

$\Rightarrow O(N \log N)$

Why $O(1)$?

kyunki Ans only store
2 value

5. Optimization Approach

Problem 01: Minimum Window Substring (Leetcode-76)

Example 1:

Input: $s = \text{"ADOBECODEBANC"} , t = \text{"ABC"}$

Output: "BANC"

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Valid Ans

→ minimize : start ++

Invalid Ans

→ expand : end ++

pattern(t)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

→ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

DRY RUN

Window **1** start = 0
End = 2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 0 \\ C = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid Ans
→ End++

S

A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ ↑
key values

Window **2** start = 0
 End = 3

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid Ans
→ End++

S

A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

→

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

key value

Window size **3** start = 0
End = 4

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid Ans
→ End++

S													
	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ ↑
key value

Window size **4** start = 0
end = 5

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$ window size = 6

Valid
→ start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

→ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

↑ ↑
key value

Window at **5** start = 1
End = 5

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 0 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

pattern (+)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ ↑
key values

Window **6** start = 1
End = 6

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 0 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ key ↑ value

Window **7** start = 1
End = 7

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 0 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window at **8** start = 1
End = 8

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 0 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern(t)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ key ↑ values

Window 9 start = 1
End = 9

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 0 \\ B = 2 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ key ↑ values

Window size 10 start = 1
End = 10

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 2 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window
Size = 10

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ ↑
key value

Window size 11
start = 2
End = 10

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 2 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window size = 9

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window 12 start = 3
End = 10

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 2 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window
Size = 8

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ key ↑ value

Window size 13
start = 4
end = 10

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window
size = 7

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window size 14 start = 5
End = 10

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window
size = 6

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern(t)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window size **15** start = 6
End = 10

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ ↑
key value

Window is **16** start = 6
End = 11

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Invalid
End++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern(t)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
↑ key ↑ value

Window size 13
start = 6
End = 12

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$ window size = 7

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window size 18
start = 7
End = 12

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window size = 6

valid
start++

S

A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern(t)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window at 19 start = 8
End = 12

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window size = 5

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern (t)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window size 20
start = 9
End = 12

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window size = 4

BANC

valid
start++

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

pattern(i)	A	B	C
	0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key value

Window size 21
start = 10
End = 12

S	A	D	O	B	E	C	O	D	E	B	A	N	C
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 0 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

Window size = 3

Invalid
End++
STOP

due to

① End < size of S

pattern (+)

A	B	C
0	1	2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = 1 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 1 \end{array} \right\}$
key values

Final Answer is BANC

↳ This is minimum window substring

// Problem 01: Minimum Window Substring (Leetcode-76)

```
class Solution {
public:
    string minWindow(string s, string t) {
        // Invalid case
        int len1 = s.length();
        int len2 = t.length();
        int start = 0;
        if(len1 < len2) {
            return "";
        }

        // Valid case
        int ansIndex = -1;
        int ansLen = INT_MAX;

        unordered_map<char,int> sMap;
        unordered_map<char,int> tMap;
        // Store freq of pattern string
        for(char ch: t) {
            tMap[ch]++;
        }

        // Initialise count variable
        if(ansIndex == -1) {
            return "";
        }
        else {
            return s.substr(ansIndex, ansLen);
        }
    }
};
```

→ T.C. $O(N)$

```
// Initialise count variable
// count variable means: yeh ek aisa character hai jo pattern and current window me present hai
int count = 0;
int end = 0;
while(end < s.length()) { → T.C.  $O(M)$ 

    // Update freq in sMap
    char ch = s[end];
    sMap[ch]++;
    if(sMap[ch] <= tMap[ch]) {
        // Valid character
        count++;
    }

    // Valid window
    if(count == len2) {
        // window found, jisme poora pattern exist krta h
        //-> minimise
        // Minimise sirf usi case me karunga, jls case me
        // 1. start index par jo character present h,
        // 2. ya toh extra hai ya
        // 3. aisa character jo pattern k andar hi nahi h, use bhl remove karo
        while(sMap[s[start]] > tMap[s[start]]) {
            sMap[s[start]]--;
            start++;
        }

        // Ab answer nikalo
        int windowKaSize = end - start + 1;
        if(windowKaSize < ansLen) {
            ansLen = windowKaSize;
            ansIndex = start;
        }
    }

    // Invalid window
    end++;
}
```

T.C. \Rightarrow
 $O(N+M)$