

simple example

nums: 3, 2, 4, target = 6

6  $\rightarrow$  (2, 4)  $\rightarrow$  (1, 2)  
 $2 + 4 = 6$  indices

$x + y = 6$   
 $\uparrow$   
nums[i]

looping over nums

i = 0, nums[0] = 3, y = 6 - 3 = 3 does it exist in nums (another index?)

i = 1, nums[1] = 2, y = 6 - 2 = 4 does it exist? NO

indices 1, 2 (2 + 4 = 6)

YES

we do the search with map (O(1))

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class Solution {
public:
    std::vector<int> twoSum(std::vector<int> &nums, int target) {
        map<int, int> numsIndexes;
        for (int i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++) {
            numsIndexes[nums[i]] = i;
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++) {
            int calculatedTarget = target - nums[i];
            if (numsIndexes.contains(calculatedTarget)) {
                int j = numsIndexes[calculatedTarget];
                if (i == j) {
                    continue;
                }
                return {i, j};
            }
        }
        return {};
    }
};
```

How to avoid the loop for storing in map?

3, 2, 4

$2 + 4 = 6$  (break condition in last example)

can also be  $4 + 2 = 6$

means that we can search for 2 when we attempt the 4 instead of searching for 4 at  $i+1$  future

3, 2, 4 ( $2 = 6 - 4$ )  
↑  
search

index 0: 3  $\rightarrow 6 - 3 = 3$  not in map empty  
store 3 in map

index 1: 2  $\rightarrow 6 - 2 = 4$  not in map  
store 2 in map, we have (3, 2)

index 2: 4  $\rightarrow 6 - 4 = 2 \rightarrow$  exists in map  
 $\Rightarrow 4 + 2 = 6$  (1, 2)

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