
Problem Statement:

Given an integer array `nums` and an integer `target`, find two numbers such that their sum equals the `target`. Return their indices.

Solution

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def two_sum(nums: List[int], target: int) -> List[int]:
    number_indices = {}

    for i in range(len(nums)):
        difference = target - nums[i]
        if (difference in number_indices): return [number_indices[difference], i]
        number_indices[nums[i]] = i

    return []
```

Step-by-Step Breakdown

1. Input:

- `nums = [2, 7, 11, 15]`
- `target = 9`

2. Hash Map:

- Create an empty dictionary `number_indices`.
- Iterate through each index `i`.
- Compute `difference = target - nums[i]`.
- if `difference` already exists in `number_indices` return `[number_indices[difference], i]`.
- Otherwise, store `nums[i]` and its index in `number_indices`.

After Processing: `number_indices = {2: 0, 7: 1}`

3. Output: [0, 1]

- $9 - 2 = 7$
- 7 Does not exist in the dict
 - Add `nums[0]` and current index to dict
 - 1. `{2: 0, 7: 1}`
- $9 - 2 = 2$
- 2 exists in the dict

- Return [value associated with 2 = 0, current index = 1]

Aspect	Solution One
Efficiency	$O(n)$
Memory Usage	$O(n)$
