

COMP3121 21T2 Assignment 1 Q1

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Part A

In order to satisfy the equation:

$$m^2 + s = k + p^2$$

We need to create an array B, sort the given array A and place into array B by using merge sort algorithm with time complexity of $O(n\log(n))$, therefore array B will be used for integer s and k , since they are integers without square term. Also, we need to design an array for squared integers m^2 and p^2 , hence we square each term in array A and place the result into array C with time complexity of $O(n)$.

Perform a double-array addition algorithm between array B and C, and record the result in array D.

```
for (int i = 0; i < len(B), i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < len(C), j++) {  
        arrayD[i+j] = arrayB[i] + arrayC[j];  
    }  
}
```

However the question specified integers must be distinct, hence $i \neq j$ in the pseudo code above. This results to $(n)(n-1)$, which is $O(n^2)$ time complexity.

```
int k = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < len(B), i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < len(C), j++) {  
        if (i != j) {  
            arrayD[k] = arrayB[i] + arrayC[j];  
            k++;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Eventually, we can sort the array D by using merge sort with the time complexity of:

$$n^2\log(n^2) = 2n^2\log(n) = O(n^2\log(n))$$

Hence in sorted array D, there are four distinct integers m, s, k, p can satisfy the equation if there is any duplicated value existed.

Part B

The problem can be solved by same approach for all steps but last one:

1. Sort array A into array B by merge sort with time $O(n\log(n))$.
2. Square array B into array C with time $O(n)$.
3. Perform double-array addition between array B and C with time $O(n^2)$.

However, we store the result into array D by using hash table with time complexity of $O(1)$ for each search and insertion, so the distinct integers existed if there is a hashing clash, which means there is a same value exist when inserting the current value. Hence, this algorithm will run in time $O(n^2)$, since there is no terms larger than $O(n^2)$.