

- (a) $\text{SMALLSUM} \in P$: Consider the following algorithm.

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SS( $S, t$ ):
  for  $i \leftarrow 1, \dots, n$ :
    if  $x_i \leq t$ :
      return TRUE
  return FALSE

```

The algorithm examines each number once and performs one comparison for each one, in linear time. The total time is therefore $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$, where m is the total bit-size of (S, t) .

Moreover, if $x_i \leq t$ for any i , then $\{x_i\}$ is a subset whose sum is at most t , and if $x_i > t$ for every i , then no non-empty subset has sum at most t (because every non-empty subset contains at least one x_i).

- (b) $\text{LARGESUMS} \in P$: Consider the following algorithm.

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LS( $S, t$ ):
  for  $i \leftarrow 1, \dots, n$ :
    if  $x_i < t$ :
      return FALSE
  return TRUE

```

The algorithm examines each number once and performs one comparison for each one, in linear time. The total time is therefore $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$, where m is the total bit-size of (S, t) .

Moreover, if $x_i < t$ for any i , then $\{x_i\}$ is a subset whose sum is *not* at least t , and if $x_i \geq t$ for every i , then every non-empty subset has sum at least t (because every non-empty subset contains at least one x_i).

- (c) $\text{EXACTSUM} \in NP$: Consider the following verifier.

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ES( $S, t, c$ ):
  if  $c \subseteq S$  and  $\sum_{x \in c} x = t$ :
    return TRUE
  return FALSE

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The verifier checks that its certificate c is a subset of S (time $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ if we search for each element of c in S), then adds up the elements of c : each addition takes linear time, for total time $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$, where m is the total bit-size of (S, t) .

Also, if $\text{ES}(S, t, c) = \text{TRUE}$ for some c , then c is a subset of S whose sum is exactly t . And if there is some subset c of S whose sum is exactly t , then $\text{ES}(S, t, c) = \text{TRUE}$.