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TALK

- input: S array of ints
- a, b, c in S such that $a+b+c=0$?
- return All unique triplets in S that give sum 0 (array of arrays)
- duplicates in original array
- return empty array or null if no soln?

EXAMPLE

SAMPLE INPUT	CLASS	OUTPUT
$[-1, 0, 1, 2, -1, -4]$	array w/ a soln	$[[-1, 0, 1], [-1, -1, 2]]$
$[0, 1, 2, 3]$	array w/ no soln	$[]$ null
$[1, 2, 3]$	array w/ only positive numbers	$[]$ null
$[]$	empty array	$[]$ null
$[-1, -2, -3]$	array w/ only negative #s	$[]$ null
null	arr == null	null

BRUTE FORCE

threeSum (Array<int> S):

```

1  if sorted S == null || len(S) < 3:
2      return null
3  else:
4      sorted = S.sort(), endArr = []
5      for i in range(len(S)):
6          curr = sorted[i]
7          j = i + 1
8          while j < len(S):
9              next = sorted[j]
10             wanted = -curr - next
11             if wanted in remaining S and [curr, next, wanted] not in endArr:
12                 endArr.append([curr, next, wanted])
13             else:
14                 j++
15     return endArr

```

[-1, 0, 1, 2, -1, -4]



[-4, -1, -1, 0, 1, 2]

~~0, 0, 0~~

OPTIMIZE

- change line 8 to: while j < len(S) - 1
- ~~0, 0, 0~~
- add to line 4: if sorted[0] >= 0:
return null
- change line 5 to: while i < len(S) - 2 and add i++ ~~4~~ after line 14

WALK THROUGH

Input Validation : - check if array S is null or empty
or has less than 3 elements



Sort array



iterate over array : in each iteration, iterate through rest of array then find the needed c to make sum 0



no solution : if end array is empty, return null
else return end Array

Implementation :

```
ArrayList<ArrayList<int>> public static threeSum (ArrayList<int> S) {
```

```
    if (S == null || S.size() < 3) { return null; }
```

```
    ArrayList<int> sorted =
```

```
    ArrayList<int> sorted = Collections.sort(S);
```

```
    ArrayList<ArrayList<int>> endArr = new ArrayList();
```

```
    int i = 0;
```

```
    while (i < sorted.size() - 2) {
```

```
        int curr = sorted.get(i);
```

```
        int j = i + 1;
```

```
        while (j < sorted.size() - 1) {
```

```
            int next = sorted.get(j);
```

```
            int wanted = -curr - next;
```

```
            if (sorted.contains(wanted) && !endArr.contains({curr, next, wanted})) {
```

```
                endArr.add({curr, next, wanted});
```

```
                endArr.add({curr, next, wanted});
```

```
            } else { j++; }
```

```
        }
        i++;
```

```
    } if (sorted.get(0) >= 0) { return null; }
```

```
    return endArr;
```

1. IF ~~array~~ $S == \text{null}$ || $\text{len}(S) < 3$:

TEST

INPUT	OUTPUT
null	null
[0]	null
[1, 2, 3]	null
[1, 0, -1]	[[-1, 0, 1]]
[-1, 1, 2]	null