

4 Sum

↳ Prerequisite \Rightarrow 2 Sum \Rightarrow 3 Sum

The same concept like 3 sum is used here also.

• Brute Force :— (Same as 3 sum)

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for(int i = 0  $\rightarrow$  n-1) {  
    for(int j = i+1  $\rightarrow$  n-1) {  
        for(int k = j+1  $\rightarrow$  n-1) {  
            for(int l = k+1  $\rightarrow$  n-1) {
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}
}

}

}

}

~~T = O(n^3) * S~~

O(1)

Adding from
set for List
↑

$T = O(n^4) * O(\text{hashSet_search}) + O(n)$
 $= O(n^4)$

$S = O(n)$

• Better Approach (1st Best Sol.) (Same as 3 sum)

↳ Using hashMap & hashSet

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i	j	k											
1	3	2	5	5	1	2	3	2	4	4	4	1	3
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

target = 8

(Now, search for $\text{target} - (\text{arr}[i] + \text{arr}[j] + \text{arr}[k])$
in the hashMap. And then put $(\text{arr}[k], k)$
into the hashMap.
Then, $k++$.

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for (int i = 0 → n-1) {
    for (int j = i+1 → n-1) {
        for (int k = j+1 → n-1) {
            search for (target - (arr[i] + arr[j] + arr[k]))
            in the hashMap
        }
    }
}

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$$T = O(n^3) * O(\text{hashMap-search} + \text{hashSet-search} + \text{hashMap-put}) + O(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = O(n^3)$$

$$S = O(n) + O(n) = O(n)$$

- 2nd Best Solution (Two pointer Solution) \Rightarrow Same as 3 sum
 \hookrightarrow Best and Optimal Approach

1	3	2	5	5	1	2	3	2	4	4	4	1	3
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

\Rightarrow Sort the array first

i	j	k											l
1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Initially, $i=0$, $j=i+1$, $k=j+1$ and $l=n-1$

int i = 0

while (i < n) {

int j = i + 1;

while (j < n) {

int k = j + 1;

int l = n - 1;

int newTarget = target - (arr[i] + arr[j]);

while (k < l) {

if (newTarget > arr[k] + arr[l]) {

k++;

} else if (newTarget < arr[k] + arr[l]) {

l--;

} else {

Store the quadruplet;

k++;

l--;

while (arr[k-1] == arr[k]) {

k++;

if (k >= l) {

break;

}

}

while (arr[l] == arr[l+1]) {

l--;

if (k >= l) {

break;

}

}

} // end of else

} // end of while

}

Increment logic for j;

Increment logic for i;

↑
Sum

3 sum

2 sum

$$T = O(n \log n) + O(n^3) \rightarrow O(n^3)$$

$$S = O(1)$$