

Q - Find the number that appear once, and others twice  
arr[] = {1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4}

(Sorted assumption)

Brute:

```
n = arr.size();  
int maxi = arr[n-1];  
int visi[maxi+1] = {0};
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    visi[arr[i]]++;
```

```
for (int i = 0; i <= maxi; i++)  
    if (visi[i] == 1)  
        cout << i  
        break  
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N+N)$   
S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

if not sorted then find  
maxi = arr[0];  
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
 if (arr[i] > maxi)  
 maxi = arr[i];  
}

Optimal:

for sorted & other appear twice only

```
for (i = 0; i < n-1; i += 2) {  
    if (arr[i] != arr[i+1])  
        cout << arr[i];  
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n)$   
S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

// if single element is last  
cout << arr[n-1]

Best Sol<sup>n</sup> is XOR Method

$$\begin{array}{l} T.C \rightsquigarrow OCN) \\ S.C \rightsquigarrow OCl) \end{array}$$

$arr[] = \{1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 4, 2, 3\}$   $k=3$

$$A \sqcup = \{1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 4, 2, 3\}$$

```

int len = 0;
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for (j = i; j < n; j++) {
        Sum = 0;
        for (k = i; k < j; k++) {
            Sum = Sum + A[i][j][k];
        }
        if (Sum == k) len++;
    }
}

```

$T.C \sim O(n^3)$   
 $S.C \sim O(1)$

```
print(len)
```

We can optimize it by

```
for(i = 0 → n){
    Sum = 0;
    for(j = 0 → n){
        Sum = Sum + A[j];
    }
    if(Sum == K) len = max(len, j+1);
}
```

$T.C \sim O(n^2)$   
 $S.C \sim O(1)$



Note: Any time you deal with sum

long long  
especially when:

- prefix sum
- sliding window
- Subarray sum
- Constraint have to  $10^9$  etc.

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Optimal:

```
int longestSub(int A[], int n, long long k){
```

```
int left = 0, right = 0;
```

```
long long sum = A[0];
```

```
int maxlen = 0;
```

```
while (right < n){
```

```
    while (left <= right && sum > k) {
```

shrink if sum > k

```
        sum = sum - A[left];
```

```
        left++;
```

```
    }
```

```
    if (sum == k) {
```

```
        int len = right - left + 1;
```

check if sum == k

```
        if (len > maxlen) {
```

```
            maxlen = len;
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    right++;
```

Move right pointer

```
    if (right < n) {
```

```
        sum = sum + A[right];
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
return maxlen;
```

```
}
```

{ 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3 }  
↑↑↑↑↑ k=6

Sum = 1 3 4 5 6 7

len = 6/4

5 6 7

4 7 6 9

3 7 6

Note: See the better sol<sup>n</sup> from striver bcz it is also a optimal sol<sup>n</sup> for problem where sum k (positive + negative)

3-2 Medium level

Q- Two Sum problem

arr[] = {2, 6, 5, 8, 11}

target = 14

(i) Ans in YES/NO  
for possible  
target

(ii) return index  
of both element

Brute:

A = {2, 6, 5, 8, 11}

n = size of (A) / size of (A[0]);

target = 14;

bool found = false;

for (i = 0; i < n; i++)

for (j = i + 1; j < n; j++)

if (A[i] + A[j] == target)

found = true;

break;

}

}

if (found) break;

}

if (found) cout << "YES";

else cout << "No";

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$



use hashing

Better:

```
String read (int n, vector<int> book, int target) {
```

here book  $\rightarrow$  array given

```
map<int, int> mpp;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

```
    int a = book[i]
```

```
    int more = target - a;
```

```
    if (mpp.find(more) != mpp.end()) {
```

```
        return "YES";  $\rightarrow$  for index
```

```
        return { mpp[more], i };
```

```
    }
```

```
    mpp[a] = i;
```

```
}
```

```
return "No";
```

```
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N \log N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

Optimal:

2 pointer

• first sort the array (Quicksort)

only for 1st  
variant,  
optimal exist

$A = \{2, 5, 6, 8, 11\}$

$\uparrow$   
left

$\uparrow$   
right

```
String read (int n, vector<int> book, int target) {
```

```
    int left = 0, right = n - 1;
```

```
    sort(book.begin(), book.end());
```

```
    while (left < right) {
```

```
        int sum = book[left] + book[right];
```

```
        if (sum == target) return "YES";
```

```
        else if (sum < target) left++;
```

```
        else right--;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return "No";
```

```
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N \log N) + O(N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Q- Sort an array of 0's, 1's and 2's  
arr[] = {0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 1, 3}

Brute: use any of sorting technique like Merge Sort

note: here are only three distinct value

and Quick Sort ignores property

and interviewer expect you to

exploit constraints • use merge sort

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N \log N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

Better:

cnt0 = 0, cnt1 = 0, cnt2 = 0

for (i = 0  $\rightarrow$  n) {

if (arr[i] == 0) cnt0 ++;

else if (arr[i] == 1) cnt1 ++;

else cnt2 ++;

}

int idx = 0;

while (cnt0 > 0) {

arr[idx++] = 0;

}

use (cnt0 --)

while (cnt1 > 0) {

arr[idx++] = 1;

}

while (cnt2 > 0) {

arr[idx++] = 2;

}

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

for (i = 0  $\rightarrow$  n)

cout << arr[i] << " ";



Optimal: Dutch National Flag algorithm

$A = [0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1]$   
↑ mid ↑ high

$[0 \dots \text{low}-1] \rightsquigarrow 0\text{'s}$

$[\text{low} \dots \text{mid}-1] \rightsquigarrow 1\text{'s}$

$[\text{high}+1, n-1] \rightsquigarrow 2\text{'s}$

0                      low-1 low                      mid-1 mid                      high high+1                      n-1  
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2

unsorted

0 1 2

$(a[\text{mid}] == 0) \{$

$\text{swap}(a[\text{low}], a[\text{mid}]);$

$\text{low}++; \text{mid}++$

$(a[\text{mid}] == 1) \{$

$\text{mid}++;$

$\}$

$(a[\text{mid}] == 2) \{$

$\text{swap}(a[\text{mid}], a[\text{high}]);$

$\text{high}--;$

see code of this from github / GPT

Q- Majority element ( $> N/2$  times)  
A = [ 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 ]

Brute:

```
for (i = 0 → n)
    cnt = 0;
    for (j = 0 → n)
        if (A[j] == A[i])
            cnt++;
    }
    if (cnt > N/2) return arr[i];
}
```

T.C →  $O(N^2)$

S.C →  $O(1)$

Better:

```
int maxi = A[0];
for (i = 1 → n) {
    if (A[i] > maxi) maxi = A[i];
}
```

also use  
hashing  
or better  
sort

```
int visi[maxi+1] = {0};
```

```
for (i = 0 → n) {
    visi[A[i]]++;
}
```

T.C →  $O(N)$

S.C →  $O(N)$

```
target = n/2;
```

```
for (i = 0; i <= maxi; i++) {
    if (visi[i] > target) {
        cout << i;
        break;
    }
}
```



Optimal: Moore's voting algorithm

```
int majElem(vector<int> v){
    int cnt = 0;
    int el;
    for(int i = 0; i < v.size(); i++){
        if(cnt == 0){
            cnt = 1;
            el = v[i];
        }
        else if(v[i] == el){
            cnt++;
        }
        else{
            cnt--;
        }
    }
    int cnt1 = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < v.size(); i++){
        if(v[i] == el) cnt1++;
    }
    if(cnt1 > v.size() / 2){
        return el;
    }
    return -1;
}
```

T.C  $\sim O(N)$

S.C  $\sim O(1)$

Q- Maximum Subarray Sum

$A[] = \{-2, -3, 4, -1, -2, 1, 5, -3\}$

Ans: 7

Note: For the Brute soln just copy paste the brute soln of longest subarray with sum k - only remove the "if" part and rest same

$[-2, -3, 4, -1, -2, 1, 5, 3]$

Optimal: Kadane's algorithm

maxi = ~~-2~~ 4 7

Sum = 0 -2 4

long long maxSubSum(int arr[], int n){

long long Sum = 0, maxi = LONG\_MIN;

for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){

Sum = Sum + arr[i];

if (Sum > maxi){

maxi = Sum;

}

if (Sum < 0){

Sum = 0;

}

}

return maxi;

}

Note: if all element in array are -ve and you need to find and compute maxi to be a -ve value, also answer a comp subarray bez it has sum = 0 wh is greater than -



Q- Best Time to buy & Sell stocks  
 arr[]  $\rightarrow$  [7, 1, 5, 3, 6, 4]  
 Maximise the profit

Do it later

```

mini = arr[0]; profit = 0;
for (i = 1; i < n; i++) {
  cost = arr[i] - mini;
  profit = max(profit, cost);
  mini = min(mini, arr[i]);
}

```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$   
 S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Q- Rearrange array elements by sign  
 arr[] = { 3, 1, -2, -5, 2, -4 }  
 output { 3, -2, 1, -5, 2, -4 }

order 2  
 (+, -, +, -, +, -)  
 OR  
 (-, +, -, +, -, +)

there will always be equal positive & equal negative

Note: order of occurrence  
 will be same even  
 in output

for ex: input  $\rightarrow$  3, 1, -2, -5, 2, -4  
 output  $\rightarrow$  3, -2, 1, -5, 2, -4

Brute:

```

int p = 0, q = 0;
int pos[n/2];
int neg[n/2];

```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(2N)$   
 S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

Step 1:

inserting

positive/negative  
 separately

```

for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
  if (arr[i] > 0) {
    pos[p] = arr[i];
    p++;
  }
  else {
    neg[q] = arr[i];
    q++;
  }
}

```

```

int i=0, j=0, k=0;
while(i < p && j < q){
    arr[k++] = pos[i++];
    arr[k++] = neg[j++];
}

```

Optimal: We know that all positive are at even index (0, 2, 4, ...)  
All negative are at odd index (1, 3, 5, ...)

We iterate and check element and place on its respective index

```

n = nums.size();
vector<int> ans;
int posIndex = 0; negIndex = 1;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    if (nums[i] < 0){
        ans[negIndex] = nums[i];
        negIndex = negIndex + 2;
    } else {
        ans[posIndex] = nums[i];
        posIndex = posIndex + 2;
    }
}
return ans;

```

Variety 1 is done where we have equal negative and positive element



variety 2: almost same like 1 but if both are not equal, after inserting alternately. insert the rest in any order  
~~we can't use optimal soln now~~

int p=0, q=0  
 int pos[n], neg[n]

Brute:

Step 1 will remain same

collect all positive & negative (till pos == neg)  
 don't collect all at once because  
 we still can apply the same for  
 (pos > neg) case.

arr[] = {-1, 2, 3, 4, -3, 1}

for (i=0; i<2; i++) {

// collect

}

i=0, j=0, k=0

while (i < p && j < q) {

arr[k++] = pos[i++];

arr[k++] = neg[j++];

}

index = 4;

for remaining element

for (i=2; i<p; i++) {

arr[index] = pos[i]

index++;

}

worst case  $O(N/2)$

T.C  $\sim O(N) + O(\min(p, q)) + O(\text{leftover})$

$\sim O(2N)$

S.C  $\sim O(N)$

Q- Next Permutation

 $A[] = \{3, 1, 2\}$ Output:  $\{2, 1, 3\}$ 

1	2	3
1	3	2
2	1	3
2	3	1
3	1	2
3	2	1

Brute:

- Generate all permutation (in sorted order)
- Linear search to find given permutation
- Return next index

it will be a lot of time taking

Note:

in C++ STL we have fun<sup>n</sup> for next permutation

```
next_permutation(A.begin(), A.end());
return A;
```

Optimal:

idx = -1;

for (i = n-2; i &gt;= 0; i--)

if (a[i] &lt; a[i+1])

idx = i;

break;

}

}

→ find longest prefix match

if (idx == -1)

reverse(A.begin(), A.end());

for (i = n-1; i &gt;= 0; i--)

if (a[i] &gt; a[idx])

swap(a[i], a[idx]);

}

}

rev(a, idx+1, n-1);

→ find &gt; A[idx] but the smallest one so that you can stay close

T.C → O(3N)  
 S.C → O(1)  
 extra space



everything on the right should be smaller

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Q - Leaders in an array

$A[] = [10, 22, 12, 3, 0, 6]$

output  $\rightarrow \{22, 12, 6\}$

observation:

last element will always be the leader

Brute:

```
vector<int> leaders
for(i = 0 to n) {
    bool isLeader = true;
    for(j = i+1 to n) {
        if (A[j] > A[i]) {
            isLeader = false;
            break;
        }
    }
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(n)$

}

if (isLeader) {

leaders.push\_back(A[i]);

}

Optimal:

```
vector<int> ans;
int maxi = INT_MIN;
for (int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--) {
    if (A[i] > maxi) {
        ans.push_back(A[i]);
    }
    maxi = max(maxi, A[i]);
}
```

Start from last of array  
idea 1) Stay at any index  
2) find maxi element from right  
3) if current > maxi  $\rightarrow$  leader

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

extra space

Q- Longest consecutive sequence

arr[] = {102, 4, 100, 1, 101, 3, 2, 11, 1}

Output  $\rightarrow$  ~~2, 3, 4~~ 4 (len=4) {1, 2, 3, 4}

Brute:

```
longest = 1;
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    x = arr[i];
    cnt = 1;
    while (is (arr, x+1) == true) {
        x = x+1;
        cnt = cnt+1;
    }
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$   
S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Better:

```
sort (nums.begin(), nums.end());
int n = nums.size();
int lastsmaller = INT_MIN;
int cnt = 0;
int longest = 1;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (nums[i] - 1 == lastsmaller) {
        cnt = cnt + 1;
        lastsmaller = nums[i];
    }
    else if (lastsmaller != nums[i]) {
        cnt = 1;
        lastsmaller = nums[i];
    }
    longest = max (longest, cnt);
}
return longest;
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(N \log N + N)$



```

Optimal: int longest = 1;
         unordered_set<int> st;
         for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
             st.insert(arr[i]);
         }
         for(auto it : st) {
             if(st.find(it-1) == st.end()) {
                 int cnt = 1;
                 int x = it;
                 while(st.find(x+1) != st.end()) {
                     x = x+1;
                     cnt = cnt+1;
                 }
                 longest = max(longest, cnt);
             }
         }
         return longest;

```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(3N)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(N)$

Q- Set Matrix zeros

(N x M)  
row      column

```

1 1 1 1
1 0 0 1
1 1 0 1
1 1 1 1

```

Whenever you find a zero,  
make its complete  
row & column to  
zero

Output

```

1 0 0 1
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
1 0 0 1

```

Note: To traverse in a 2D array  
you need min T.C  $\rightarrow O(N^2)$   
so you cannot make it  
less than  $n^2$

Brute:

```
for(int i=0; i<n; i++){
    for(int j=0; j<m; j++){
        if(arr[i][j]==0){
            markRow(i);
            markRow(j);
        }
    }
}
```

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```
markRow(i){
    for(j=0; j<m; j++){
        if(arr[i][j]==0){
            arr[i][j]=-1;
        }
    }
}

markRow(j){
    for(i=0; i<n; i++){
        if(arr[i][j]==0){
            arr[i][j]=-1;
        }
    }
}
```

```
for(i=0->n){
    for(j=0->n){
        if(arr[i][j]==-1){
            arr[i][j]=0;
        }
    }
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n \times m \times (n+m)) + O(n \times m)$   
S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Better

```
col[m] = {0}, row[n] = {0};
for(i=0->n){
    for(j=0->m){
        if(arr[i][j]==0){
            row[i] = 1;
            col[j] = 1;
        }
    }
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n \times m) + O(n \times m)$   
S.C  $\rightarrow O(n) + O(m)$

```
for(i=0->n){
    for(j=0->m){
        if(arr[i][j]==0) if(row[i] || col[j]){
            arr[i][j] = 0;
        }
    }
}
```

for optimal one  $\rightarrow$   
you just need to check  
space bcz time is  
already optimised

Note: Watch optimal from Striver bcz it asked directly in interviews many times



Q- Rotate Matrix / Image by  $90^\circ$  ( $n \times n$ )

1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 8  
9 10 11 12  
13 14 15 16

rotate  $\rightarrow$

13 9 5 1  
14 10 6 2  
15 11 7 3  
16 12 8 4

Brute:

i j  $\rightarrow$   $(n-1)-i$   
{0} {0}  $\rightarrow$  {0} {3}  
{0} {1}  $\rightarrow$  {1} {3}  
{0} {2}  $\rightarrow$  {2} {3}  
{0} {3}  $\rightarrow$  {3} {3}

initially at finally at  
1st row  $\rightarrow$  last column  
2nd row  $\rightarrow$  2nd last column  
3rd row  $\rightarrow$  2nd column  
4th row  $\rightarrow$  1st column

i j  $\rightarrow$   $(n-1)-i$   
{1} {0}  $\rightarrow$  {0} {2}  
{1} {1}  $\rightarrow$  {1} {2}  
{1} {2}  $\rightarrow$  {2} {2}  
{1} {3}  $\rightarrow$  {3} {2}

ans[n][n]:

for(i=0 to n){

for(j=0 to n){

ans[j][n-1-i] = matrix[i][j];

}

}

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

Optimal:

Take transpose  $\rightarrow$  reverse all row

How to take transpose:

matrix: 1) The diagonal will stay same even after doing transpose

2) The upper & lower triangular element swap

{0} {1}  $\rightarrow$  {1} {0} {1} {2}  $\rightarrow$  {2} {1}

{0} {2}  $\rightarrow$  {2} {0} {1} {3}  $\rightarrow$  {3} {1}

{0} {3}  $\rightarrow$  {3} {0} {2} {3}  $\rightarrow$  {3} {2}

{1} {3}  $\rightarrow$  {3} {1}

Observation: first column becomes the first row but in a reverse order

Second column becomes the second row but in a reverse order

this is what we call

Transpose  $\rightarrow$  change column to row or vice versa

```

for(i = 0 → n-1){
    for(j = i+1 → n){
        swap(a[i][j], a[j][i]);
    }
}

```

$T.C \rightarrow O(n^2)$   
 $S.C \rightarrow O(1)$

```

for(i = 0 → n){
    reverse(a[i].begin(), a[i].end());
}

```

## Q- Spiral matrix

```

1  2  3  4  5  6
20 21 22 23 24 7
19 32 33 34 25 8
18 31 36 35 26 9
17 30 29 28 27 10
16 15 14 13 12 11

```

- it has only one solution
- interviewer will ask this to test your implementation and how clean you can write the code

$top = 0$     $bottom = 5$   
 $left = 0$     $right = 5$

right → bottom → left → top

watch the code from github/striver

$arr[i][j]$   
 ↗ left/right  
 ↘ top/bottom

whatever is constant  
 put it there and  
 another one will  
 always be i



Q- Number of subarrays with sum  $k$   
 $arr = \{1, 2, 3, -3, 1, 1, 1, 4, 2, -3\}$   $k=3$

Brute: Generate all subarray and check for which  $sum=k$

$cnt = 0;$

for ( $i = 0 \rightarrow n$ )

$sum = 0;$

for ( $j = i \rightarrow n$ ) {

$sum = sum + arr[j];$

if ( $sum == k$ ) {

$cnt++;$

}

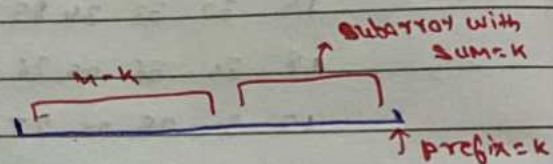
}

}

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Optimal: using prefix sum



no. of  $x=k =$  no. of subarray with  $k$

Hashmap (preSum, cnt)

↑  
Key

↑  
Value

$mpp[0] = 1;$

int presum = 0, cnt = 0;

for ( $i = 0 \rightarrow n$ ) {

$presum = presum + arr[i];$

int remove =  $presum - k$ ;

$cnt = cnt + mpp[remove];$

$mpp[presum] = mpp[presum] + 1;$

}

return cnt;

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(n)$