

# Two pointer Technique

1. Sort the array 2. Take l and r as two pointers to the left and right of the array. Find sum of l and r. 3. If sum > 0 then decrement r. 4. If sum falls below 0 then increment l. 5. Adjust l and r based on sum result and find pairComplexity: Time -->  $O(n \log n)$  [ $n \log n$ (sort)+ $n$ (scan using two pointer technique)] Space -->  $O(1)$

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In [11]: def pairSumCloseToZero(arr):
          arr = sorted(arr)
          l = 0
          r = len(arr)-1
          current_closest = arr[l]+arr[r]
          current_sum = arr[l]+arr[r]
          current_min_index = l
          current_max_index = r
          while(l < r):
              if current_sum > 0:
                  r -= 1
              else:
                  l +=1
              if (l<r):
                  current_sum = arr[l]+arr[r]
                  if abs(current_sum) < abs(current_closest):
                      current_closest = current_sum
                      current_min_index = l
                      current_max_index = r
          print("pair {0} and {1} have closest to zero {2}".format(arr[current_min_index],a
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In [12]: arr = [2,10,45,-54,53]
          pairSumCloseToZero(arr)
          #ans pair -54 and 53 have closest to zero -1
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pair -54 and 53 have closest to zero -1

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In [14]: arr = [2,10,45,-54,54]
          pairSumCloseToZero(arr)
          #ans pair -54 and 54 have closest to zero 0
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pair -54 and 54 have closest to zero 0

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In [15]: arr = [2,10,45,-54]
          pairSumCloseToZero(arr)
          #ans pair -54 and 45 have closest to zero -9
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pair -54 and 45 have closest to zero -9

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