

Approach 1

Take all combinations of elements and check whether sum is X. Total Combinations : $nC3$ (Use three for loops) Complexity: Time : $O(n^3)$
Space : $O(1)$

Approach 2

The third for loop can be optimized. First sort the array($O(n \log n)$) Then after finding two elements using for loops, in the third loop use binary search to find required third element Required third element = $X - (arr[1] + arr[2])$ Complexity: Time : $O(n^2 * \log n) + O(n \log n) = O(n^2 * \log n)$
Space : $O(1)$

Approach 3

Sort the array. Fix one element(i th index) and then take $l(i+1)$ and $r(n-1)$ pointers . Find initial sum . If initial sum is $> X$ then decrement r . If sum $< X$ increment l . If sum $== X$ return True.

Complexity: For every fixed element we scan remaining array $--> (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 2$ Time : $O(n^2)$ Space : $O(1)$

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In [26]: def findTriplet(arr,X):
         arr = sorted(arr)
         for i in range(len(arr)-2):
             l = i
             r = len(arr)-1
             while(l < r):
                 curr_sum = arr[i]+arr[l]+arr[r]
                 if curr_sum == X:
                     return True
                 elif curr_sum > X:
                     r-=1
                 elif curr_sum < X:
                     l+=1
         return False
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In [27]: arr = [1,5,7,9,2,4]
         X = 15
         findTriplet(arr,X)
         #ans True
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Out[27]: True

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In [28]: X = 5
         findTriplet(arr,X)
         #ans False
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Out[28]: False

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In [19]: def findTripletWithElements(arr,X):
         arr = sorted(arr)
         for i in range(len(arr)-2):
             l = i
             r = len(arr)-1
             while(l < r):
                 curr_sum = arr[i]+arr[l]+arr[r]
                 if curr_sum == X:
                     return True,(arr[i],arr[l],arr[r])
                 elif curr_sum > X:
                     r-=1
                 elif curr_sum < X:
                     l+=1
         return False,()
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In [25]: arr = [1,5,7,9,2,4]
X = 15
res = findTripletWithElements(arr,X)
if res[0] == True:
    print("Triplet found {0},{1},{2}".format(res[1][0],res[1][1],res[1][2]))
else:
    print("Triplet not found")
#ans Triplet found 1,5,9
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Triplet found 1,5,9

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In [24]: arr = [1,5,7,9,2,4]
X = 5
res = findTripletWithElements(arr,X)
if res[0] == True:
    print("Triplet found {0},{1},{2}".format(res[1][0],res[1][1],res[1][2]))
else:
    print("Triplet not found")
#ans Triplet not found
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Triplet not found

In []: