

Two sum (naive solution)

```
def twoSum(A, target):  
    for i in range(len(A)-1):  
        for j in range(i, len(A)):  
            if A[i] + A[j] == target:  
                return [i, j]  
    return [-1, -1]
```

- Runtime: $O(n^2)$
- Space: $O(1)$

Can we do better by using more space in exchange for lower time complexity?

Two sum (better solution)

Avoid nested for-loops

```
def twoSum(A, target):  
    diffs = {}  
    for i in range(len(A)):  
        diffs[target - A[i]] = i  
    for i in range(len(A)):  
        if A[i] in diffs:  
            if diffs[A[i]] != i:  
                return [i, diffs[A[i]]]  
    return [-1, -1]
```

- Runtime: $O(n)$
- Space: $O(n)$

Have traded space for runtime - worth the performance improvement.

In general, space is much cheaper than runtime.