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Top AI roles**



P-3



Q. Input: array = [2, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, -1, 0]

Output: return all triplets

Constraints

$3 \leq \text{array.size} \leq 3000$

## Brute force



array = [2, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, -1, 0]

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

$$\text{Space} = \underline{\underline{O(n^3)}} \leftarrow \checkmark$$

$\checkmark \underline{\underline{\text{Set}}} \leftarrow n^3 \text{ Triplets} \underline{\underline{\text{S}}}$

$$O(n^2)$$

Sub optimal

3 loop  
 $L1 \rightarrow a$   
 $L2 \rightarrow b$   
 $L3 \rightarrow c$

array = [2, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, -1, 0]

$O(n \log n)$   $\downarrow$  sort

$\swarrow$  [-1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2]  
 $\uparrow$   
 a



$\swarrow O(n^3) \swarrow$

$$a + b + c = 0$$

$$\swarrow \boxed{b + c = -a}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $O(n) \leftarrow \swarrow \text{sum} \swarrow$   
 $\swarrow \boxed{b + c = \text{Target}}$

Optimal



array = [2, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, -1, 0]

[-1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2]

a →

b →

c →

$a + b + c = 0$

better

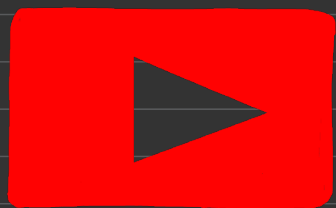
$$\boxed{b + c = -a}$$

⇓  
2-Pointers =

⇓  
Set()

without  
 $O(n^2)$  ✓  
extra  
~~space~~

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