

Code:

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import java.util.*;

class Solution {
    public boolean checkSubarraySum(int[] nums, int k) {
        if (nums.length < 2) return false;

        // Special case: if k == 0, only true if two consecutive zeros exist
        for (int i = 1; i < nums.length; i++) {
            if (nums[i] == 0 && nums[i - 1] == 0) return true;
        }
        if (k == 0) return false;

        Map<Integer, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
        map.put(0, -1); // remainder 0 seen before the array starts

        int sum = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {
            sum += nums[i];
            int rem = sum % k;
            if (rem < 0) rem += k; // normalize negative remainders

            if (map.containsKey(rem)) {
                if (i - map.get(rem) > 1) return true; // length ≥ 2
            } else {
                map.put(rem, i); // store the FIRST occurrence only
            }
        }
        return false;
    }
}
```

How It Works (in simple words)

We want a **continuous subarray** whose sum is divisible by k.

- Use **prefix sums**:
 $\text{sum}[i] = \text{nums}[0] + \text{nums}[1] + \dots + \text{nums}[i]$.
- If two prefix sums $\text{sum}[i]$ and $\text{sum}[j]$ have the **same remainder** when divided by k, then the subarray between them is divisible by k.
Because:

$$(sum[i] - sum[j]) \% k = 0$$

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- Use a **HashMap** to store the **first index** where each remainder appears.
- When we see the same remainder again, check if the distance between indices is ≥ 2 .


Dry Run Example

Input:

nums = [23, 2, 4, 6, 7]

k = 6

i	nums[i]	sum	remainder = sum % k	map before	map after	Found ?
				{0:-1}		
0	23	23	23 % 6 = 5	{0:-1}	{0:-1, 5:0}	No
1	2	25	25 % 6 = 1	{0:-1, 5:0}	{0:-1, 5:0, 1:1}	No
2	4	29	29 % 6 = 5	{0:-1, 5:0, 1:1}	5 already at index 0	Yes 
				distance = 2 - 0 = 2 (≥ 2) → return		

 Subarray [2, 4] has sum = 6, divisible by 6.

Learning Points

1. **Why map.put(0, -1)?**
To handle subarrays starting at index 0.
Example: if $sum[i] \% k == 0$, then (0..i) is valid.
2. **Why only first occurrence of remainder?**
Because we want the longest possible subarray. If we overwrite, we lose earlier indices.
3. **Why check (i - map.get(rem) > 1)?**
To ensure subarray length ≥ 2 .
4. **Special case k == 0**
Only valid if at least 2 consecutive zeros exist.

Final Output for Example

true