

167. Two sum II - Input array is sorted:

IP: numbers = [2, 7, 11, 15] target = 9

OP: [1, 2]

Explanation: The sum of 2 and 7 is 9. Therefore,

index₁ = 1, index₂ = 2 we return [1, 2].

Brute force: (Beginner):

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class Solution {
public int[] twoSum (int[] numbers, int target) {
    for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {
        for (int j = i + 1; j < numbers.length; j++) {
            if (numbers[i] + numbers[j] == target) {
                return new int[] {i+1, j+1};
                // 1-indexed.
            }
        }
    }
    return new int[] {};
}
```

Time $\rightarrow O(n^2)$ space $\rightarrow O(1)$

optimal approach: (Two pointers)

* left \rightarrow start of array

* right \rightarrow end of array

Logic:

1. If $\text{numbers}[\text{left}] + \text{numbers}[\text{right}] == \text{target} \rightarrow$ answer found

2. If the sum is too big, move right leftward

3. If the sum is too small, move left rightward.

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class Solution {
public int[] twoSum(int[] numbers, int target) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = numbers.length - 1;
    while (left < right) {
        int sum = numbers[left] + numbers[right];
        if (sum == target) {
            return new int[] { left + 1, right + 1 }; // 1-indexed.
        } else if (sum < target) {
            left++;
        } else {
            right--;
        }
    }
    return new int[] { };
}
}

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Dry Run:

numbers = [2, 7, 11, 15] target = 9

1. left = 0 (2), right = 3 (15) \rightarrow sum = 17 > 9 \rightarrow move right \rightarrow 2
2. left = 0 (2), right = 2 (11) \rightarrow sum = 13 > 9 \rightarrow move right \rightarrow 1
3. left = 0 (2), right = 1 (7) \rightarrow sum = 9 \rightarrow answer = [1, 2].