

Largest Perimeter triangle in C++

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#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>

using namespace std;

int largestPerimeter(vector<int>& nums)
{
    sort(nums.begin(), nums.end());

    int p = 0;

    for (int i = nums.size() - 1; i >= 2; --i) {
        if (nums[i - 1] + nums[i - 2] >
            nums[i]) {
            p = nums[i - 1] + nums[i - 2] +
                nums[i];
            break;
        }
    }

    return p;
}

int main() {
    vector<int> nums = {25, 6, 9, 11, 8, 12,
        10, 3, 2};

    cout << largestPerimeter(nums) <<
        endl;

    return 0;
}
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Step-by-step check after sorting:

nums = {2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 25}

We're looping from the end (i = 8) down to 2, checking this:

if (nums[i-1] + nums[i-2] > nums[i]) // triangle inequality

🧠 Dry Run Table with Full Checks:

i	nums[i-2]	nums[i-1]	nums[i]	Sum of two smallest	Valid triangle?	Perimeter
8	11	12	25	11 + 12 = 23	✗ (23 < 25)	-
7	10	11	12	10 + 11 = 21	✓	33

So, yes — the **first valid triangle** found is {10, 11, 12}, with perimeter = 33.

✗ Why not {11, 12, 25}?

Because 11 + 12 = 23, which is **less than 25** — **fails triangle condition**.

✓ Correct Output:

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