

2 Sum

1. Two Sum

Easy



51K



1.6K



Companies

Given an array of integers `nums` and an integer `target`, return *indices of the two numbers such that they add up to* `target`.

You may assume that each input would have **exactly one solution**, and you may not use the *same* element twice.

You can return the answer in any order.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [2,7,11,15]`, `target = 9`

Output: `[0,1]`

Explanation: Because `nums[0] + nums[1] == 9`, we return `[0, 1]`.

Constraints → Distinct, Negative Element,

Variants

1 \rightarrow Check

2 \rightarrow Return indices

Same

arr[] \rightarrow { 2, 7, 11, 15 }

target = 9

$7 + 2 = 9 \rightarrow$

~~0, 1~~ { 0, 1 }

True

Brute force.

Distinct \rightarrow Integer

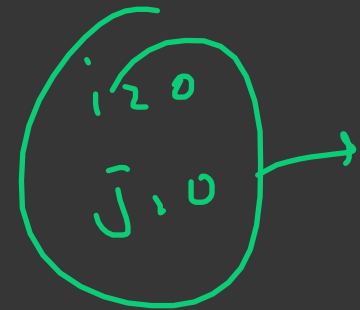
for ($i = 0; i < n; i++$)

for ($j = 0; j < n; j++$)

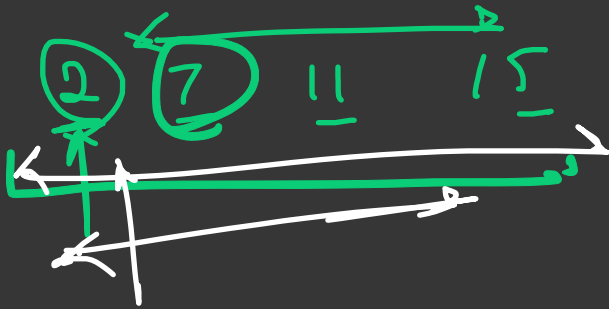
if ($i == j$) continue;

if ($arr[i] + arr[j] == sum$)

return ans + (1, 1)



Better Approach



for(

0 → 2

1 → 7

2 → 11

3 → 15

map(int, int)

Count = 1

for(i = 0, i < n; i++)
i

$$2 \times a_i + a_j = \text{target}$$

$\frac{2}{2} \quad \uparrow \quad \underline{9}$

~~a_j~~ = $\text{target} - a[i]$
 $\underline{9 - 2} \rightarrow \underline{7}$

hashmap

return {i, j},

Optimal Approach:

Two pointer algo:

$arr[] = \{ 2, 6, 5, 8, 11 \}$

$target = \underline{\underline{14}}$

→ $a_i + a_j > target$

→ Greedy Algorithm →
↳ So we sort the array

2, 5, 6, 8, 11

target = 14

arr[]: 0 1 2 3 4
 2, 5, 6, 8, 11 → Sorted.
 ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
 ~~low~~ low ~~high~~ high

target = 14

$$11 + 2 = \underline{\underline{13}} \quad \uparrow \downarrow$$

$$11 + 5 = 16 \quad \downarrow$$

$$8 + 5 = 13 \quad \uparrow$$

$$8 + 6 = 14 \quad \checkmark$$

(2, 3) → ans

Pseudocode

low = 0, high = n-1,

while (low < high)

if (arr[low] + arr[high] == target) return true

else if (arr[low] + arr[high] > target) high--;

else low++;

return false

Only to check the two sum
because we sort the
array so the
index is shuffle.

T.C. : $O(N)$

S.C. : $O(1)$