

# Longest sub-array having sum k

Given an array **arr[]** of size **n** containing integers. The problem is to find the length of the longest sub-array having sum equal to the given value **k**.

## Examples:

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Input : arr[] = { 10, 5, 2, 7, 1, 9 },  
        k = 15
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Output : 4  
The sub-array is{5, 2, 7, 1}.
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Input : arr[] = {-5, 8, -14, 2, 4, 12},  
        k = -5
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Output : 5
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## Efficient Approach:

Following are the steps:

1. Initialize **sum** = 0 and **maxLen** = 0.
2. Create a hash table having **(sum, index)** tuples.
3. For  $i = 0$  to  $n-1$ , perform the following steps:
  - a. Accumulate **arr[i]** to **sum**.
  - b. If  $\text{sum} == k$ , update **maxLen** =  $i+1$ .
  - c. Check whether **sum** is present in the hash table or not. If not present, then add it to the hash table as **(sum, i)** pair.
  - d. Check if **(sum-k)** is present in the hash table or not. If present, then obtain index of **(sum-k)** from the hash table as **index**. Now check if  $\text{maxLen} < (i-\text{index})$ , then update **maxLen** =  $(i-\text{index})$ .
4. Return **maxLen**.

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$ .

**Auxiliary Space:**  $O(n)$ .