

# Problem 39: Combination Sum

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

Given an array of

distinct

integers

candidates

and a target integer

target

, return

a list of all

unique combinations

of

candidates

where the chosen numbers sum to

target

You may return the combinations in

any order

The

same

number may be chosen from

candidates

an

unlimited number of times

. Two combinations are unique if the

frequency

of at least one of the chosen numbers is different.

The test cases are generated such that the number of unique combinations that sum up to

target

is less than

150

combinations for the given input.

Example 1:

Input:

candidates = [2,3,6,7], target = 7

Output:

[[2,2,3],[7]]

Explanation:

2 and 3 are candidates, and  $2 + 2 + 3 = 7$ . Note that 2 can be used multiple times. 7 is a candidate, and  $7 = 7$ . These are the only two combinations.

Example 2:

Input:

candidates = [2,3,5], target = 8

Output:

[[2,2,2,2],[2,3,3],[3,5]]

Example 3:

Input:

candidates = [2], target = 1

Output:

[]

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{candidates.length} \leq 30$

$2 \leq \text{candidates}[i] \leq 40$

All elements of

candidates

are

distinct

$1 \leq \text{target} \leq 40$

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    vector<vector<int>> combinationSum(vector<int>& candidates, int target) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
public List<List<Integer>> combinationSum(int[] candidates, int target) {  
  
}  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def combinationSum(self, candidates: List[int], target: int) ->  
        List[List[int]]:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def combinationSum(self, candidates, target):  
        """
```

```
:type candidates: List[int]
:type target: int
:rtype: List[List[int]]
"""

```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} candidates
 * @param {number} target
 * @return {number[][][]}
 */
var combinationSum = function(candidates, target) {

};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function combinationSum(candidates: number[], target: number): number[][][] {
};

}
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public IList<IList<int>> CombinationSum(int[] candidates, int target) {
        }
    }
}
```

### C:

```
/**
 * Return an array of arrays of size *returnSize.
 * The sizes of the arrays are returned as *returnColumnSizes array.
 * Note: Both returned array and *columnSizes array must be malloced, assume
 * caller calls free().
 */
int** combinationSum(int* candidates, int candidatesSize, int target, int*
returnSize, int** returnColumnSizes) {

}
```

**Go:**

```
func combinationSum(candidates []int, target int) [][]int {  
    }  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun combinationSum(candidates: IntArray, target: Int): List<List<Int>> {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func combinationSum(_ candidates: [Int], _ target: Int) -> [[Int]] {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn combination_sum(candidates: Vec<i32>, target: i32) -> Vec<Vec<i32>> {  
        }  
        }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {Integer[]} candidates  
# @param {Integer} target  
# @return {Integer[][]}  
def combination_sum(candidates, target)  
  
end
```

**PHP:**

```
class Solution {
```

```

/**
 * @param Integer[] $candidates
 * @param Integer $target
 * @return Integer[][][]
 */
function combinationSum($candidates, $target) {

}

```

### Dart:

```

class Solution {
List<List<int>> combinationSum(List<int> candidates, int target) {
}
}

```

### Scala:

```

object Solution {
def combinationSum(candidates: Array[Int], target: Int): List[List[Int]] = {
}
}

```

### Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
@spec combination_sum(candidates :: [integer], target :: integer) :: [[integer]]
def combination_sum(candidates, target) do
end
end

```

### Erlang:

```

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[[integer()]].
combination_sum(Candidates, Target) ->
.

```

## Racket:

```
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```

# Solutions

## C++ Solution:

```
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 * Tags: array
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 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
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