

Question 1.

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(a)

m^2+s and p^2+k is One number in the list plus the square of another number in the list, so for each numbers x in list, we have $(n-1)$ combinations to constitute $m^2 + s$

let's first create a new list $B = A^2$ (squared every number in A), its complexity is **$O(n)$**

then create a new list C and add the sum of each number in A plus each number in B except of its own square, Its complexity will be $n*(n-1)/2 = \mathbf{O(n^2)}$

so then we just need to find if there exist two numbers in C are the same, in that way there exist m, s, p, k in a distinct list which $m^2+s = p^2 + k$ (otherwise not exist), so what we have to do is to sort list C to find them, its complexity is to sort a $O(n^2)$ list which is **$O(n^2 \log n^2) = O(2n^2 \log n) = O(n^2 \log n)$**

so total complexity = $O(n) + O(n^2) + O(n^2 \log n) = O(n^2 \log n)$

(b)

create a new list $B = A^2$ (squared every number in A), its complexity is **$O(n)$**

create a hash C and first put the sum of the first number in A and the first number in B(except its own) into the hash as a key, then move to the next sum, and if the next sum already in hash, then there exist m, s, p, k in A that satisfy $m^2+s = p^2+k$, otherwise add new sum as a new key into the hash.

Its complexity = calculate every possible m^2+s * hash find

$$= O(n^2) * O(1) = O(n^2)$$