

1. Given an integer array `nums` of length `n` and an integer `target`, find three integers in `nums` such that the sum is closest to the target.[Amazon]  
You need to return the sum of three integers.  
For example:`arr = [-1, 2, 1, -4]`, `target = 1`  
Output: 2  
Explanation:  $[-1+2+1] = 2$  (The sum that is closest to the target is 2)

```
import { PriorityQueue } from "datastructures-js";

function targetSum(arr, i, sum, target, minHeap, k) {

    // if k = 0 (i.e. sum = addition of all 3 elements) push the diff in
    // minHeap, this heap will have lowest diff on the top
    if (k === 0 && i < arr.length + 1) {
        const diff = Math.abs(target - sum);

        const diffs = []; // diffs[] contains [sum, diff]
        diffs.push(sum);
        diffs.push(diff)

        minHeap.push(diffs); // pushing diffs into minHeap, heap will sort
        // elements with minimum diff on the top

        return;
    }

    // if i exceeds the length of arr then return
    if (i > arr.length){
        return;
    }

    // including the element in sum
    targetSum(arr, i + 1, sum + arr[i], target, minHeap, k - 1);
    // excluding the element in sum
    targetSum(arr, i + 1, sum, target, minHeap, k);
    return;
}

const minHeap = new PriorityQueue((a, b) => a[1] - b[1]);
const arr = [-1, 2, 1, -4];
const target = 1;
const k = 3; // no. of elements to be considered for sum

targetSum(arr, 0, 0, target, minHeap, k);
const sum = minHeap.pop()[0]; // sum which is closest to target
console.log(sum)
```

2. Given three points, check whether they lie on a straight (collinear) or not. [Google]

For example:

Input- [(1,1), (1,4), (1,5)]

Output- Yes

```
function collinear(points) {
  // slope of first and second points
  const slope1 = points[1][1] - points[0][1] / points[1][0] - points[0][0];
  // slope of second and third points
  const slope2 = points[2][1] - points[1][1] / points[2][0] - points[1][0];

  let isSlopeEqual = slope1 === slope2;

  let isXEqual = false;
  let isYEqual = false;

  // also check if each of coordinate (X or Y) is equal for all points
  for (let i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
    if (points[i][0] === points[i + 1][0]) {
      isXEqual = true;
    } else {
      isXEqual = false;
    }
    if (points[i][1] === points[i + 1][1]) {
      isYEqual = true;
    } else {
      isYEqual = false;
    }
  }

  // if any of this three condition is true it is a COLLINEAR
  if (isSlopeEqual || isXEqual || isYEqual) {
    console.log("Yes")
  } else {
    console.log("No")
  }
}

// const points = [[1, 1], [1, 6], [0, 9]];
const points = [[1, 1], [1, 4], [1, 5]];
collinear(points)

// Time Complexity : O(n)
// iterating through each element of array for calculating slope between 2
points

// Space Complexity : O(1)
```

3. An e-commerce site tracks the purchases made each day. The product that is purchased the most one day is the featured product for the following day. If there is a tie for the product purchased most frequently, those product names are ordered alphabetically ascending and the last name in the list is chosen.[Amazon]
- ['yellowShirt', 'redHat', 'blackShirt', 'bluePants', 'redHat', 'pinkHat', 'blackShirt', 'yellowShirt', 'greenPants', 'greenPants', 'greenPants']
- 'yellowShirt' - 2  
'redHat' - 2  
'blackShirt' - 2  
'bluePants' - 1  
'greenPants' - 3  
'pinkHat' - 1
- Output – greenPants

```
import { PriorityQueue } from "datastructures-js";

function mostFreqProducts(products) {
  // creating map for mainting frequency of each products
  const productsMap = new Map();
  products.forEach((product) => {
    if (productsMap.has(product)) {
      productsMap.set(product, productsMap.get(product) + 1);
    } else {
      productsMap.set(product, 1);
    }
  });

  // converting map to arrays eg - { redHat : 2, greenPants : 1} will be
  // covert to - [[redHat, 2], [greenPants, 1]]
  // this converion has been done for the ease of comparision
  const productsEntries = [...productsMap.entries()];
  // console.log(productsEntries)

  // storing productsEntries array in MaxHeap : product with highest freq
  // will appeared at the top
  const maxHeap = PriorityQueue.fromArray(productsEntries, (a, b) => b[1] - a[1])

  // get the top 2 products of maxHeap using pop
  const firstProduct = maxHeap.pop();
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const secondProduct = maxHeap.pop();

let res = [];
// compare if the top 2 products has the equal freq then store them in
res[] arr and sort it
if (firstProduct[1] === secondProduct[1]) {
    // push first and second product (which we pop earlier) into the res[]
    arr
    res.push(firstProduct[0])
    res.push(secondProduct[0])

    // push the remaing products into the res[] arr, if there is any
    product with same freq as firstProduct
    while (maxHeap.front()[1] === firstProduct[1]) {
        res.push(maxHeap.pop()[0])
    }
} else {
    // if top 2 products are not equal then return the firstProduct
    console.log(firstProduct)
}
// sort for Lexicography
console.log(res.sort())
}

const products = ['yellowShirt', 'redHat', 'cap', 'cap', 'blackShirt',
'bluePants', 'redHat', 'pinkHat', 'pinkHat', 'blackShirt', 'yellowShirt',
'greenPants', 'greenPants', 'greenPants'];

mostFreqProducts(products)

// Time Complexity : O(nLogn)
// array sort is the highest time consuming in the code

```

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ANSWER

First of all, What is nearly sorted array or almost sorted array ?

Given an array of  $n$  elements, where each element is at most  $k$  away from its target position is called nearly sorted.

*For example :-* let us consider  $k$  is 2, an element at index 7 in the sorted array, can be at indexes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in the given array.

*Eg:*

1. {6, 5, 3, 2, 8, 10, 9},  $k = 3$

2. {10, 9, 8, 7, 4, 70, 60, 50},  $k = 4$

Efficient Sorting algorithm : *INSERTION SORT*

*Reason :*

Because what Insertion Sort does is it compares the key element with all left elements and placed it into its correct position.

So in nearly sorted array every elements correct position will be at  $k$  distance far. So, for each element there will be only  $K$  comparisons not  $N$  comparisons.