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# Solution

## Approach 1: Solve the Equation

### Intuition

If Alice swaps candy  $x$ , she expects some specific quantity of candy  $y$  back.

### Algorithm

Say Alice and Bob have total candy  $S_A, S_B$  respectively.

If Alice gives candy  $x$ , and receives candy  $y$ , then Bob receives candy  $x$  and gives candy  $y$ . Then, we must have

$$S_A - x + y = S_B - y + x$$

for a fair candy swap. This implies

$$y = x + \frac{S_B - S_A}{2}$$

Our strategy is simple. For every candy  $x$  that Alice has, if Bob has candy  $y = x + \frac{S_B - S_A}{2}$ , we return  $[x, y]$ . We use a `Set` structure to check whether Bob has the desired candy  $y$  in constant time.

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3         Sa, Sb = sum(A), sum(B)
4         setB = set(B)
5         for x in A:
6             if x + (Sb - Sa) / 2 in setB:
7                 return [x, x + (Sb - Sa) / 2]
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## Complexity Analysis

- Time Complexity:  $O(A.length + B.length)$ .
- Space Complexity:  $O(B.length)$ , the space used by `setB`. (We can improve this to  $\min(A.length, B.length)$  by using an if statement.)

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Your input

[1,1]  
[2,2]

Output

[1,2]

Diff

Expected

[1,2]

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