

Topic : Programming/ Two Pointers/ 3 Sum

Question:

Given an array S of n integers, find three integers in S such that the sum is closest to a given number, target.

Return the sum of the three integers.

Assume that there will only be one solution

Example:

given array S = {-1 2 1 -4},
and target = 1.

The sum that is closest to the target is 2. $(-1 + 2 + 1 = 2)$

Code :

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int Solution::threeSumClosest (vector < int > &A, int B)
{
    int n = A.size ();
    sort (A.begin (), A.end ());
    long bestSum = 10000000000, sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 2; i++)
    {
        int s = i + 1, e = n - 1;
        while (s < e)
        {
            sum = long (A[i]) + A[s] + A[e];
            if (abs (B - sum) < abs (B - bestSum))
                bestSum = sum;
            else if (sum > B)
                e--;
            else
                s++;
        }
    }
}
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    }  
  }  
  return bestSum;  
}
```