

Equilibrium Index of an array

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You are given an array **A** of integers of size **N**.

Your task is to find the equilibrium index of the given array

The equilibrium index of an array is an index such that the sum of elements at lower indexes is equal to the sum of elements at higher indexes.

If there are no elements that are at lower indexes or at higher indexes, then the corresponding sum of elements is considered as 0.

Note:

- Array indexing starts from 0.
- If there is no equilibrium index then return -1.
- If there are more than one equilibrium indexes then return the minimum index.

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Problem Constraints

$1 \leq N \leq 105$

$-105 \leq A[i] \leq 105$

Input Format

First argument is an array A .

Output Format

Return the equilibrium index of the given array. If no such index is found then return -1.

Example Input

Input 1:

A = [-7, 1, 5, 2, -4, 3, 0]

Input 2:

A = [1, 2, 3]

Example Output

Output 1:

3

Output 2:

-1

Approach : iterate over each index & for each index calculate sum of it lower index elements & higher index elements & check it equality.

T.C. $O(n^2)$

S.C $O(1)$

$[-7, 1, 5, 2, -4, 3, 0]$ ans = 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6

i	Sum of lower Index	Sum of higher Index
0	0	7
1	-7	6
2	-6	1
3	-1	-1
4	1	3
5	-3	0
6	0	0

$[1, 2, 3]$ ans = -1
0 1 2

i	Sum of low Index	Sum of high Index
0	0	5
1	1	3
2	?	?

Soln 2: Using Prefix Sum

Prefix sum array

$$\begin{bmatrix} -7, 1, 5, 2, -4, 3, 0 \end{bmatrix}_{0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -7, -6, -1, 1, -3, 0, 0 \end{bmatrix}_{0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6} = PS$$

i	Sum lower Indx	Sum high Indx
0	0	7
1	-7	6 (0 - (-6))
2	-6	1 (0 - (-1))
3	-1	-1 (0 - 1)
4	1	3 (0 - (-3))
5	-3	0 (0 - 0)
6	0	0 (0 - 0)

Sum of lower Indx
= PS[i-1]

Sum of higher Indx
= PS[n-i] - i]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 3 \end{bmatrix}_{0 \quad 1 \quad 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1, 3, 6 \end{bmatrix}_{0 \quad 1 \quad 2} = PS$$

i	Sum lower Indx	Sum higher Indx
0	0	5 (6-1)
1	1	3 (6-3)
2	3	0 (6-6)

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Pseudocode :-

$A = [\quad]$ // Input

$n = A.size();$

$PS = [n-1];$

// create PS array

$PS[0] = A[0];$

for (int $i=1$; $i < n$; $i++$) {

$PS[i] = PS[i-1] + A[i];$

}

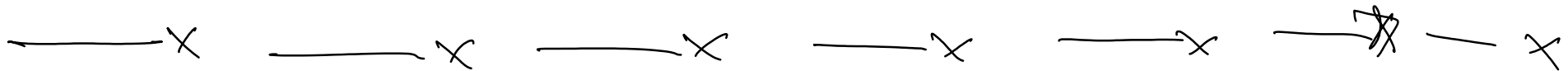
// Iterate PS array to check low sum index & higher index

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for (int i = 0 ; i < n ; i++) {  
    lowSum = (i == 0) ? 0 : PS[i-1];  
    highSum = PS[n] - PS[i];  
    if (lowSum == highSum) {  
        return i;  
    }  
}
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return -1;  
}
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T.C. = $O(n)$

S.C = $O(n)$ = for Prefix Sum array.



Optimization :

If we can update the input array to Prefix Sum
Time = $O(n)$

$$S.C = O(1)$$

Edge Case : If array is empty return -1;