

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 <= N <= 105

-105 <= A[i] <= 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

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

i Sum

0

1

2

3

4

5

6

Sum

0

-

-

-

1

-3

0

$[1, 2, 3]$
0 1 2

i Sum of

0

1

2

0

1

3

Bruteforce : 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. $O(1)$

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Soln 2 : Using Prefix Sum

Prefix sum array

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

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

i Sum lower Index

Sum high Index

0

0

7

2 2 1

1	-7	6 (0 - (-6))	sum of j =
2	-6	1 (0 - (-1))	
3	-1	-1 (0 - 1)	sum of k =
4	1	3 (0 - (-3))	PS[
5	-3	0 (0 - 0)	
6	0	0 (0 - 0)	

$$[0^1, 1^2, 2^3] = [1, 3, 6] = PS$$

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 = [] // 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 & high

for (int i = 0 ; i < n ; i++) {

 lowSum = (i == 0) ? 0 : ps[i-1];

 highSum = ps[n] - ps[i];

 if (lowSum == highSum) {

 return i;

 }

}

return -1;

}

T.C. = $O(n)$

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

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Optimization :

If we can update the input array to Prefix &

T.C. = $O(n)$

S.C. = $O(1)$

Edge Case : If array is empty return -1;

