

3 Sum Closest

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. You may assume that each input would have exactly one solution

For example, given array $S = \{-1, 2, 1, -4\}$, and target = 1. The sum that is closest to the target is 2.

$(-1 + 2 + 1 = 2)$.

Solutions:

class Solution:

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def threeSumClosest(self, numbers, target):
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    numbers.sort()
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    ans = None
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    for i in range(len(numbers)):
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        l, r = i + 1, len(numbers) - 1
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        while (l < r):
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            sum = numbers[l] + numbers[r] + numbers[i]
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            if ans is None or abs(sum - target) < abs(ans - target):
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                ans = sum
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            if sum <= target:
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                l = l + 1
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            else:
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                r = r - 1
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    return ans
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Solution().threeSumClosest([-1, 2, 1, -4], 1)
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