

4 Sum

Question: Given an array S of n integers, are there elements a, b, c, and d in S such that $a + b + c + d = \text{target}$?

Find all unique quadruplets in the array which gives the sum of target.

Note:

Elements in a quadruplet (a,b,c,d) must be in non-descending order. (ie, $a \leq b \leq c \leq d$)

The solution set must not contain duplicate quadruplets.

For example, given array S = {1 0 -1 0 -2 2}, and target = 0.

A solution set is: (-1, 0, 0, 1); (-2, -1, 1, 2); (-2, 0, 0, 2)

Solutions:

class Solution:

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def fourSum(self, nums, target):
    answer = []
    nums.sort()
    length = len(nums)
    for k in range(length-3):
        if nums[k]+nums[k+1]+nums[k+2]+nums[k+3] > target:
            break
        for i in range(k+1,length-2):
            low = i+1
            high = length - 1
            while(low < high):
                temp = nums[i]+nums[low]+nums[high]+nums[k]
                if temp == target:
                    ans = [nums[i],nums[low],nums[high],nums[k]]
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ans.sort()
low = low + 1
high = high - 1
if ans not in answer:
    answer.append(ans)
    while low < high and nums[high+1] == nums[high]: ##speed up,
        jump the same value
        high -= 1
    while low < high and nums[low] == nums[low-1]:
        low += 1
elif temp > target:
    high = high - 1
else:
    low = low + 1
return answer
Solution().fourSum([1, 0, -1, 0, -2, 2], 0)
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