

## What is the Two Pointers Pattern?

The **Two Pointers** technique involves using two indices (pointers) to iterate over a data structure (usually an array or a string) to solve problems efficiently by avoiding nested loops.

## When to Use Two Pointers?

- When you need to find pairs, triplets, or subarrays meeting certain conditions.
- When the data is sorted or can be sorted.
- When you want to optimize brute force solutions that use nested loops ( $O(n^2)$ ) to linear or near-linear time ( $O(n)$ ).

## How It Works?

You maintain two pointers that move through the data structure according to certain rules:

- **One pointer starts at the beginning**, the other at the **end** (common in problems like finding pairs with a sum).
- Or, **both pointers start at the beginning**, with one moving faster than the other (useful for sliding window problems).
- Move pointers towards each other or forward depending on the problem condition.

## Typical Approach:

1. Initialize two pointers, left and right.
2. Check condition based on the current pointers.
3. Move pointers accordingly:
  - If condition not met, move left or right pointer to try to satisfy the condition.
  - If condition met, record the answer or move pointers to find more solutions.
4. Repeat until pointers cross or reach the end.

#	Problem Name	Platform Link
1	Remove Duplicates from Sorted Array	<a href="#">LeetCode 26</a>
2	Two Sum II - Input Array Is Sorted	<a href="#">LeetCode 167</a>
3	Move Zeroes	<a href="#">LeetCode 283</a>
4	Reverse String	<a href="#">LeetCode 344</a>
5	Container With Most Water	<a href="#">LeetCode 11</a>
6	Valid Palindrome	<a href="#">LeetCode 125</a>
7	Squares of a Sorted	<a href="#">LeetCode 977</a>

	Array	
8	Subarray Product Less Than K	<a href="#">LeetCode 713</a>
9	Remove Element	<a href="#">LeetCode 27</a>
10	3Sum	<a href="#">LeetCode 15</a>
11	Sort Colors (Dutch National Flag Problem)	<a href="#">LeetCode 75</a>
12	Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters	<a href="#">LeetCode 3</a>
13	Minimum Size Subarray Sum	<a href="#">LeetCode 209</a>
14	Trapping Rain Water	<a href="#">LeetCode 42</a>
15	Longest Mountain in Array	<a href="#">LeetCode 845</a>