

Subarray Sum Equals K

Question:

<https://leetcode.com/problems/subarray-sum-equals-k/>

Given an array of integers `nums` and an integer `k`, return the total number of continuous subarrays whose sum equals to `k`.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,1,1]`, `k = 2`

Output: 2

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [1,2,3]`, `k = 3`

Output: 2

Approach 1:

Using brute force to check each subarray sum.

Note: The `sum()` function takes $O(n)$ time.

Solution 1:

```
def subarraySum(self, nums, k):  
    count = 0  
    for i in range(len(nums)):  
        for j in range(i, len(nums)):  
            if sum(nums[i:j+1]) == k:  
                count += 1  
    return count
```

Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

Approach 2:

Optimised approach to reduce the time complexity to $O(n^2)$ by applying space-time tradeoff using HashMap.

Storing the count of similar elements and returning total values of the equal sum.

Solution 2:

```
def subarraySum(self, nums, k):  
    d = {}  
    d[0] = 1  
    s = 0  
    count = 0  
    for i in range(len(nums)):  
        s += nums[i]  
        if s-k in d: # --- I  
            count += d[s-k]  
        if s in d:  
            d[s] += 1 # --- II  
        else:  
            d[s] = 1  
  
    return count
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