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4. 两根指针

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两根指针

1. 一个数组, 从两边往中间移动(对撞型)
2. 一个数组, 同时向前移动(前向型)
3. 两个数组(并行型)

1. 对撞型

Two sum 类和 Partition 类

Two sum 类型题目

Two sum II

Given an array of integers, count the number of pairs that this pair's two number sum is larger than target number.

(5,4,3,7,8) sum=9

这一类题目思路

Two sum

```
1 if(A[i] + A[j] > sum)
2     j--;
3     do something
4 else if(A[i] + [j] < sum)
5     i++;
6     do something
7 else
8     do something
9     i++ or j--
```

这一类通过对撞型指针优化算法，根本上其 实要证明就是不用扫描多余状态

Triangle Count

<http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/triangle-count/>

(3,4,6,7,8,9)

灌水 类型题目

Trapping Rain Water

<http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/trapping-rain-water/>

(3, 0, 1, 4, 0, 1, 2)

Container With Most Water

<http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/container-with-most-water/>

[2,1,4,6,2,3]

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```

灌水

```
if(A[i] > A[j])
    j--;
else if(A[i] < A[j])
    i++;
else
    i++;
```

这一类通过对撞型指针优化算法，根本上其实要证明就是不用扫描多余状态

```
1 if(考虑A[i]和A[j]满足某个条件)
2     j--; // 不用考虑[i+1, j-1] 和 j 组成的pair
3     do something
4 else if(考虑 A[i]和A[j]不满足某个条件)
5     i++; // 不用考虑 i 和 [i+1, j-1] 组成的pair
6     do something
7 else
8     do something
9     i++ or j--
```

对撞型指针题目

2 Sum 类 (通过判断条件优化算法)

- 3 Sum Closest
- 4 Sum
- 3 Sum
- Two sum II
- Triangle Count
- Trapping Rain Water
- Container With Most Water

Partition 类

- Partition-array
- Sort Colors
- Partition Array by Odd and Even
- Sort Letters by Case
- Valid Palindrome

2. 前向型

窗口类 和 快慢类

窗口类

minimum-size-subarray-sum

<http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/minimum-size-subarray-sum/>

窗口类指针移动模板

通过两层for循环改进算法

```
while(i < n-1){  
    while(j < n-1){  
        if(满足条件)  
            j++;  
            更新状态  
        else(不满足条件)  
            break;  
    }  
    i++;  
    更新状态  
}
```

Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters

<http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/longest-substring-without-repeating-characters/>

1. 前向型指针
2. Hash或者set记录上次访问

Minimum Window Substring

<http://lintcode.com/en/problem/minimum-window-substring/>

[ABCZDEF, ACD]

Longest Substring with At Most Two Distinct
Characters

Longest Substring with At Most K Distinct
Characters

[http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/longest-
substring-with-at-most-k-distinct-characters/](http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/longest-substring-with-at-most-k-distinct-characters/)

总结

两根指针

优化类型：

优化思想通过两层**for**循环而来

慢指针依然是依次遍历

快指针证明是否需要回退

前向型指针题目

- 窗口类
- Remove Nth Node From End of List
- minimum-size-subarray-sum
- Minimum Window Substring
- Longest Substring with At Most K Distinct Characters
- Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters

- 快慢类
- Find the Middle of Linked List
- Linked List Cycle I, II

两个数组两个指针

The Smallest Difference

<http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/the-smallest-difference/>

$O(N^2) \rightarrow O(n \log(n))$

其他的题目

[http://www.lintcode.
com/en/problem/merge-two-sorted-lists/](http://www.lintcode.com/en/problem/merge-two-sorted-lists/)

Summary

两个指针

- a. 对撞型 (2 sum 类 和 partition 类)
- b. 前向型 (窗口类, 快慢类)
- c. 两个数组, 两个指针 (并行)

帮助大家把题目越做越少, 而不是越做越多

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