

Binary Search

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```
int mid = low + (high - low) / 2
```

```
if (array[mid] == key)
    return mid
```

```
if (array[mid] < key)
    low = mid + 1
```

```
else
    high = mid - 1
```

Binary Search first occurrence

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```
int mid = low + (high - low) / 2
```

```
if (array[mid] == key)
    result=mid
    high=mid-1 //for first occurrence
    low=mid+1  //for last occurrence
```

```
if (array[mid] < key)
    low = mid + 1
```

```
else
    high = mid - 1
```

Peak Element

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A peak element is an element that is strictly greater than its neighbors.
array should be mountain shaped. (bitonic sequence array)

A mountain-shaped array is an array that increases monotonically up to a peak and then decreases monotonically.

```
input=7  
1 1 2 3 6 5 4
```

```
output=  
Peak element index: 4
```

```
input=5  
1 2 1 0 1
```

```
output=Peak element index: 1
```

```
int low = 0  
int high = n - 1  
  
while (low < high)  
    int mid = (low + high) / 2  
  
    if (nums[mid] > nums[mid + 1])  
        high = mid // Continue searching in the left half  
    else  
        low = mid + 1 // Continue searching in the right half  
End while  
  
return low //both low or high can be returned
```

Peak element will be always be at the index where low and high can meet.
so loop should continue until that.

Pivot Element

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Pivot element is the only element in input array which is smaller than it's previous element.

A pivot element divides a sorted rotated array into two **monotonically increasing array**.

input should be a sorted **rotated array** is an array that was originally sorted in ascending order but has been **"rotated"** around a **pivot point**. This means that some of the elements from the beginning of the array have been moved to the end.

```
input=7
4 5 6 7 1 2 3
output=
Pivot element is: 1
```

```
input=8
6 7 8 1 2 3 4 5
Pivot Element is: 1
```

```
        low=0
        high=n-1

    if (high < low)
        return arr[0]                // Array not rotated, return first element

    if (high == low)
        return arr[high]              // Only one element left

    int mid = (low + high) / 2

    // Check if mid+1 is the pivot
    if (mid < high && arr[mid] > arr[mid + 1])
        return arr[mid + 1]

    // Check if mid is the pivot
    if (mid > low && arr[mid] < arr[mid - 1])
        return arr[mid]

    // Adjust low and high pointers
    if (arr[low] <= arr[mid])
        return findPivot(arr, mid + 1, high); // Search in the right half
    else
        return findPivot(arr, low, mid - 1); // Search in the left half
```

The condition `arr[low] <= arr[mid]` means that the left half of the array (from low to mid) is sorted in ascending order. so we need to look for pivot from mid+1 to high. This is because in a sorted segment, the elements are increasing. The pivot being the smallest element cant be in this sorted portion.

if its false, it means that right half of the array is sorted from mid+1 to high. hence we need to look for pivot from low to mid-1.

another example:

Input: arr=[3,4,5,6,7,8,1,2]

for above conditions.