

## BINARY SEARCH QUESTION

Ques 1) Ceiling of a Number.

arr = [2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18] target 15.

- s=0, e=6

$$m = 3 \quad [9]$$

9 < target [15]

- s=m+1 = 4 [14]

$$e = 6 \quad [18]$$

$$m = \frac{4+6}{2} = 5 \quad [16]$$

16 > target [15]

Approach :-

s=0, end = length - 1

- Case 1 :- If mid == target  
return mid.

- Case 2 :-

If mid < target.

start = mid + 1.

- e = m-1 = 4 [14]

$$s = 4$$

$$m = \frac{4+4}{2} = 4 \quad [14]$$

14 < target [15]

- Case 3 :-

If mid > target.

end = mid - 1

- s = m+1 = 5 [16]

$$e = 4 \quad [14]$$

As e < s

loop break

return s = 5 [16]

• And when  
end < start

not loops break

so

return start.

## Q2) Floor of number in array.

arr = [2, 4, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18], target = 15

- s=0 e=6

m = 3 [9]

9 < target [15]

- s=m+1 = 4 [14]

e = 6 [18]

m = 5 [16]

[16] m > target [15]

Approach :-

s=0 ; end = length - 1

mid =

Case 1:-

If mid == target  
return mid.

Case 2:- If mid < target

start = mid + 1.

s = 4

m = 4 [14]

14 < target [15]

Case 3:-

If mid > target  
end = mid - 1

- s=m+1 = 5

e = 4

Loop Breaks when

end < start.

As e < s

so;

loop break

return end.

return e;

Ques:- Smallest letter Greater than target  
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o  $\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ ["c", "f", "j"] \end{matrix}$  target = "a"

$s=0$ ;  $e=2$   
 $mid = 1 [f]$

Case 1:- element > target  
 $end = mid - 1$

~~c~~ ~~f~~  
~~c~~ ~~f~~ ~~a~~ ~~c~~ ~~f~~ ~~a~~ ~~target~~

mid [f] > target [a]  
 $end = mid - 1 = 0$

Case 2:- element < target  
 $start = mid + 1$

$end = 0 [c]$  +  $start = 0 [c]$

loop breaks  
 $end < start$

~~c~~ mid = 0 [c]

return start

mid [c] > target [a]  
 $end = mid - 1$

• When  $start > arr$ .

loop break

$length - 1$

return start

return [0].

o  $\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ ['x', 'x', 'y, y] \end{matrix}$  target = 2

We can  
use

$s=0$ ;  $e=3$

$start \% .length$ .

$mid = 1 [x]$

to solve this.

$start = 2 (mid + 1)$

as

$s=2$   $e=3$

$if start = 4; arr.length = 4$ .

$mid = 2 [y]$

$4 \times 4 = 0$

mid = < target.

return 1st  
element.

$start = 3$ ;  $end = 3$

$mid = 3$

mid = target

$start = 4$

loop breaks  $\rightarrow$  But 4 is out of bound!

so return [0].

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Find first & last position of Element in Sorted

Array

0 1 2 3 4

•  $[5, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10]$  target = 8

s e

mid = 2 [7]

mid < target

s = mid + 1

so; mid > target

end = mid - 1.

Approach

start = 0, end = arr.length - 1

• element < target

start = mid + 1

• element > target

end = mid - 1

Now

s = 2 + 1 = 3

e = 5

mid = 4

mid = target

ans = 4

• element = target

ans = mid

for starting

end = mid - 1

Starting

~~start = 0, end = 5~~

S = 3 end = 4 - 1 = 3

so; mid = 3

mid = target

ans = 3 [8]

mid = target

~~end = mid - 1~~

end = 2

S = 3

break.

ans = 3

ending ans = 4

s = 5 end = 5

mid = 5

mid > target

end = mid - 1

= 4

for ending

start = mid + 1.

## Q Searching in infinite array :-

Approach :-

- Take smaller possible box & double it every time & search in box until we find the target

- So smallest box

$$\text{start} = 0 \text{ & end} = 1$$

if  $\text{end} < \text{target}$

$$\text{start} = \text{end} + 1$$

$$\text{end} = 2 \times (\text{Box size}) + \text{end}$$

$$= 2 \times (\text{end} - \text{start} + 1) + \text{end}$$

- Apply Binary Search in every box

~~start ; end~~

- start & end will be found from above

$$\text{mid} = \text{start} + (\text{end} - \text{start})/2$$

- $\text{mid} < \text{target}$

$$\text{start} = \text{mid} + 1;$$

- $\text{mid} > \text{target}$

$$\text{end} = \text{mid} - 1;$$

- $\text{mid} = \text{target}$

return mid.

## Ques:- Peak Index in a Mountain array

start [0, 1, 0]

s=0 end = 2

mid = 1

mid < mid + 1

& end = mid

s=0 ; end = 1

mid = 0

mid < mid + 1

start = mid + 1

s=1 , end = 1

mid  $\rightarrow$  loop

break

return end start

- Search in Mountain Array.
- Find Peak from Mountain Array.
  - By Above Approach.

$[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 3, 1]$   
 ascending peak      descending

Apply Binarr Search  
from 0 to peak.

Apply Binary Search  
from peak+1 to end

So ascending

So descending

So; Binary Search.

take start end target & array from above.

$$\text{mid} = \text{start} + (\text{end} - \text{start}) / 2$$

$$\text{target} == \text{mid}.$$

(else, return) mid;

for ascending

$$\text{target} < \text{mid}$$

$$\text{end} = \text{mid} - 1$$

$$\text{target} > \text{mid}$$

$$\text{start} = \text{mid} + 1$$

for descending

$$\text{target} < \text{mid}$$

$$\text{start} = \text{mid} + 1$$

$$\text{target} > \text{mid}$$

$$\text{start} =$$

$$\text{end} = \text{mid} - 1.$$

## Rotated Binary Search

$\text{arr} = [2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12]$

1st rotation

After 1 rotation :-

$\text{arr} = [12, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10]$

2nd rotation

After 2 rotation

$\text{arr} = [10, 12, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10]$

### Searching in Rotated Array :-

1) Find pivot in the array

2) Search in 1st half ( $0, \text{pivot}$ )

if  $\text{target} < \text{pivot}$

Search in 2nd half ( $\text{pivot} + 1, \text{end}$ )

• Search using Binary Search.

Find pivot in

$$\text{arr} = [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 0, \cancel{1}, 2]$$

s                          m                          e

~~Case 1:~~  $s=0; e=7$

$$m=3$$

- $m[6] < [m+1](7)$

not pivot

- $m[6] > [m-1](5)$

not pivot

- $m[6] \geq s[3]$

more right;

$$\text{i.e. } s=m+1;$$

$$s=4, e=7$$

$$m=5$$

- $m[0] < [m+1](1)$

not pivot X

- $m[0] < [m-1](7)$

( $m-1$ ) is pivot.

Approach

Case 1:  $m \geq m+1$

~~m~~ = pivot

Case 2:  $m < m-1$

$m-1$  = pivot

case 3:  $m \leq s$

move left

end = mid - 1

Case 4:  $m \geq s$

move right

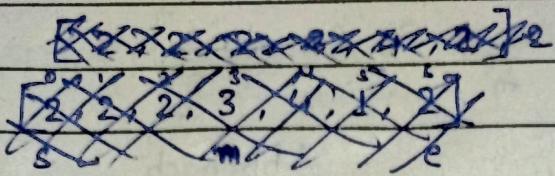
$s = m+1$

Now apply binary search in two half

①  $s=0, e=4$

②  $s=5, e=7$

Ques:- Find pivot in <sup>rotated</sup> sorted array with duplicate values.



$\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ [2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 2] \\ s & m & e \end{matrix}$

~~Case 2~~ (i) as  $s == m == e$

check  $s$  is pivot if not then eliminate.

{  $s > s+1$

return  $s;$  }

$start++$ ,

{  $end-1 > end$   
return  $end-1;$  }  
 $end--;$

~~Case 2~~ Check mid as a pivot

- ( $mid > mid + 1$ )

return  $mid;$

- ( $mid < mid - 1$ )

return  $mid-1;$

~~Case 2~~ (ii). |  $\text{start} == \text{mid}$  &  $\text{mid} > \text{end}$   
 So; left is same



then pivot is in right

$\text{start} = \text{mid} + 1;$

~~Case 3~~ (iii) ~~start == end~~  
 $\text{start} < \text{mid}$  &  $\text{mid} == \text{end}$

So; right side is same

then pivot is in left

$\text{end} = \text{mid} - 1;$

nothing found return -1;

Q Count the no of Rotation in Rotated array.

- No of Rotation = Pivot Index + 1.

Ques:- Leet Code :- 410

Split Array Largest Sum

$[7, 2, 5, 10, 8]$

Split into  $k=1$ . (32)

$$\bullet [7+2+5+10+8] = 32.$$

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it becomes sorted in decreasing

$[32, 18, 14, 10, 8]$

$k=2 \quad (18)$

$$[7] \quad [2+5+10+8] = 25$$

$$[7+2] \quad [5+10+8] = 23$$

$$[7+2+5] \quad [10+8] = 18$$

$$[7+2+5+10] \quad [8] = 24$$

low = max of array

high = sum of all element of array

$[10, ., ., ., 18, 32]$

$$s=10 \quad e=32$$

$k=3$

$$mid = \frac{42}{2} = 21$$

$k=2$

No of array = 1

$k=4$

$$\begin{matrix} [7+2+5+10] & [10+8] \\ \hline 7 & 9 & 14 & 24 \\ & & & \downarrow \\ & & & 2 \end{matrix}$$

So 21 may be ans

$k=5 \quad (10)$

then end = mid

$$[7] [2] [5] [10] [8] = 10$$

$$s=10 \quad e=21 \quad m=15$$

so;  $k=1 \quad (32)$

$$\begin{matrix} [7+2+15] & +10 & [10] & +8 & [8] \\ \hline 1 & 14 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix}$$

$k=2 \quad (18)$

$k=3$  :

$k=4$  :

$k=5 \quad (10)$

No of Array > k

$s = mid + 1;$

$$B = 16 \quad e = 21$$

$$m = 18$$

$$\begin{array}{c} [7+2+15]+10 [10+8] \\ 9 \quad 14 \quad 18 \\ k = 2 \\ e = 18 \end{array}$$

$$m = 17$$

$$\begin{array}{c} [7+2+15]+10 [10] 8 [8] \\ 14 \quad 10 \quad 8 \\ 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

No of Array  $> k$

$$s = m + 1$$

$$\text{start} = 18 \text{ end} = 18$$

$$\text{start} = \text{end}$$

so; loop

break

return start or

end

### Approach :-

- Start = Max (Array)
- End = Sum (All Array elements)

- Apply Binary Search.

$$\text{mid} = \frac{\text{start} + \text{end}}{2}$$

if sum = 0 ; No of Array  $\geq 1$   
for

if  $(\text{sum} + \text{num}[i] > \text{mid})$

$$\text{sum} = \text{num}[i]$$

No of Array ++;

else {

$$\text{sum} = \text{sum} + \text{num}[i]$$

if No of Array  $> k$

$$\text{start} = \text{mid} + 1$$

No of Array  $= < k$

$$\text{start} = \text{mid}$$