

Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array II

Follow up for "Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array":

What if *duplicates* are allowed?

Would this affect the run-time complexity? How and why?

Suppose a sorted array is rotated at some pivot unknown to you beforehand.

(i.e., `0 1 2 4 5 6 7` might become `4 5 6 7 0 1 2`).

Find the minimum element.

The array may contain duplicates.

Solution 1

```
class Solution {
public:
    int findMin(vector<int> &num) {
        int lo = 0;
        int hi = num.size() - 1;
        int mid = 0;

        while(lo < hi) {
            mid = lo + (hi - lo) / 2;

            if (num[mid] > num[hi]) {
                lo = mid + 1;
            }
            else if (num[mid] < num[hi]) {
                hi = mid;
            }
            else { // when num[mid] and num[hi] are same
                hi--;
            }
        }
        return num[lo];
    }
};
```

When `num[mid] == num[hi]`, we couldn't sure the position of minimum in mid's left or right, so just let upper bound reduce one.

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Solution 2

```
class Solution {
public:
    int findMin(vector<int> &num) {
        if(num.empty())
            return 0;
        int i=0,j=num.size()-1;
        while(i<j)
        {
            int mid=(i+j)/2;
            if(num[j]<num[mid]){
                i=mid+1;
            }
            else if(num[mid]<num[j]){
                j=mid;
            }
            else{//num[mid]==num[j]}
                if(num[i]==num[mid]){//linear complexity
                    i++;
                }
                j--;
            }
            else
                j=mid;
        }
        return num[j];
    }
};
```

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Solution 3

```
public int findMin(int[] nums) {  
    int l = 0, r = nums.length-1;  
    while (l < r) {  
        int mid = (l + r) / 2;  
        if (nums[mid] < nums[r]) {  
            r = mid;  
        } else if (nums[mid] > nums[r]){  
            l = mid + 1;  
        } else {  
            r--; //nums[mid]=nums[r] no idea, but we can eliminate nums[r];  
        }  
    }  
    return nums[l];  
}
```

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