

Exercise 1.4.18 Local minimum of an array. Write a program that, given an array $a[]$ of N distinct integers, finds a local minimum: an index i such that $a[i-1] \geq a[i] \leq a[i+1]$. Your program should use $\sim 2\lg N$ compares in the worst case..

Solution: Notice it says $2\lg N$ worst case. Since it says $\lg N$, likely have to use binary search but twice since $2\lg N$.

- Examine middle elements
- Compare to neighbours
- If smallest, then it is the local min
- If bigger than LHS, then a local-min exists on LHS
- Same thing if RHS is smaller.
- If reaches element end and nothing else is bigger, then it is least element.
- ie; 0,1,2,3,4,5,3,2,1