

Binary Search

Requires sorted array and it is $O(\log n)$.

And follows divide and conquer strategy

20	30	40	60	80	90
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0 1 2 3 4 5

$0 + 5 // 2 \rightarrow 2$ # middle element

target element = 90

$90 \neq 40$ But 90 is greater than mid element

So we gonna eliminate first half of array

60	80	90
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3 4 5

\rightarrow # second half of array

$3 + 5 // 2 = 4$

$90 \neq 80$ 90 greater than 80

gonna eliminate first half of array.

$90 == 90$ Now we can return index of element that we found

Example

1	3	5	6
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target $\rightarrow 2$

start = 0, end = 3

3 != 2 2 smaller than 3 eliminate right part.

1	3
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start = 0, end = 0

1 != 2 2 greater than 1 eliminate left part

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start \rightarrow mid + 1

0 + 1

final output \rightarrow 1