

First and Last Position of target

curr = [5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10] target = 7

- we simply apply binary search for finding first occurrence.
- if first occurrence is found then we apply binary search for finding last occurrence.
- if we found target then we assume that it is a potential answer, maybe and we continue looking a first and last occurrence.

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if (target == mid) {
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ans = mid;

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if (isFirst == true)
    if (A[firstLooking]) // looking for
        end = mid - 1; // First occurrence
    else {
        // in left side
        // - looking for
        start = mid + 1; // last occurrence
        // in Right side
    }
}

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- ~~is First~~ isFirst is a boolean variable that defines where to apply search for first position or last position.

Code:

Find First and Last Position (int[] arr, int target) {

int[] ans = {-1, -1};

// Look For First position

int FirstPosition = binarySearch(arr, target, true);

ans[0] = FirstPosition;

if (FirstPosition != -1) {

// if First position exist look for last position

ans[1] = binarySearch(arr, target, false);

}

return ans;

}

binarySearch(int[] arr, int target, boolean isFirst) {

// isFirst is for finding first or last

int start = 0; ans = -1; Position

int end = arr.length - 1;

while (start <= end) {

int mid = start + (end - start) / 2;

if (target > arr[mid]) {

start = mid + 1;

}

else if (target < arr[mid]) {

end = mid - 1;

}


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else {
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    ans = mid;
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if it may be potential answer
but further check for first and
last

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    if (C[0] is first == true) {
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        end = mid - 1;
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    } else {
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        start = mid + 1;
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    }
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}
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}
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return ans;
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}
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