

#### 44. Search in Rotated Sorted Array

There is an integer array `nums` sorted in ascending order (with distinct values).

Prior to being passed to your function, `nums` is possibly rotated at an unknown pivot index

`k` ( $1 \leq k < \text{nums.length}$ ) such that the resulting array is `[nums[k], nums[k+1], ..., nums[n-1], nums[0], nums[1], ..., nums[k-1]]` (0-indexed). For example, `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` might be

rotated at pivot index 3 and become `[4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`.

Given the array `nums` after the possible rotation and an integer `target`, return the index of

`target` if it is in `nums`, or `-1` if it is not in `nums`.

You must write an algorithm with  $O(\log n)$  runtime complexity.

#### **Code:**

```
def search(nums, target):
    if not nums:
        return -1
    left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1

    while left <= right:
        mid = (left + right) // 2

        if nums[mid] == target:
            return mid
        if nums[left] <= nums[mid]:
            if nums[left] <= target < nums[mid]:
                right = mid - 1
            else:
                left = mid + 1
        else:
            if nums[mid] < target <= nums[right]:
                left = mid + 1
            else:
                right = mid - 1

    return -1

nums1 = [4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2]
target1 = 0
print(search(nums1, target1))

nums2 = [4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2]
target2 = 3
print(search(nums2, target2))
```

### **Output:**

```
4  
-1
```

### **Time Complexity:**

- $T(n) = O(\log n)$