

Ascending Order < 15 8 < 15 search space  
 target = 15

### Binary Search

Q → Given a sorted array of distinct elements,  
 find index of a given target.

$A = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 30, 35, 40]$

Indices: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Annotations: Red 'x' above index 0, 7, 13. Red arrows pointing to index 6 (11), 8 (15), 9 (17), 10 (19). Index 9 (17) is boxed.

target = 17

$N \rightarrow N/2 \rightarrow N/4 \dots$   
 # steps =  $\log_2(N)$

l	r	mid	
0	13	6	$A[6] < 17$
7	13	10	$A[10] > 17$
7	9	8	$A[8] < 17$
9	9	9	$A[9] == 17 \checkmark$

Ans = 9 (index)

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l = 0    r = N-1    // Define Search Space
while (l <= r) {
    mid = (l+r)/2    // l + (r-l)/2
    if (A[mid] == target) // check if mid is answer
        return mid
    if (A[mid] < target) // Decide when to go left/right
        l = mid + 1
    else
        r = mid - 1
}
return -1
    
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TC =  $O(\log_2(N))$   
 SC =  $O(1)$

Q → Given a sorted array of elements,  
 find first index of a given target.

$A = [2, 2, 5, 5, 5, 5, 8, 10, 10, 13, 13, 13]$

Indices: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Annotations: Index 2 (5) is highlighted in orange. Index 6 (8) is highlighted in purple.

target = 5

target = 8

Sol 1 → Find any location of target & iterate on left side to find first index. ✓

[2 2 2 2 . . . . 2 - - - (2) . . . 2 . . . 2 2 2]  
target = 2

TC =  $O(N)$

SC =  $O(1)$

[L R] →  $R-L+1$  ✓

Sol 2 →

A = [ 2 2 5 5 5 5 8 10 10 13 13 13 ]  
Indices: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
Arrows point to index 2 (value 5) and index 5 (value 5). The value 5 at index 5 is marked with an 'x'.

target = 5

l	r	mid	
0	11	5	$A[mid] == 5$ but $A[mid] != A[mid-1]$
0	4	<u>2</u> ✓	$A[mid] == 5$ & $A[mid] == A[mid-1]$

l = 0    r = N-1

// Define search space

while (l <= r) {

mid = (l+r) / 2

if (A[mid] == target && (mid == 0 || A[mid] != A[mid-1])) // check if mid is answer

return mid

if (A[mid] < target)

// Decide when to go left/right

l = mid + 1

else // >=

TC =  $O(\log_2(N))$

r = mid - 1

SC =  $O(1)$

}

H.W → last index of target.

F && X

T || X

Q → Given a sorted integer array where every element appears twice except for one element, find that unique element.  
(No target)

$A = [2, 2, 5, 5, 8, 10, 10, 13, 13, 18, 18]$   
Ans

Sol 1 →  $Ans = \bigoplus_i A[i]$  ✓

TC =  $O(N)$  SC =  $O(1)$

Sol 2 → Linear Search ✓

✓ check if  $A[i] \neq A[i-1]$  &&  $A[i] \neq A[i+1]$

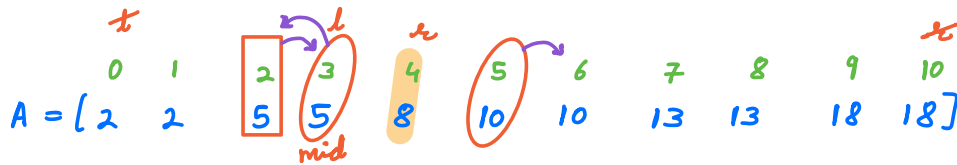
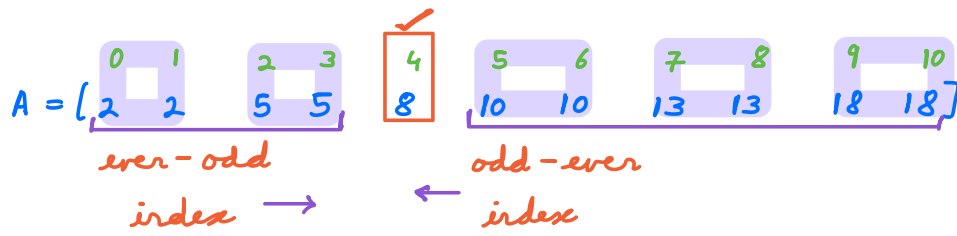
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l = 0      r = N-1      // Define Search Space
while (l <= r) {
    mid = (l+r)/2      // check if mid is answer
    if ((mid == 0 || A[mid] != A[mid-1]) &&
        (mid == N-1 || A[mid] != A[mid+1])) {
        return A[mid]
    }
    // Decide when to go left/right
    ✓ → if (mid != 0 && A[mid] == A[mid-1]) {
        x → if (mid % 2 == 0)      mid-1, mid
            r = mid - 1            odd  even
        ✓ else                      even odd
            l = mid + 1
    } else {
        if (mid % 2 == 0)          mid, mid+1
            l = mid + 1 ✓          even  odd
        else                      odd  even
            r = mid - 1
    }
}
return -1

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$A = [2, 5, 5, 10, 10]$   
 $A = [2, 2, 5, 5, 10]$   
 $A = [5] \rightarrow Ans = 5$

TC =  $O(\log_2(N))$   
SC =  $O(1)$



l	r	mid	
0	10	5	odd-even
0	4	2	even-odd
3	4	3	even-odd
4	4	4	✓

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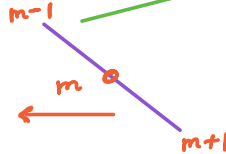
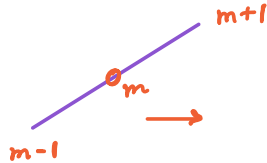
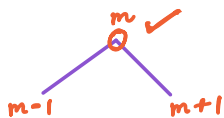
Q → Given an increasing-decreasing array with distinct elements. Find max element.

$A = [1, 3, 5, 2]$



$A = [1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 12, 6]$

Ans = 15



$[1, 3, 5, 10]$   
 $[15, 12, 6, 2]$   
 $[5]$

$l = 0$        $r = N-1$

while ( $l \leq r$ ) {

$mid = (l + r) / 2$

    if ( $(mid == 0 \parallel A[mid] > A[mid-1]) \&\&$   
          $(mid == N-1 \parallel A[mid] > A[mid+1])$ )

        return  $A[mid]$

// check if mid is answer



// Decide when to go left/right

if ( $mid == 0 \parallel A[mid] > A[mid-1]$ ) {

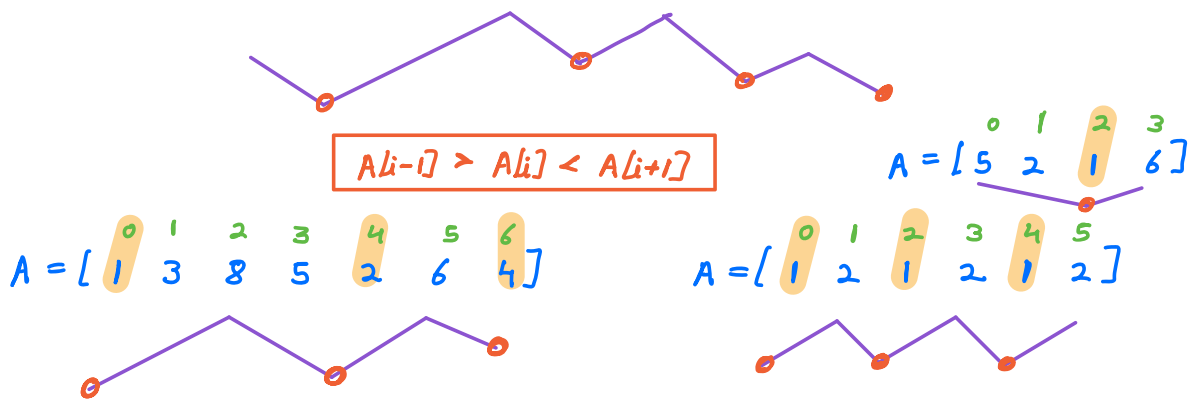
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    } else {
        l = mid + 1
        r = mid - 1
    }
}
return -1

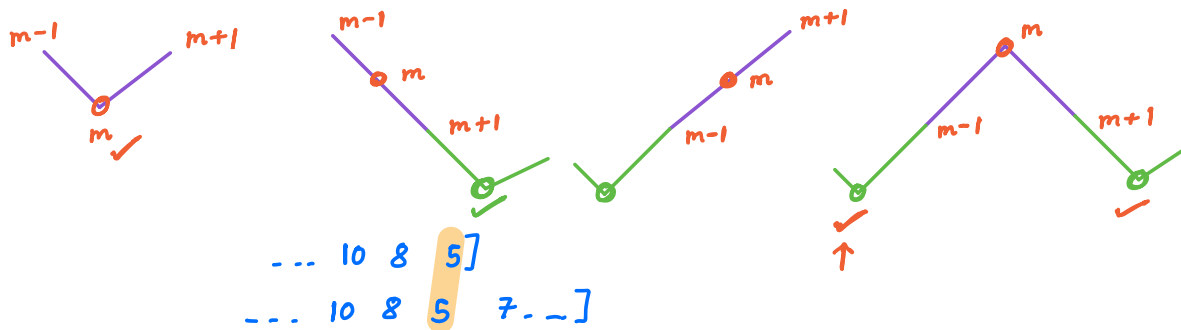
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$TC = O(\log_2(N))$   
 $SC = \underline{O(1)}$

Q → Given a random array with distinct elements,  
 find any one local minima in the array.



Sol 1 → Ans = smallest element →  $TC = O(N)$   $SC = O(1)$



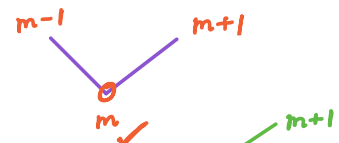
$l = 0$        $r = N - 1$   
 while ( $l \leq r$ ) {

$mid = (l + r) / 2$

    if ( $(mid == 0 \parallel A[mid] < A[mid - 1]) \&\&$   
          $(mid == N - 1 \parallel A[mid] < A[mid + 1])$ )

// Define Search Space

// check if mid is answer



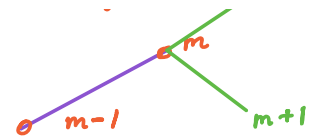
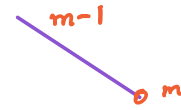
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    return A[mid]
    if (mid != 0 && A[mid] > A[mid-1]) {
        r = mid - 1
    } else {
        l = mid + 1
    }
}

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return -1

// Decide when to go left/right



TC =  $O(\log_2(N))$

SC =  $O(1)$

$$1 + \frac{r-l}{2} = \frac{2l}{2} + \frac{r-l}{2} = \frac{2l+r-l}{2} = \frac{l+r}{2}$$