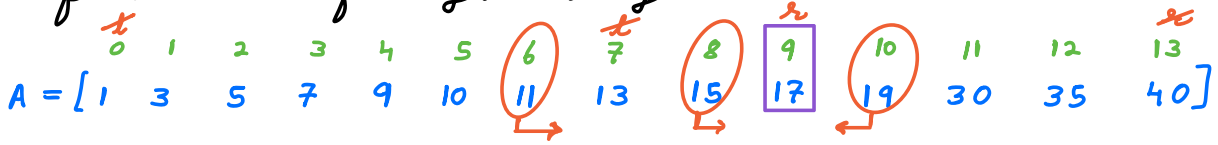
Ascending Order

target = 15

Binary Search

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



target = 17

$N \rightarrow N/2 \rightarrow N/4 \ldots$

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 ✓

l —— r

Ans = 9 (index)

```
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
```

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

SC = O(1)

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

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 →

target = 5

l	r	mid	
0	11	5	A[mid] == 5 but A[mid] == A[mid-1]
0	4	2 ✓	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 &&           // check if mid is answer
        (mid == 0 || A[mid] != A[mid-1]))
            return mid
    if (A[mid] < target)              // Decide when to go left/right
            l = mid + 1
    else // >=                        TC = O(log2(N))
            r = mid - 1               SC = O(1)
}
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H.W → last index of target.

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 = $\bigwedge_i$ A[i] ✓

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

Sol 2 → linear Search ✓

∀i check if A[i] != A[i-1] && A[i] != A[i+1]

```
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]) {
        if ( mid % 2 == 0)
            r = mid - 1
        else
            l = mid + 1
    } else {
        if ( mid % 2 == 0)
            l = mid + 1
        else
            r = mid - 1
    }
}
return -1
```

A = [2 5 5 10 10] ✓

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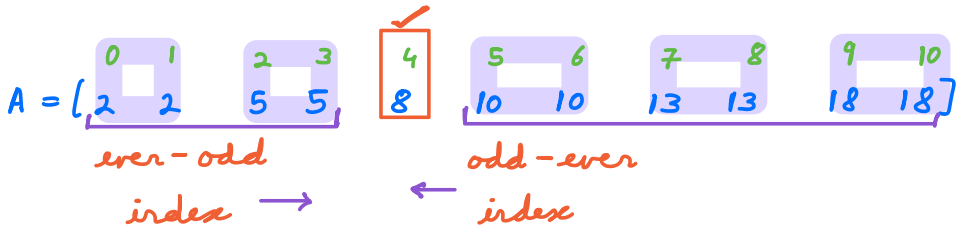
A = [5] → Ans = 5

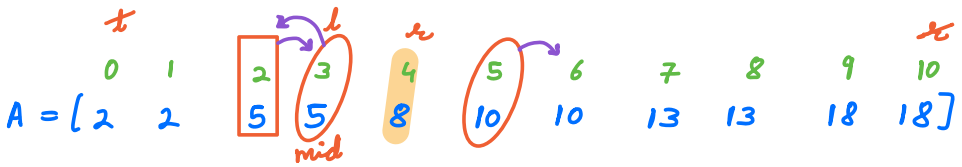
mid-1 , mid
odd even
even odd

mid , mid+1
even odd
odd even

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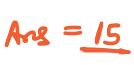
Q → Given an increasing - decreasing array with distinct elements. Find max element.

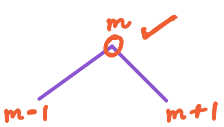
A = [1 3 5 2]

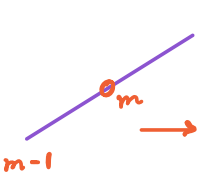
Ans = 5

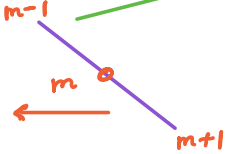
A = [1 3 5 10 15 12 6]



Ans = 15







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

```
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]
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                               // Decide when to go left/right
    if ( mid == 0 || A[mid] > A[mid-1]) {
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```
        l = mid + 1
    } else {
        r = mid - 1
    }
}
return -1
```

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

$SC = O(1)$

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

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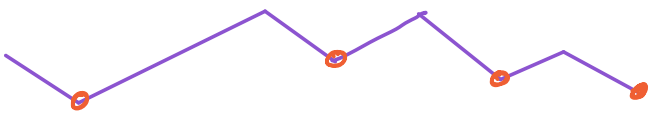
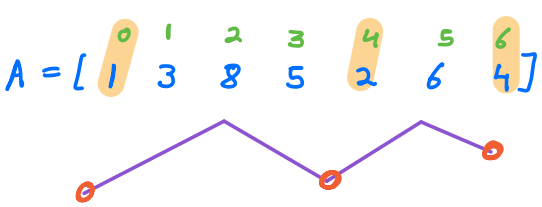
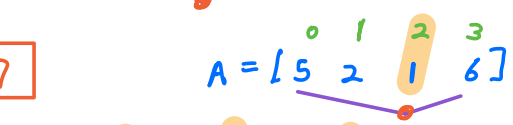
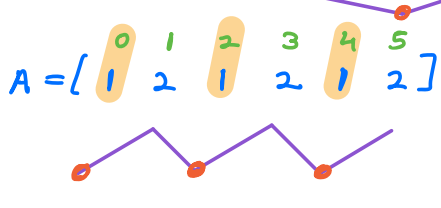


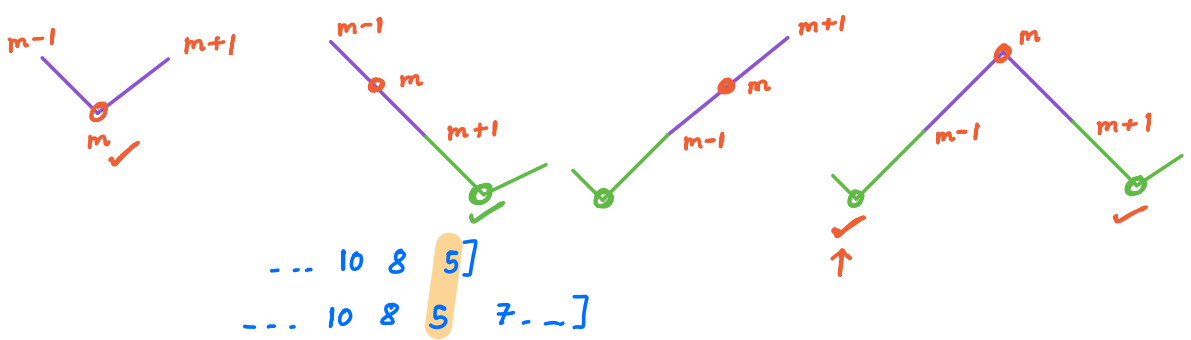
$A[i-1] > A[i] < A[i+1]$







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

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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]))
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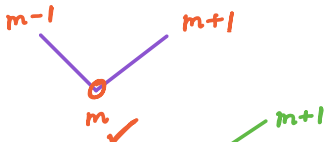

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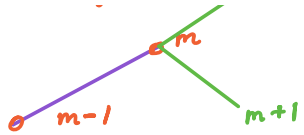
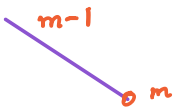
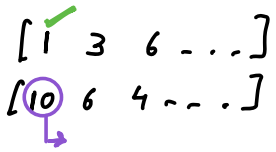
            return A[mid]
        if ( mid != 0 && A[mid] > A[mid-1]) {
            r = mid - 1
        } else {
            l = mid + 1
        }
    }
return -1
```



// Decide when to go left/right





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

SC = $O(1)$

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