




Challenge: Binary Search


Complete the doSearch function so that it implements a binary search, following the pseudo-code below (this pseudo-code was described in the previous article):

1. Let $\text{min} = 0$ and $\text{max} = n-1$.
2. If $\text{max} < \text{min}$, then stop: target is not present in array. Return -1.
3. Compute guess as the average of max and min, rounded down (so that it is an integer).
4. If $\text{array}[\text{guess}]$ equals target, then stop. You found it! Return guess.
5. If the guess was too low, that is, $\text{array}[\text{guess}] < \text{target}$, then set $\text{min} = \text{guess} + 1$.
6. Otherwise, the guess was too high. Set $\text{max} = \text{guess} - 1$.
7. Go back to step 2.


 Java

 Python

 C++

 JS

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1  import java.util.Arrays;
2  import java.lang.Integer;
3
4  class Solution {
5      // Returns either the index of the target
6      // or -1 if the array did not contain the target
7      public static int doSearch(int[] array, int target) {
8          int min = 0;
9          System.out.println(Arrays.toString(array));
10         int max = array.length - 1;
11         int guess;
12
13         while (min <= max) {
14             int mid = (min + max) / 2;
15
16             if (array[mid] == target) {
17                 return mid;
18             }
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20             if (array[mid] < target) {
21                 min = mid + 1;
22             } else {
23                 max = mid - 1;
24             }
25         }
26         return -1;
27     }
28 }
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24     | }  
25     | }  
26     | return -1;  
27     | }  
28 };  
29  
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