

Strivers-A2Z-DSA-Sheet-main\02.Binary Search\1D**Arrays\11.Find_the_minimum_element_in_sorted_rotated_array.cpp**

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1  /*
2  QUESTION:
3  Suppose an array of length n sorted in ascending order is rotated between 1 and n times. For
   example, the array nums = [0,1,2,4,5,6,7] might become:
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5  [4,5,6,7,0,1,2] if it was rotated 4 times.
6  [0,1,2,4,5,6,7] if it was rotated 7 times.
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8  Given the sorted rotated array nums of unique elements, return the minimum element of this
   array.
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10 APPROACH:
11 We can use the binary search approach to find the minimum element.
12 1. Initialize low = 0 and high = n-1, where n is the size of the array.
13 2. While low < high, calculate mid = low + (high - low) / 2.
14 3. If nums[mid] > nums[high], it means the minimum element is on the right side of mid, so
   update low = mid+1.
15 4. Otherwise, the minimum element is on the left side of mid or mid itself, so update high =
   mid.
16 5. After the loop ends, low will be pointing to the minimum element index.
17 6. Return nums[low] as the result.
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19 CODE:
20 */
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22 int findMin(vector<int>& nums) {
23     int low = 0, high = nums.size()-1;
24     while(low < high){
25         int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
26         if(nums[mid] > nums[high])
27             low = mid+1;
28         else
29             high = mid;
30     }
31     return nums[low];
32 }
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34 // TIME COMPLEXITY: O(log n)
35 // SPACE COMPLEXITY: O(1)
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