

Strivers-A2Z-DSA-Sheet-main\02.Binary Search\1D Arrays\09.Search_in_rotated_sorted_array.cpp

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1  /*
2  QUESTION:
3  There is an integer array nums sorted in ascending order (with distinct values).
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5  Prior to being passed to your function, nums is possibly rotated at an unknown pivot index k
  (1 <= k < 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].
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7  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.
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9  You must write an algorithm with O(log n) runtime complexity.
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11 Example 1:
12 Input: nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2], target = 0
13 Output: 4
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15 Example 2:
16 Input: nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2], target = 3
17 Output: -1
18 */
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20 /*
21 APPROACH:
22 We can use the binary search approach to find the target element in the rotated sorted array.
23 1. Initialize low = 0 and high = nums.size() - 1, where nums is the input array.
24 2. Perform binary search using the while loop until low <= high.
25 3. Calculate mid = low + (high - low) / 2.
26 4. If nums[mid] is equal to the target, return mid.
27 5. Check if the left part of the array (nums[low] to nums[mid]) is sorted or the right part
  (nums[mid] to nums[high]) is sorted.
28     - If the left part is sorted:
29         - If the target is within the range of nums[low] and nums[mid], update high = mid - 1.
30         - Otherwise, update low = mid + 1.
31     - If the right part is sorted:
32         - If the target is within the range of nums[mid] and nums[high], update low = mid + 1.
33         - Otherwise, update high = mid - 1.
34 6. If the target is not found after the while loop, return -1.
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36 CODE:
37 */
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39 int search(vector<int>& nums, int target) {
40     int low = 0, high = nums.size() - 1;
41     while (low <= high) {
42         int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
43         if (nums[mid] == target)
44             return mid;
45         if (nums[low] <= nums[mid]) {
46             if (nums[low] <= target && target <= nums[mid])
47                 high = mid - 1;

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48         else
49             low = mid + 1;
50     } else {
51         if (nums[mid] <= target && target <= nums[high])
52             low = mid + 1;
53         else
54             high = mid - 1;
55     }
56 }
57 return -1;
58 }
59
60 // TIME COMPLEXITY: O(log n)
61 // SPACE COMPLEXITY: O(1)
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