

Searching in Rotated Sorted Array

Find square root of a number

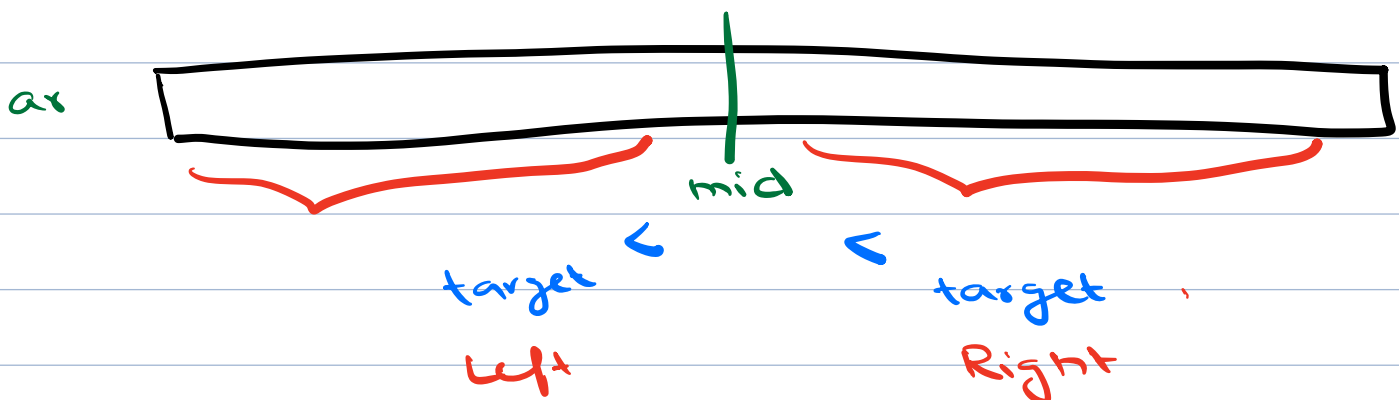
Ath Magical Number

Median of 2 sorted Arrays

① Target

② Search space

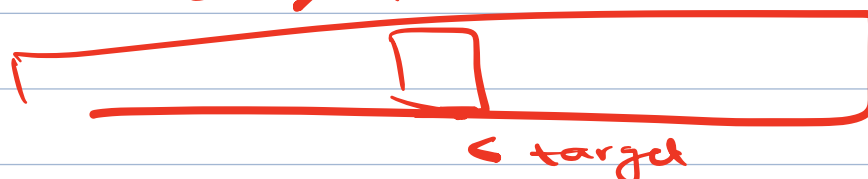
target



1 2 3 4 5 6

6 4 3 3 2 1

6 > mid > 3



1. Find the target in a rotated sorted array  
(elements are distinct)

2   4   8   10   15

↓ rotated 2 times

Input

10

15

2

4

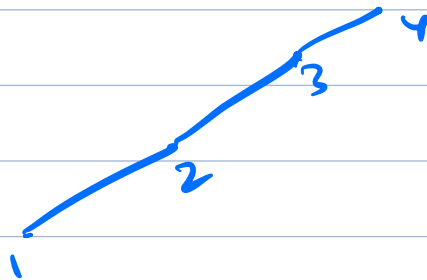
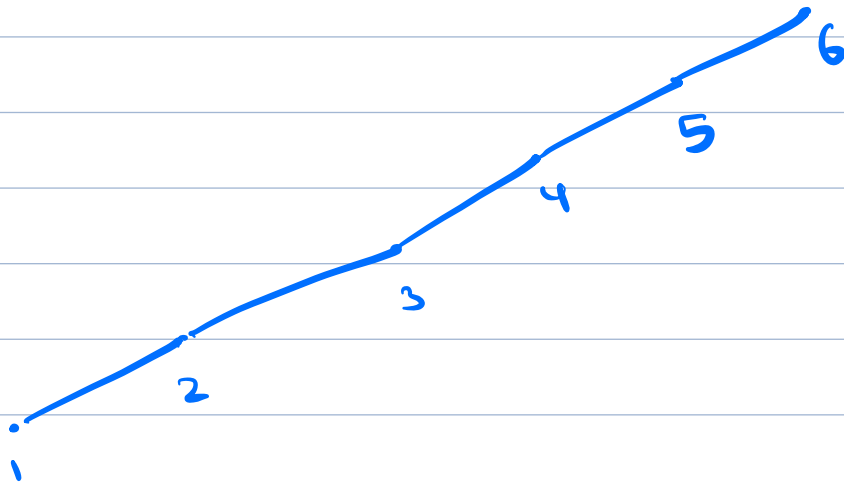
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Target = 2

Ans

2

Sorted

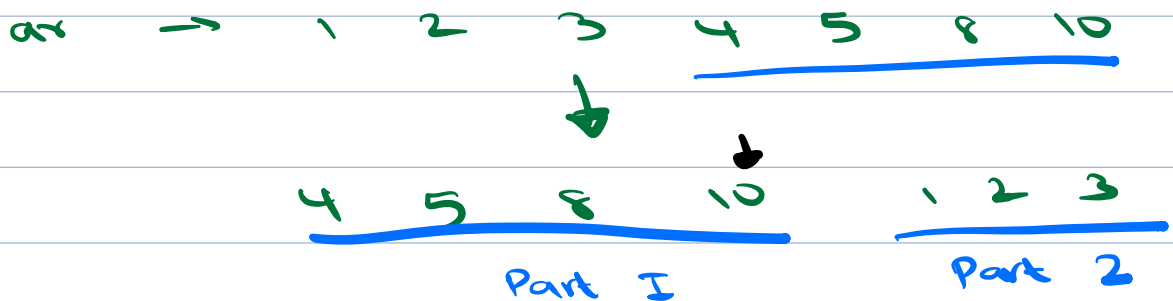
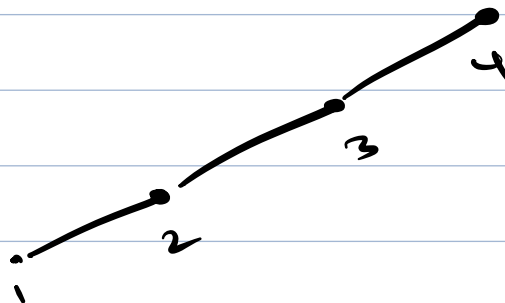
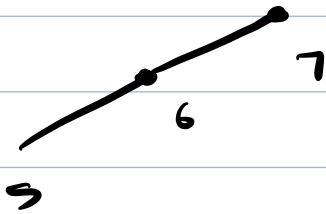
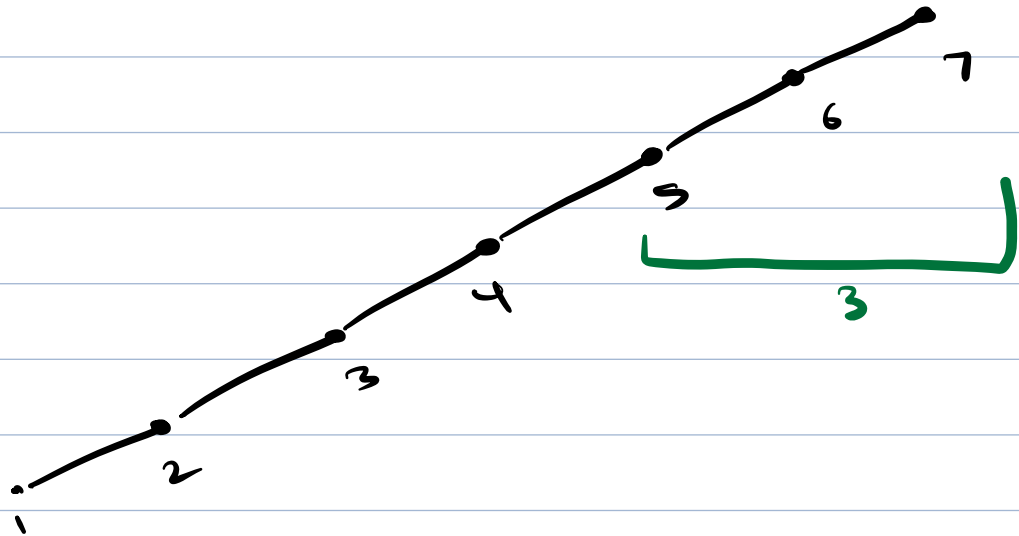


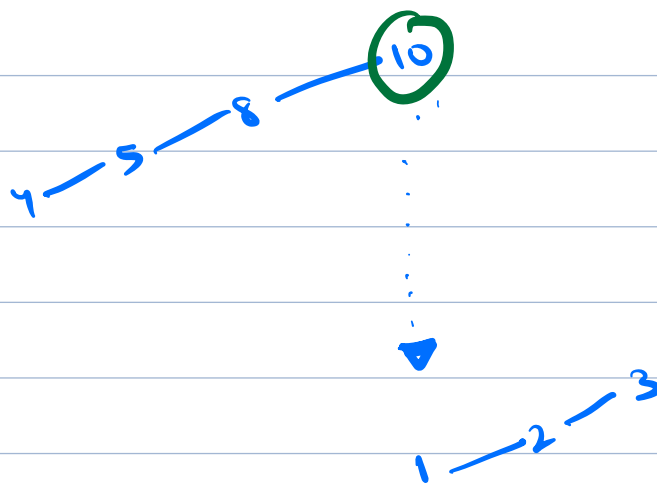
if  $(A[0] < A[N-1])$

not rotated

else

rotated





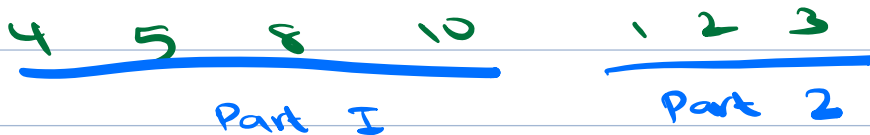
Find local maxima using BS

Then apply BS on part 1 and part 2



$$TC : O(\log n) \rightarrow 3 \log n$$

Approach 3: Use BS only once

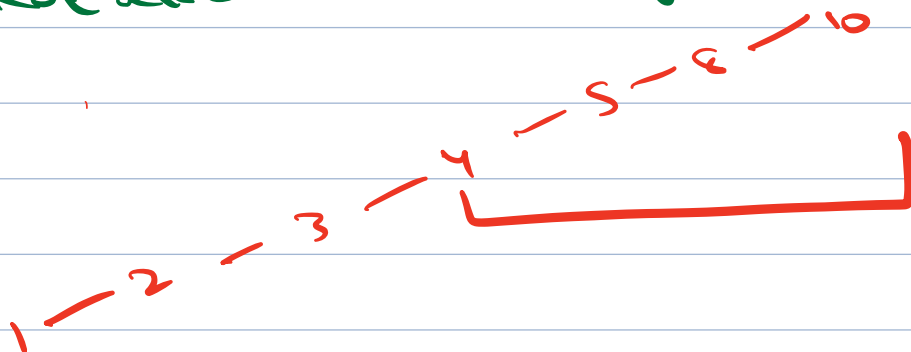


①  $4 \leq \text{Part 1}$

$4 > \text{Part 2}$

② Part 1  
Rotated

Part 2  
Original

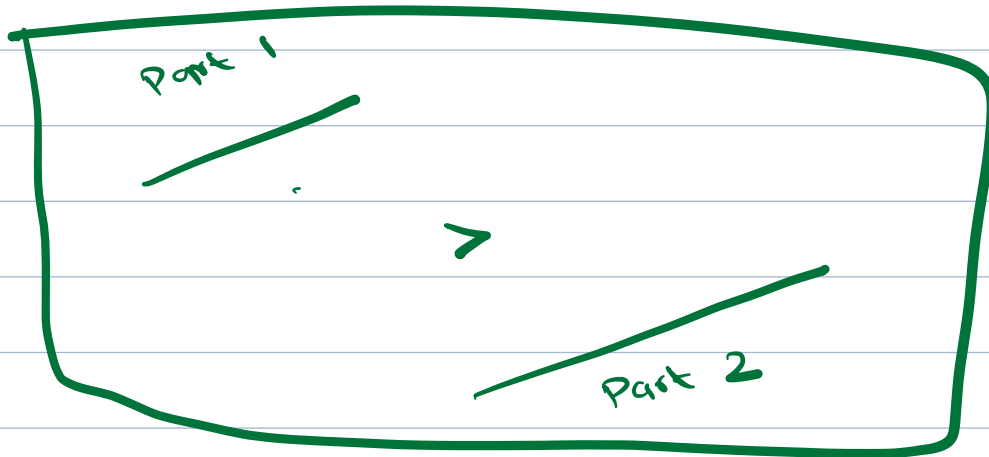


if ( A[0] <= de)

Part 1

else

Part 2



mid  
target

Case 1

Mid is in  
part 1

Target  
is in  
part 2

Go  
right

Case 2

Mid in part  
2

Target  
in  
part 1

Left

Case 3

Mid part 1

Target  
part 1

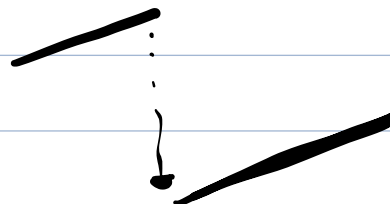
BS in  
part 1

Case 4

Mid part 2

Target  
part 2

BS in  
part 2



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	20	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Part 1			7	Part 2							

Target = 20

s	e	mid	Mid → Part	Target → Part	
0	11	5	Part 2	Part 1	Left
0	4	2	Part 1	Part 1	Left
0	1	0	Part 1	Part 1	Right
1	1	1	—	—	

$$A[mid] = A[target]$$

$$20 = 20$$

return mid



TC :  $\log(\text{search space})$

$s = 0, e = n - 1$

while ( $s \leq e$ ) <

$mid = \frac{(s + e)}{2}$

if ( $A[mid] == target$ ) <  
return mid

if ( $target \geq A[0]$ ) < // part 1

if ( $mid \geq A[0]$ ) < // part 1

if ( $A[mid] < target$ ) <

$s = mid + 1$  // right

else <

$e = mid - 1$  // left

else <

// mid in part 2

$e = mid - 1$

// left

else < // target part 2

if (mid < A[0]) < // part 2

if (A[mid] < target) <

s = mid + 1 // right

else <

e = mid - 1 // left

else < // mid in part 1

s = mid + 1

// right

$T_C: O(\log_2 n)$

$SC: O(1)$



2. Given a positive no.  $N$ , find square root of  $N$ .

↓  
floor (square root ( $N$ ))

$N$	Ans
25	5
20	4
10	3

$x \rightarrow x$   
 $x^2 = N$

$N$   
min  $\rightarrow 1$       Ans  
1

```
i = 1
while (i * i <= N) {
    ans = i
    i++
}
```

i      25  
2  
3  
4  
5

TC :  $O(\sqrt{N})$       SC :  $O(1)$

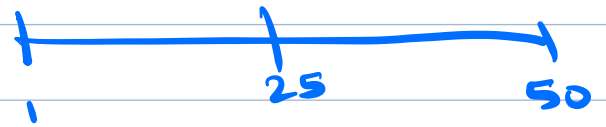


ans =

i      20  
 $1^2 < 20$  ✓  
 $2^2 < 20$  ✓  
 $3^2 < 20$  ✓  
 $4^2 < 20$  ✓  
 $5^2 > 20$  →

ans  
= 47

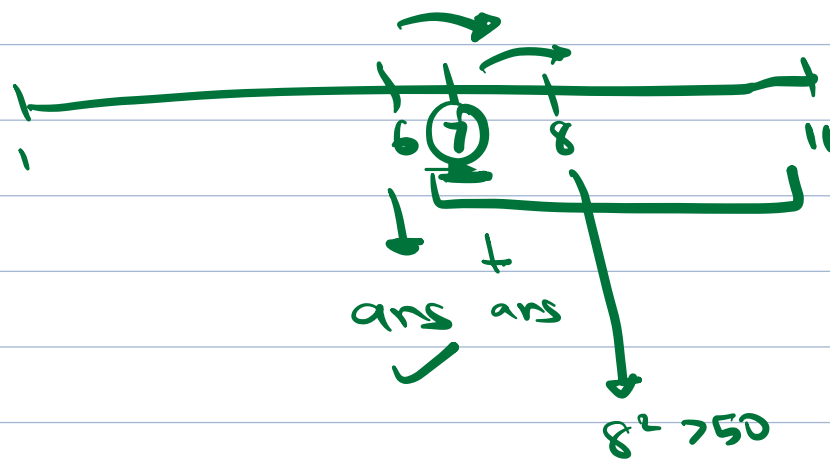
$N = 50$



s	e	mid		
1	50	25	$25 * 25 > 50$	left
	↓			
1	24	12	$12 * 12 > 50$	left
	↓			
1	11	6	$6 * 6 < 50$	right
	↓		ans = 6	
1	11	9	$9 * 9 > 50$	left
	↓			
1	8	7	$7 * 7 < 50$	right
	↓		ans = 7	
1	8	8	$8 * 8 > 50$	left
	↓			
1	7	break		

TC:  $O(\log_2 N)$

SC:  $O(1)$



50

$$x^2 < 50$$

$$6^2 < 50$$

$$7^2 < 50$$

```
if (N == 0 || N == 1)
    return N
```

```
S = 1, e = N, ans = 0
while (S <= e) {
```

```
    mid = (S + e) / 2
```

```
    if (mid * mid == N)
        return mid
```

```
    else if (mid * mid < N) {
```

```
        ans = mid
```

```
        S = mid + 1 // right
```

```
    } else { // mid * mid > N
```

```
        e = mid - 1 // left
```

```
    }
return ans
```

10: 33

Median  $\rightarrow$  Middle element in sorted data

4 5 10 13 17

Median = 10

4 5 10 13 17 20

$$\text{Median} = \frac{10+13}{2} = \frac{23}{2} = 11.5$$

3. Median of 2 sorted arrays

A  $\rightarrow$  1, 4, 5

B  $\rightarrow$  2, 3

ans = 3

A  $\rightarrow$  1, 2, 3

B  $\rightarrow$  4

ans = 2.5

3 1 2

$\downarrow$

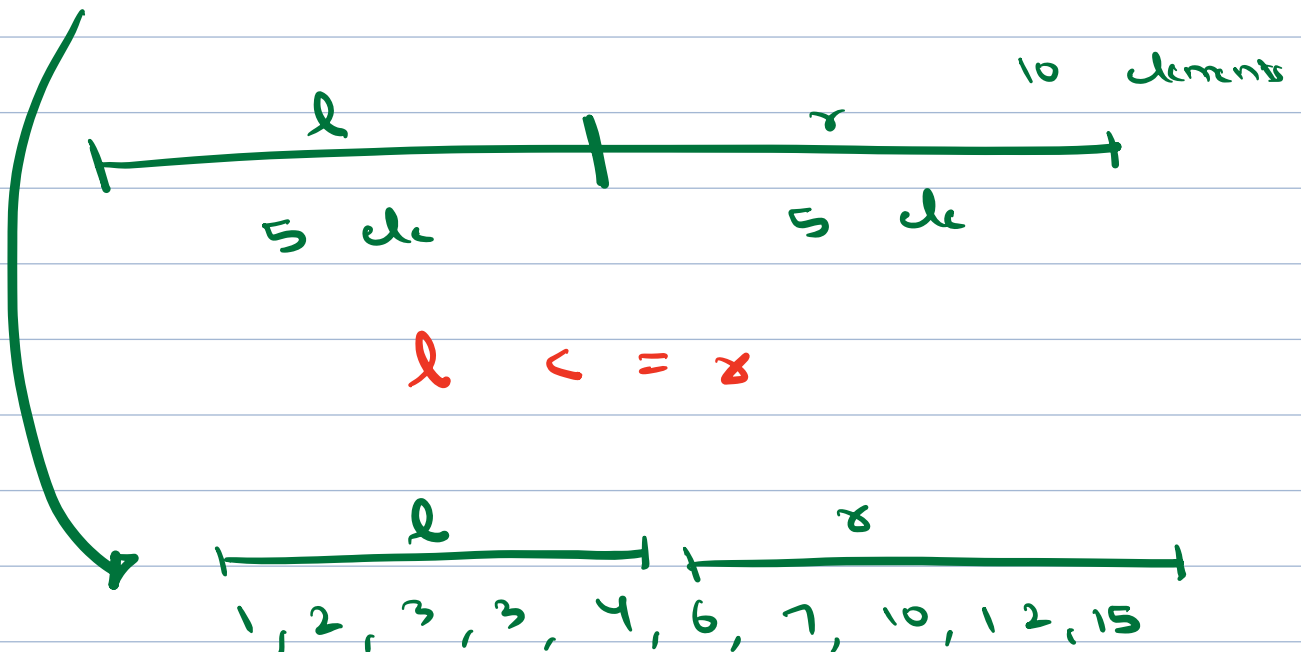
1 2 3

Median  $\rightarrow$  2

A  $\rightarrow$  1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12

B  $\rightarrow$  2, 3, 6, 15

10 elements



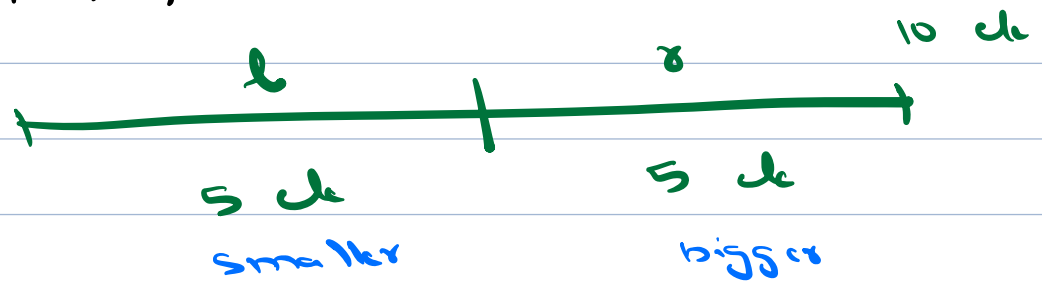
1, 2, 3

1, 3, 4

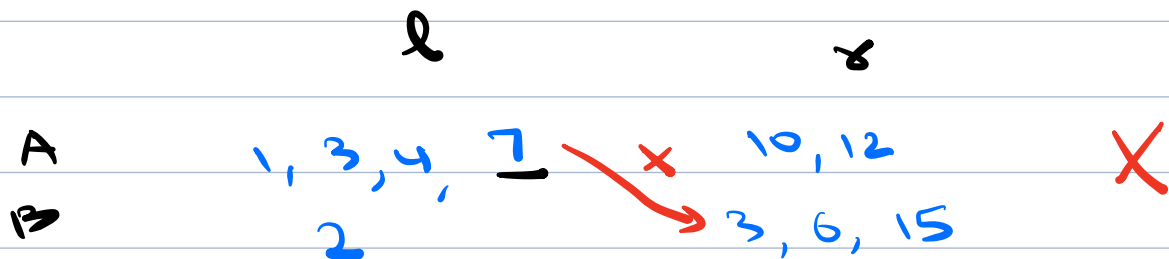
6, 7, 10, 12, 15

A  $\rightarrow$  1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12

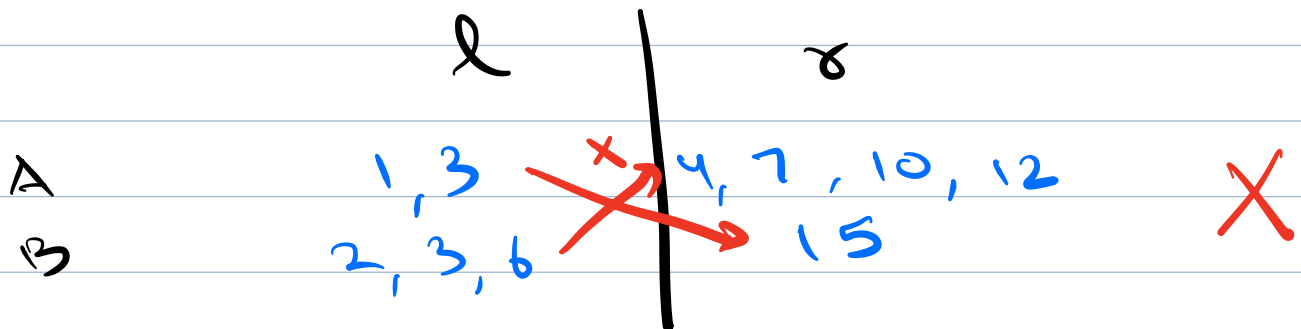
B  $\rightarrow$  2, 3, 6, 15



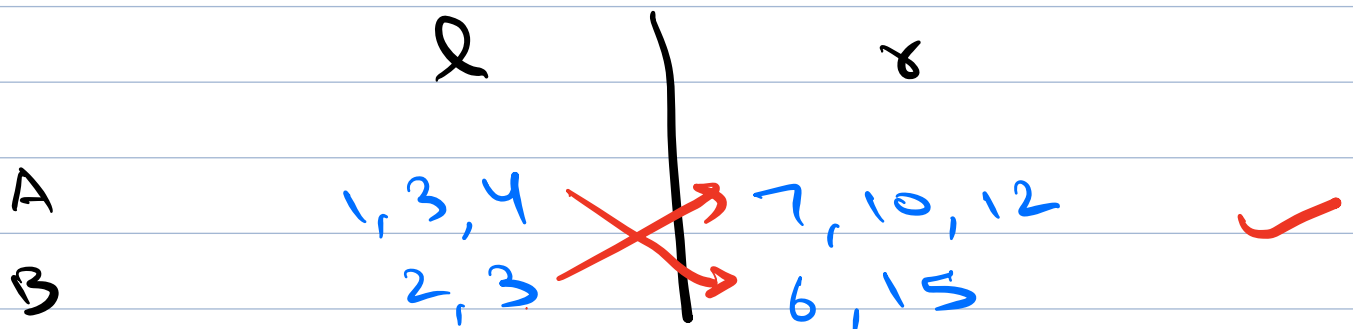
Case 1 : 4 elements from A

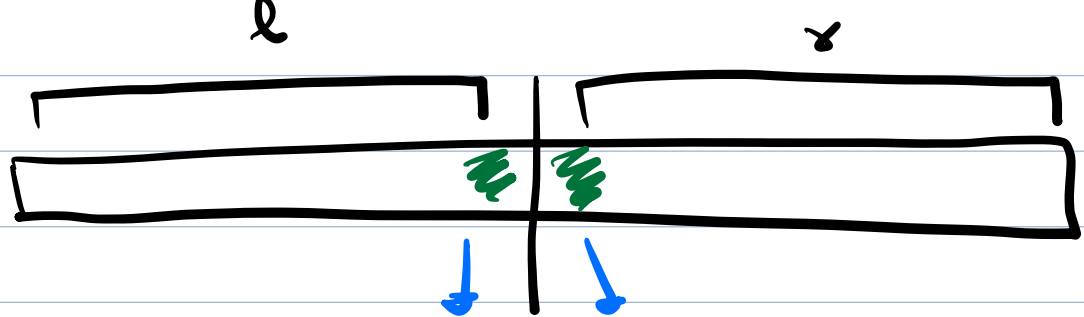


Case 2 : 2 de from A



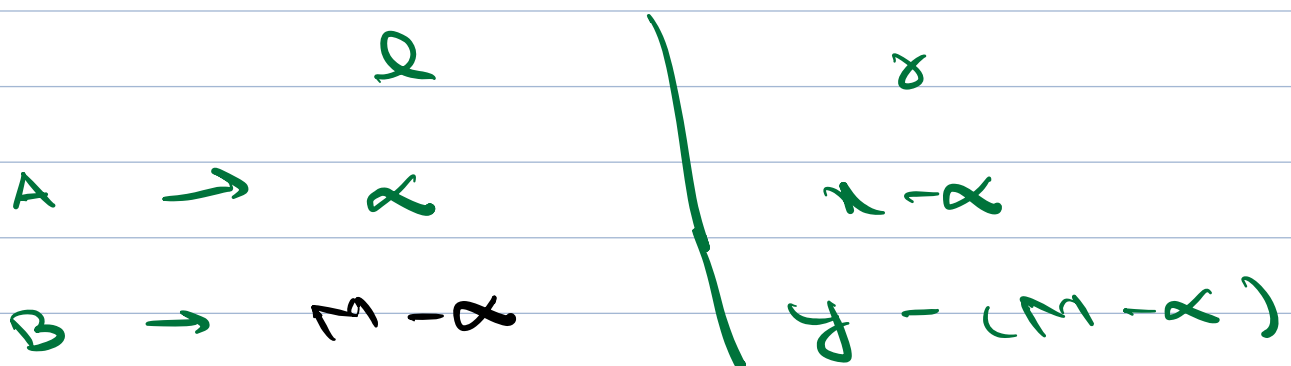
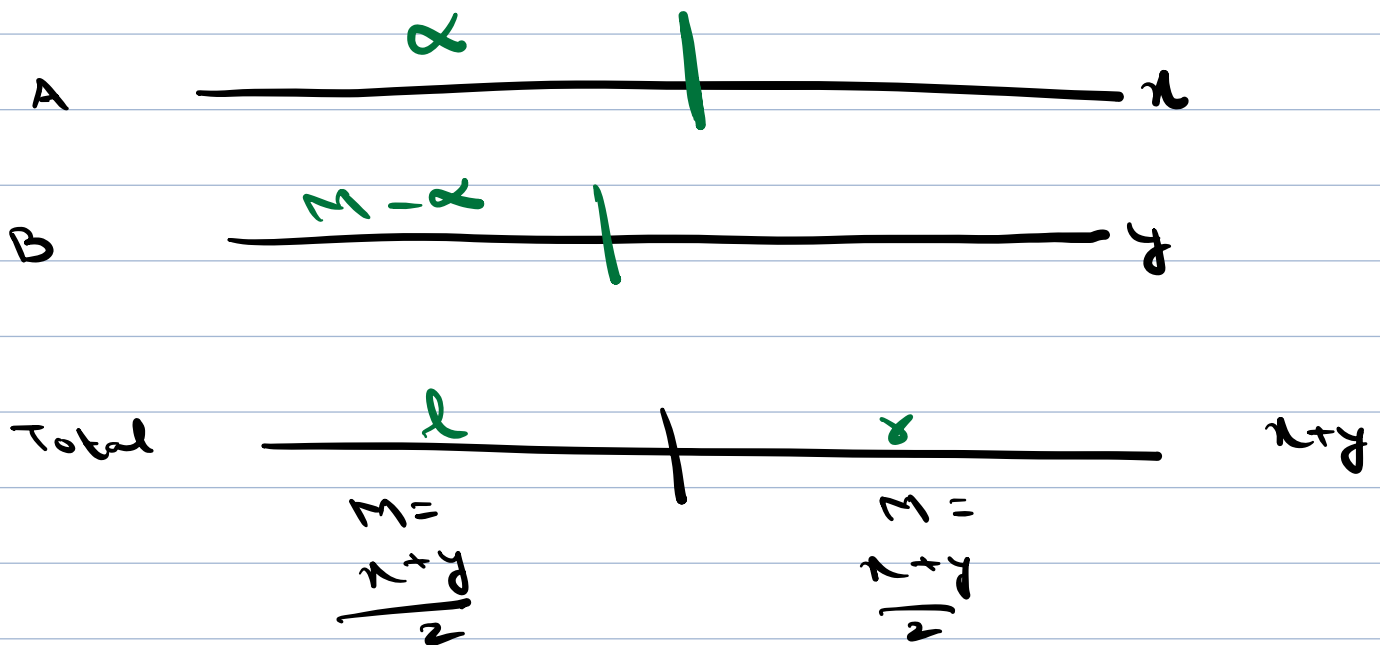
Case 3 : 3 de from A

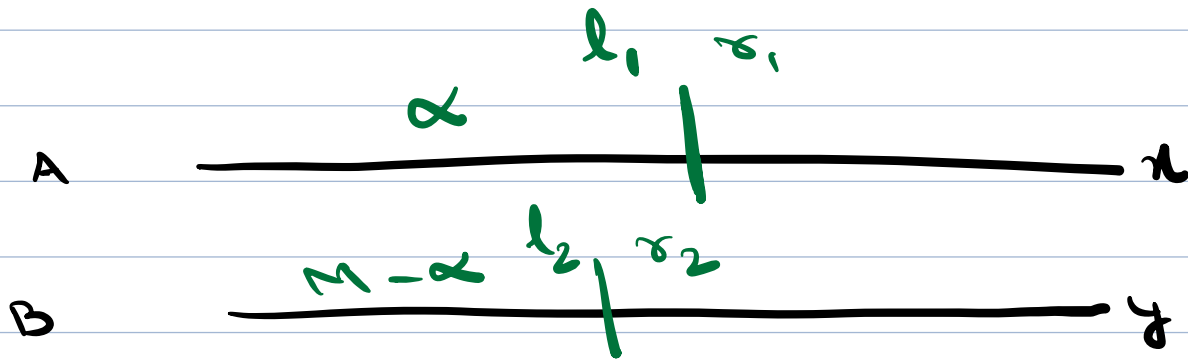




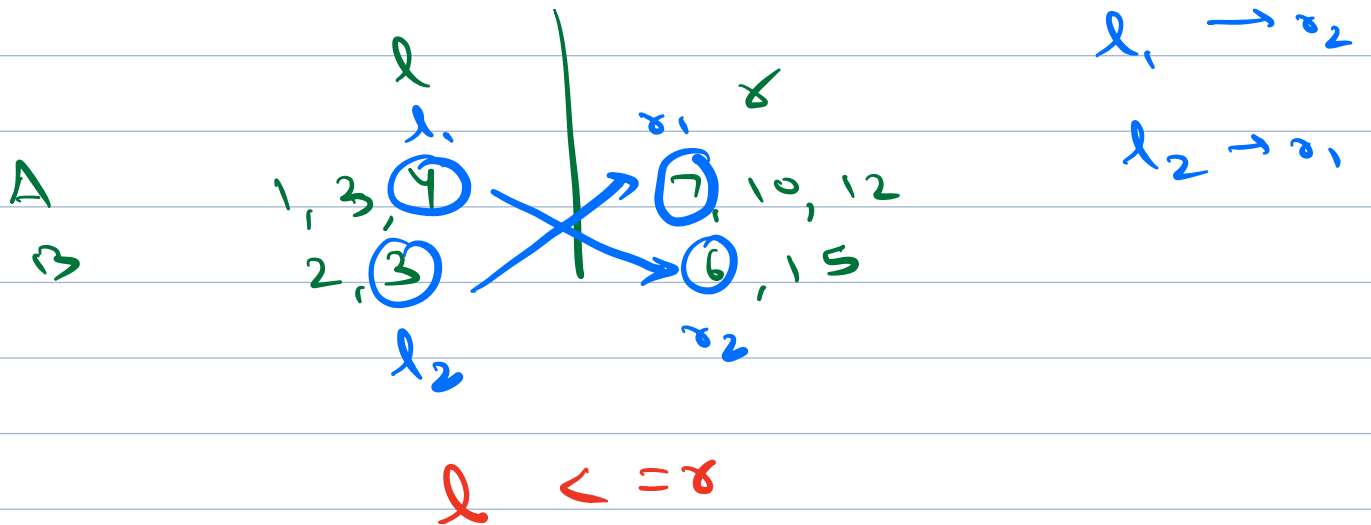
Max of  $l$   
4, Min of  $r$   
6

$$\text{Median} = \frac{4 + 6}{2} = 5$$





A  $\rightarrow$  1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12  
 B  $\rightarrow$  2, 3, 6, 15



check (  $l_1 \leq r_2$  and  $l_2 \leq r_1$  )

Median  
 (even)

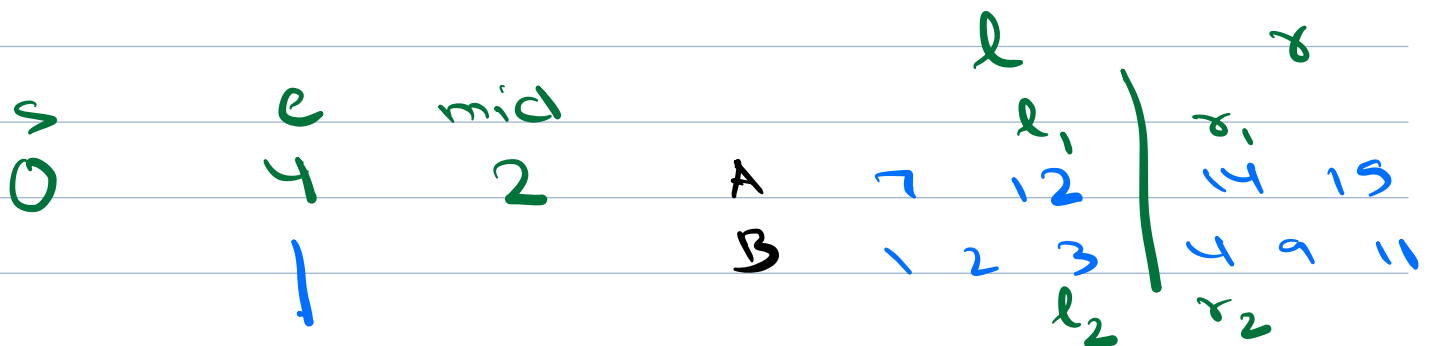
$$\frac{\max(l_1, l_2) + \min(r_1, r_2)}{2}$$

A  $\rightarrow$  7 12 14 15  
 B  $\rightarrow$  1 2 3 4 9 11

10 elements

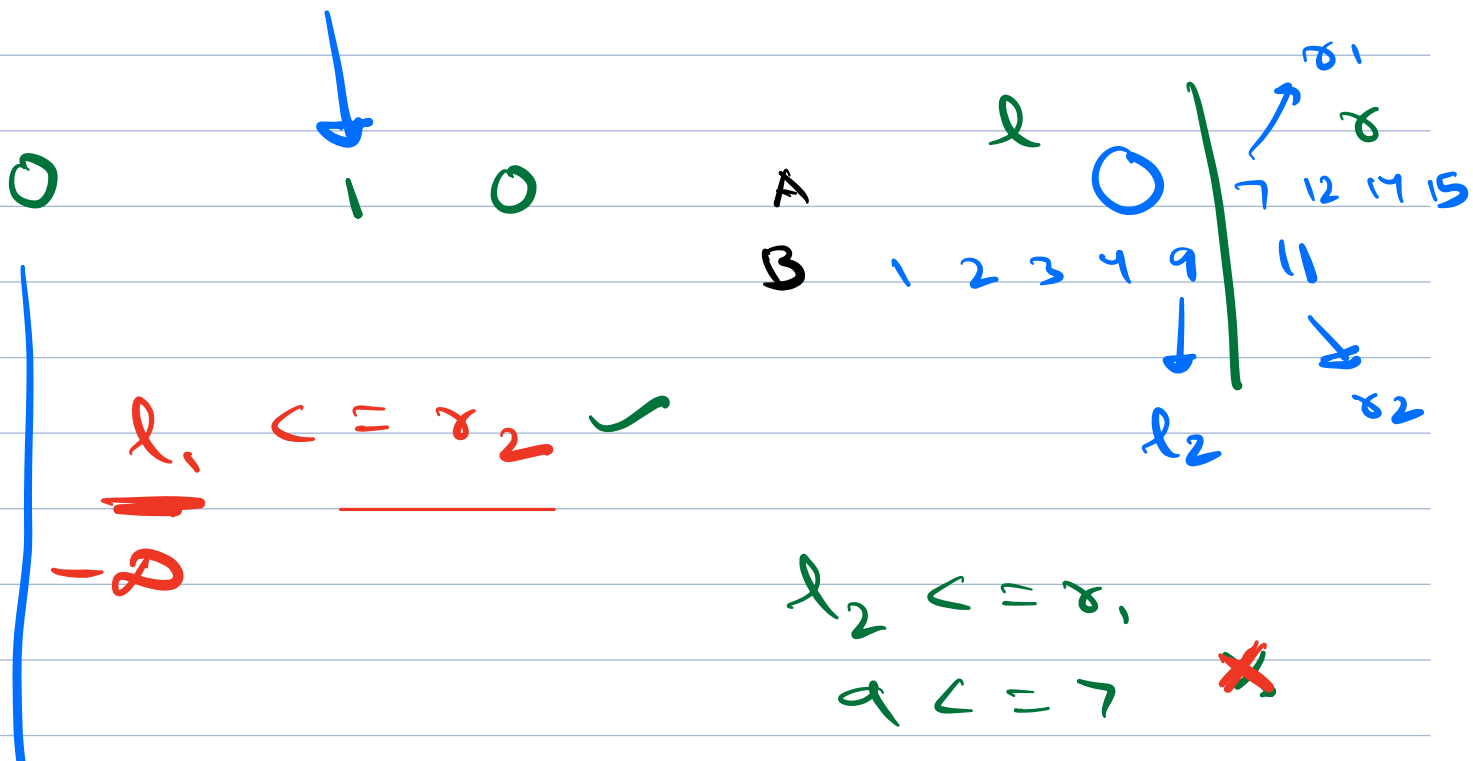


BS  $\rightarrow$  no. of elements that you should pick from A to put on l half



$l_1 <= r_2$   
 $\times$  12  $<=$  4

Left  $l_1 > r_2$

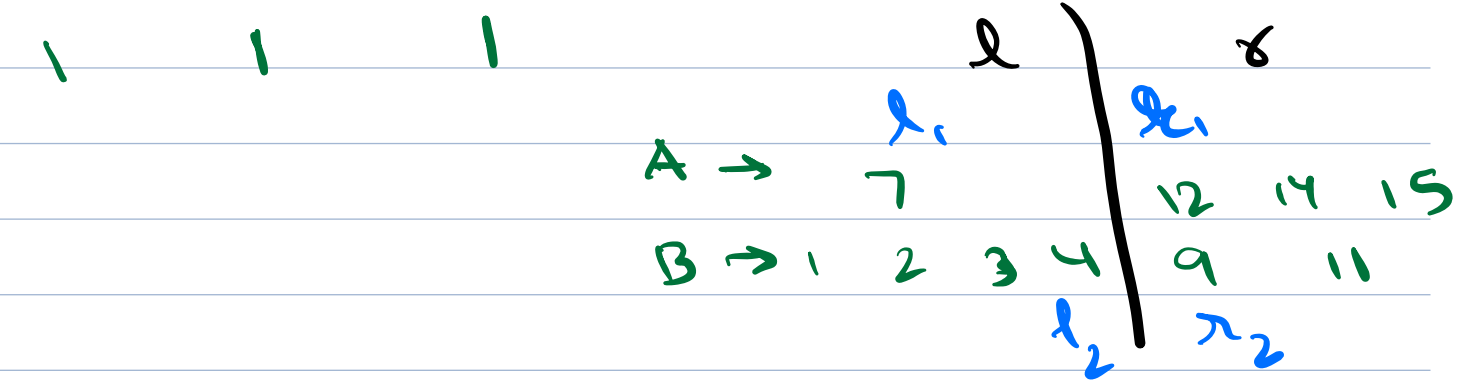


$l_1 <= r_2$  ✓  
~~12~~

$l_2 <= r_1$   
 $9 <= 7$   $\times$



right  $l_2 > r_1$



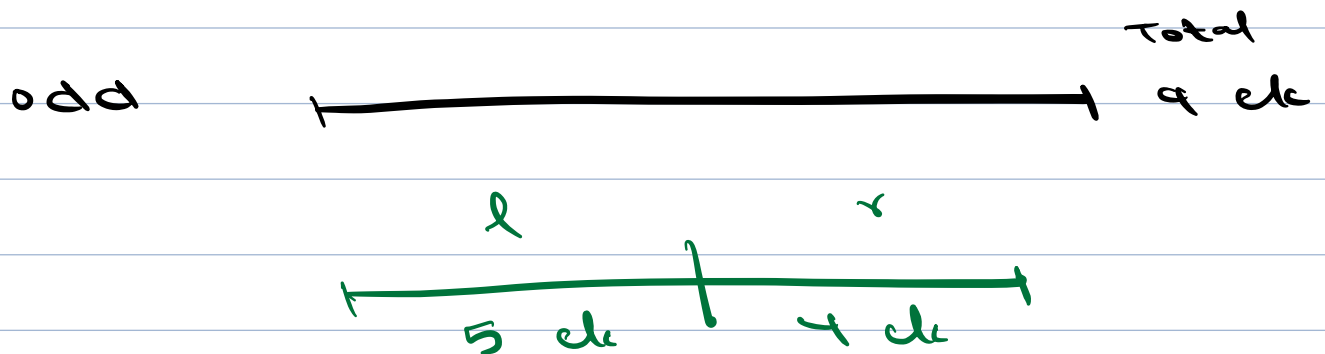
$$l_1 \leq r_2 \quad \text{and} \quad l_2 \leq r_1$$

$$7 \leq 9 \quad \checkmark$$

$$4 \leq 12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \max(l_1, l_2) & \min(r_1, r_2) \\ \hline 7 & 9 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Median} = \frac{7+9}{2} = 8$$



$$\text{Median} = \max(l_1, l_2)$$

smaller as                      larger as

```
findMedian ( int [ ] A , int [ ] B ) {
```

```
    if ( B.size < A.size ) {  
        return findMedian ( B , A )  
    }
```

```
    int m = A.size
```

```
    int n = B.size
```

```
    s = 0 , e = m
```

```
    lhalfcnt = ( n + m + 1 ) / 2
```

```
    while ( s <= e ) {
```

```
        mid = ( s + e ) / 2
```

↓

no. of ele picked from A  
for left half

```
        cntA = mid
```

```
        cntB = lhalfcnt - cntA
```

```
        l1 = A [ cntA - 1 ]
```

```
        l2 = B [ cntB - 1 ]
```

```
        r1 = cntA == m ? ∞ : A [ cntA ]
```

```
        r2 = cntB == n ? ∞ : B [ cntB ]
```

no. of ele are even

if  $(l_1 \leq r_2 \ \&\& \ l_2 \leq r_1) \<$

if  $(m+n \cdot 1.2 == 0) \<$

return  $\frac{\max(l_1, l_2) + \min(r_1, r_2)}{2}$

else  $\<$

return  $\max(l_1, l_2)$

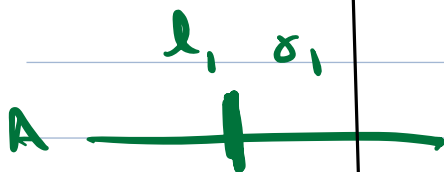
else if  $(l_1 > r_2) \<$

$e = mid - 1$  // left

else  $\<$

//  $l_2 > r_1$

$s = mid + 1$  // right



$$l_1 = \text{cnt} A - 1 < 0 ? -\infty : A[\text{cnt} A - 1]$$

$$T_C : O(\log(\min(n, m)))$$

$$S_C : O(1)$$