

Searching Technique

BINARY SEARCH



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TRICKS

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34. Find First and Last Position of Element in Sorted Array

Medium

Topics

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Given an array of integers `nums` sorted in non-decreasing order, find the starting and ending position of a given `target` value.

If `target` is not found in the array, return `[-1, -1]`.

You must write an algorithm with $O(\log n)$ runtime complexity.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10]`, `target = 8`

Output: `[3,4]`

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10]`, `target = 6`

Output: `[-1,-1]`

Example 3:

Input: `nums = []`, `target = 0`

Output: `[-1,-1]`

1	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

$x=3$

```
int startPosition (arr, n, x)
```

```
{
    s=0, e=n-1
```

```
    ans = -1
```

```
    while (s ≤ e)
```

```
    {
        m = (s+e)/2
```

```
        if (a[m] == x)
```

```
        {
            ans = m
```

```
            e = m - 1
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
    else if (a[m] < x)
```

```
        s = m + 1
```

```
    }
    else end = m - 1
```

```
int endPosition (arr, n, x)
```

```
{
    s=0, e=n-1
```

```
    ans = -1
```

```
    while (s ≤ e)
```

```
    {
        m = (s+e)/2
```

```
        if (a[m] == x)
```

```
        {
            ans = m
```

```
            s = m + 1
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
    else if (a[m] < x)
```

```
        s = m + 1
```

```
    }
    else end = m - 1
```

```
}
```

Number of occurrence



Difficulty: **Easy**

Accuracy: **59.34%**

Submissions: **322K+**

Points: **2**

Average Time: **20m**

Given a **sorted** array, **arr[]** and a number **target**, you need to find the number of occurrences of **target** in **arr[]**.

Examples :

Input: arr[] = [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3], target = 2

Output: 4

Explanation: target = 2 occurs 4 times in the given array so the output is 4.

Input: arr[] = [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3], target = 4

Output: 0

Explanation: target = 4 is not present in the given array so the output is 0.

Input: arr[] = [8, 9, 10, 12, 12, 12], target = 12

Output: 3

Explanation: target = 12 occurs 3 times in the given array so the output is 3.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{arr.size}() \leq 10^6$

$1 \leq \text{arr}[i] \leq 10^6$

$1 \leq \text{target} \leq 10^6$

33. Search in Rotated Sorted Array

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There is an integer array `nums` sorted in ascending order (with **distinct** values).

Prior to being passed to your function, `nums` is **possibly rotated** at an unknown pivot index `k` ($1 \leq k < \text{nums.length}$) 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]`.

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`.*

You must write an algorithm with $O(\log n)$ runtime complexity.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`, `target = 0`

Output: `4`

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`, `target = 3`

Output: `-1`

Example 3:

Input: `nums = [1]`, `target = 0`

Output: `-1`

6 7 8 1 2 3 4 5

S

↑
mid

$x = 7$

$a(m) \leq a(e)$

Sorted

① mid find

② $a(\text{mid}) == x \longrightarrow \text{return mid}$

③ check which part is sorted x
target

1. \rightarrow left: $a[s] \leq a(\text{mid})$

2. \rightarrow right: $a(m) \leq a(e)$

if ($a[s] \leq a[mid]$)

// left sorted

} if ($a[s] \leq x$ && $x \leq a[mid]$)

$end = mid - 1$

else

$start = mid + 1$

{

else }

if ($a[m] \leq x$ && $x \leq a[end]$)

$s = mid + 1$

else

$e = mid - 1$

{