

E - 35. Search Insert Position

Given a sorted array of distinct integers and a target value, return the index if the target is found.

If not, return the index where it would be if it were inserted in order.

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

Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,3,5,6], target = 5

Output: 2

Example 2:

Input: nums = [1,3,5,6], target = 2

Output: 1

Example 3:

Input: nums = [1,3,5,6], target = 7

Output: 4

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 104$

$-104 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 104$

nums contains distinct values sorted in ascending order.

$-104 \leq \text{target} \leq 104$

Explanation :

- The given array is sorted so we can use Binary Search to find the target position.
- First, we initialize the **start** , **end** variable
- Then start the **while loop** with condition of **start<=end** , and inside that loop , we initialize the variable **mid=start+(end-start)/2**;
- We check the if condition for binary search
- The one different is here , in search we return -1 at the end , but here , we return the start variable because *we have to find the position where the loop break.*

Solution

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class Solution {
    public int searchInsert(int[] nums, int target) {
        int start=0;
        int end=nums.length-1;
        while(start<=end){
            int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
            if(nums[mid]==target)
                return mid;

            if(nums[mid]>target){
                end=mid-1;
            }
            else if(nums[mid]<target){
                start=mid+1;
            }
        }
        return start;
    }
}
```