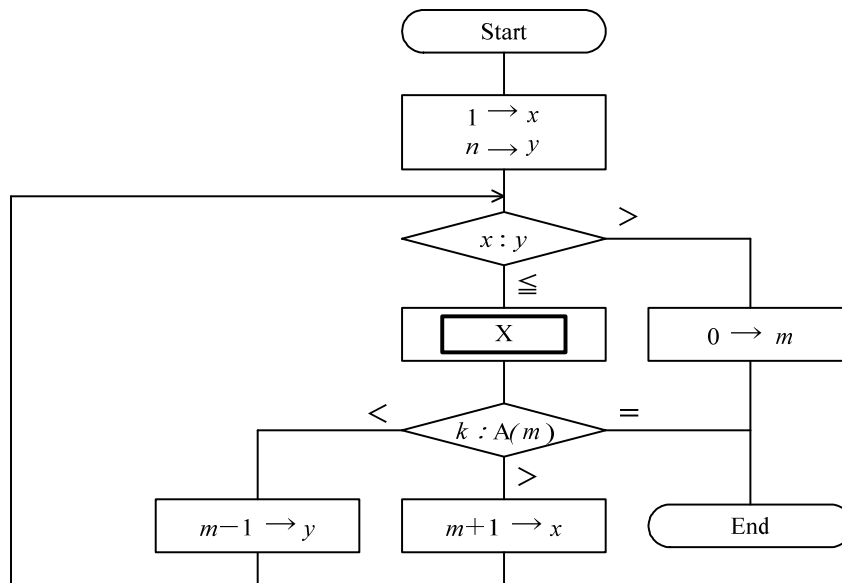


**Q16.** The flowchart below shows a binary search algorithm to find the index  $m$  of the array element  $A(m)$ , such that the equation “ $A(m) = k$ ” holds, from the array elements  $A(1), A(2), \dots, A(n)$  already sorted in ascending order. In case of “ $m = 0$ ” at the end, there is no element such that the equation “ $A(m) = k$ ” holds. Which of the following is inserted in the process box X in the flowchart? Here, the slash ( / ) indicates division that truncates all digits after the decimal point.



- a)  $(x + y) \quad m$   
 c)  $(x - y) / 2 \quad m$

- b)  $(x + y) / 2 \quad m$   
 d)  $(y - x) / 2 \quad m$