



## 1. Binary Search

#### **Description:**

Given a **sorted array** and a **target element**, return its index if found, else return -1.

#### **Example:**

```
Input: arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9], target = 5
Output: 2

Java Code:

public class ClassicBinarySearch {
    public int binarySearch(int[] arr, int target) {
        int low = 0, high = arr.length - 1;

        while (low <= high) {
            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;

            if (arr[mid] == target) return mid;
            else if (arr[mid] < target) low = mid + 1;
            else high = mid - 1;
        }

        return -1; // not found
    }
}</pre>
```

### **Time Complexity:**

Time: O(log n)Space: O(1)

## 2. Count Occurrences of a Number in a Sorted Array

**Description:** Given a sorted array, find how many times a target number occurs.

### **Example:**

```
Input: arr = [2, 4, 4, 4, 6], target = 4
Output: 3
```





#### Java Code:

```
public class CountOccurrences {
    public int countOccurrences(int[] arr, int target) {
        int first = findFirst(arr, target);
        if (first == -1) return 0; // not found
        int last = findLast(arr, target);
        return last - first + 1;
    private int findFirst(int[] arr, int target) {
        int low = 0, high = arr.length - 1, result = -1;
        while (low <= high) {
            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
            if (arr[mid] == target) {
                result = mid;
                high = mid - 1; // go left
            } else if (arr[mid] < target) low = mid + 1;</pre>
            else high = mid - 1;
        return result;
    }
    private int findLast(int[] arr, int target) {
        int low = 0, high = arr.length - 1, result = -1;
        while (low <= high) {
            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
            if (arr[mid] == target) {
                result = mid;
                low = mid + 1; // go right
            } else if (arr[mid] < target) low = mid + 1;</pre>
            else high = mid - 1;
        return result;
    }
}
```

#### **Time Complexity:**

• Time: O(log n)

• Space: O(1)





## 1. Floor of a Number in Sorted Array

### **Description:**

Given a sorted array and a number x, find the floor of x — the greatest element  $\leq x$ .

#### **Example:**

```
Input: arr = [1, 2, 4, 6, 10], x = 5
Output: 4
```

#### Java Code:

```
public class FloorOfNumber {
   public int findFloor(int[] arr, int x) {
      int low = 0, high = arr.length - 1;
      int floor = -1;

   while (low <= high) {
       int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;

      if (arr[mid] == x) return arr[mid];
      else if (arr[mid] < x) {
        floor = arr[mid];
        low = mid + 1;
      } else {
        high = mid - 1;
      }
   }

   return floor;
}</pre>
```

### **Time Complexity:**

Time: O(log n)Space: O(1)





## 2. Ceiling of a Number in Sorted Array

#### **Description:**

Given a sorted array and a value x, find the ceiling — the smallest element greater than or equal to x.

#### **Example:**

```
Input: arr = [1, 2, 4, 6, 10], x = 5
Output: 6
Input: arr = [1, 2, 8, 10, 10, 12, 19], x = 3
Output: 8
Java Code:
public class CeilingOfNumber {
   public int findCeiling(int[] arr, int x) {
        int low = 0, high = arr.length - 1;
        int ceiling = -1;
        while (low <= high) {
            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
            if (arr[mid] == x) return arr[mid];
            else if (arr[mid] < x) {
                low = mid + 1;
            } else {
                ceiling = arr[mid];
                high = mid - 1;
        return ceiling;
    }
```

#### **Time Complexity:**

}

Time: O(log n)Space: O(1)





## 1. Find First Bad Version (Leetcode 278)

#### **Description:**

You are given n versions [1, 2, ..., n] and a function isBadVersion (version) which tells whether the version is bad.

Find the first bad version.

#### **Example:**

```
Input: n = 5, firstBad = 4
Output: 4

Java Code:

public class FirstBadVersion extends VersionControl {
   public int firstBadVersion(int n) {
     int low = 1, high = n;
     int ans = -1;

   while (low <= high) {
       int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
       if (isBadVersion(mid)) {
          ans = mid;
          high = mid - 1; // go left
       } else {
          low = mid + 1; // go right
       }
    }
}</pre>
```

Assumes is BadVersion (int version) is provided in the VersionControl class.

#### **Time Complexity:**

}

}

Time: O(log n)Space: O(1)

return ans;





## 1. Find Smallest Letter Greater Than Target (Leetcode 744)

#### **Description:**

Given a **sorted list of letters** (in circular order), return the **smallest character strictly greater than the target**. If no such character exists, wrap around to the first letter.

#### **Example:**

```
Input: letters = ['c', 'f', 'j'], target = 'd'
Output: 'f'

Input: letters = ['c', 'f', 'j'], target = 'k'
Output: 'c' // wrap around
```

#### Java Code:

```
public class SmallestLetter {
    public char nextGreatestLetter(char[] letters, char target) {
        int low = 0, high = letters.length - 1;

        while (low <= high) {
            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;

        if (letters[mid] <= target) {
                low = mid + 1;
            } else {
                high = mid - 1;
            }

        return letters[low % letters.length]; // wrap around
      }
}</pre>
```

### **Time Complexity:**

Time: O(log n)Space: O(1)





## 2. Find First and Last Position of Element in Sorted Array

#### **Description:**

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

- If the target is not found, return [-1, -1].
- Your algorithm must run in **O(log n)** time.

#### **Example:**

```
Input: nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10], target = 8
Output: [3,4]

Input: nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10], target = 6
Output: [-1,-1]
```

#### **Java Code:**

```
public class FirstLastPosition {
    public int[] searchRange(int[] nums, int target) {
        int first = findIndex(nums, target, true);
        int last = findIndex(nums, target, false);
        return new int[]{first, last};
    private int findIndex(int[] nums, int target, boolean findFirst) {
        int low = 0, high = nums.length - 1, result = -1;
        while (low <= high) {
            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
            if (nums[mid] == target) {
                result = mid;
                if (findFirst) {
                    high = mid - 1; // Move left
                } else {
                    low = mid + 1; // Move right
            } else if (nums[mid] < target) {</pre>
                low = mid + 1;
            } else {
                high = mid - 1;
        return result;
    }
}
```