

Eliminating Tail Recursion

→ if any recursive call made from one context is the last operation in that context, with the return value of the recursive call immediately returned by the enclosing recursion

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def binary_search_iterative(data, target):
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    low = 0
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    high = len(data) - 1
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    while low <= high:
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        mid = (low + high) // 2
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        if target == data[mid]:
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            return True
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        elif target < data[mid]:
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            high = mid - 1
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        else:
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            low = mid + 1
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    return False
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→ where we make a recursive call in the original algorithm, simply replace it with  $high = mid - 1$  and continue

→ original base case  $low <= high$  in while loop; in new implementation

→ removes tail recursion by enclosing the body in loop for repetition

```
def reverse_iterative(S):
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    start, stop = 0, len(S)
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    while start < stop - 1:
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        S[start], S[stop-1] = S[stop-1], S[start] // swap 1st and last
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        start, stop = start + 1, stop - 1 // narrow range
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