

## Smart Coding & Interview Series

### Top-20 Basic Program

#### (Divide & Prune Thinking)

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First, understand the solution building strategies and coding for the problems in LIVE/VIDEO session and then you apply those strategies discussed in LIVE/VIDEO session to solve the following problems. Use your favourite language(C/C++/Java/C#/Python/Scala) for coding.

**1) Peak Element:** A peak element is an element that is greater than its neighbors. Given an input array `nums`, where `nums[i] ≠ nums[i+1]`, find a peak element and return its index. The array may contain multiple peaks, in that case return the index to any one of the peaks is fine. You may imagine that `nums[-1] = nums[n] = -∞`.

**Example:**

Input: `nums = [1,2,3,1]`

Output: 2

**Explanation:** 3 is a peak element and your function should return the index number 2.

**Source:** <https://leetcode.com/problems/find-peak-element/description/>

**2) Min in Rotated Sorted Array-I(No Duplicates) :** Suppose an array sorted in ascending order is rotated at some pivot unknown to you beforehand. (i.e., `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` might become `[4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`). Find the minimum element. You may assume no duplicate exists in the array.

**Example:**

Input: `[3,4,5,1,2]`

Output: 1

**Source:** <https://leetcode.com/problems/find-minimum-in-rotated-sorted-array/description/>

**3) Min in Rotated Sorted Array-II(With Duplicates) :** Suppose an array sorted in ascending order is rotated at some pivot unknown to you beforehand. (i.e., `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` might become `[4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`). Find the minimum element. The array may contain duplicates.

**Example:**

Input: `[1,3,5]`

Output: 1

**Source:** <https://leetcode.com/problems/find-minimum-in-rotated-sorted-array-ii/description/>

**4) Median of Two Sorted Arrays:** There are two sorted arrays `nums1` and `nums2` of size `m` and `n` respectively. Find the median of the two sorted arrays. The overall run time

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complexity should be  $O(\log(m+n))$ . You may assume **nums1** and **nums2** cannot be both empty.

**Example:**

*nums1* = [1, 3]

*nums2* = [2]

The median is 2.0

**Source:** <https://leetcode.com/problems/median-of-two-sorted-arrays/description/>