

LEETCODE - 33 Search in Rotated Sorted Array.

→ ascending order; distinct values. (Modified BS).

TC: $O(\log n)$.

$[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2]$ tar = 0.

Pseudocode :-

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st = 0, end = n - 1
while (st <= end) {
    mid = st + (end - st) / 2
    if (A[mid] == tar) → mid.

    LS ← RS
    if (A[st] <= A[mid]) // left sorted
        if (A[st] <= tar <= A[mid]) → left = mid
        else → right → st = mid + 1.

    else // right sorted
        if (A[mid] <= tar <= A[end]) → right
        else → left → end = mid - 1.     st = mid + 1
    }
}

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① Find mid.

② Check which half is sorted.

To do that, if $st < mid \rightarrow$ LEFT sorted,
if $end > mid \rightarrow$ RIGHT sorted.

③ Apply BS to side which is sorted.

If target lies in the sorted half

left

right

i.e. ($st < tar < mid$) i.e. $mid < tar < end$

\downarrow
 $end = mid - 1$

\downarrow

$st = mid + 1$

else,

target belongs in
RIGHT

so, $st = mid + 1$

else,

target belongs in
LEFT.

so, $end = mid - 1$