

BINARY SEARCH

"

Magic is believing in yourself.
If you can make that happen, you
can make anything happen.

"

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

FRIDAY



Today's content

- Searching Basics
- Why mid at half?

Problems

- Search in sorted arr
- first occurrence of ele in sorted arr
- Peak element
- Finding local minima
- Finding unique element

Searching story -

Target



Example

Target

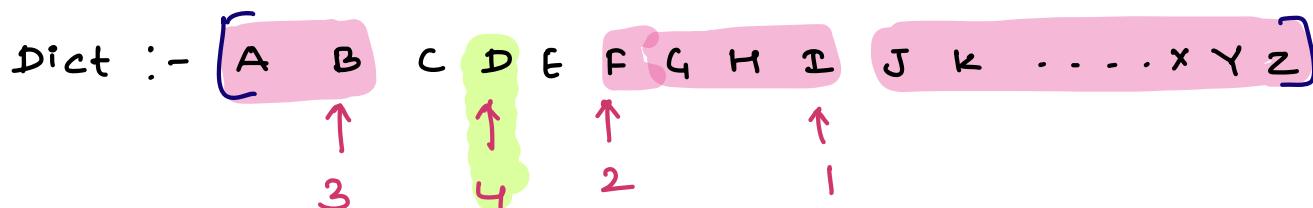
Search space

Word $\longrightarrow \{ \text{Dict} / \text{Newspaper/Books} \}$

phone number $\longrightarrow \{ \text{Contacts list} / \text{Phone diary} \}$

Obs \rightarrow If search space is sorted, searching becomes easy

Search **dog** in dictionary

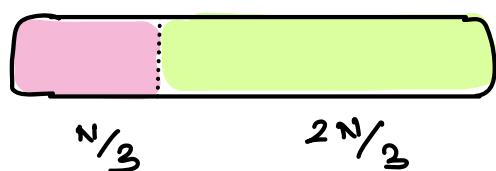


Why land at mid position?



Worst $\rightarrow N/2$ elements will be discarded

Better



Worst $\rightarrow N/3$ elements will be discarded

When to apply Binary search?

→ After dividing the search space in two halves.
if you discard one half of the space using
some condition then you can apply BS.

Note:- If you can't discard any search space, then
you can't apply Binary search.

Q1. Given a sorted arr[N], search if K is present or not?

arr[10]: { 3 6 9 12 14 19 20 23 25 27 } K=12

Idea 1 :- Linear search on arr

Tc: O(n)

Sc: O(1)

Idea 2 : Binary search

(K)

$\text{arr}[mid] == K$

Case I



$\text{arr}[mid] == K$ return True

Case II

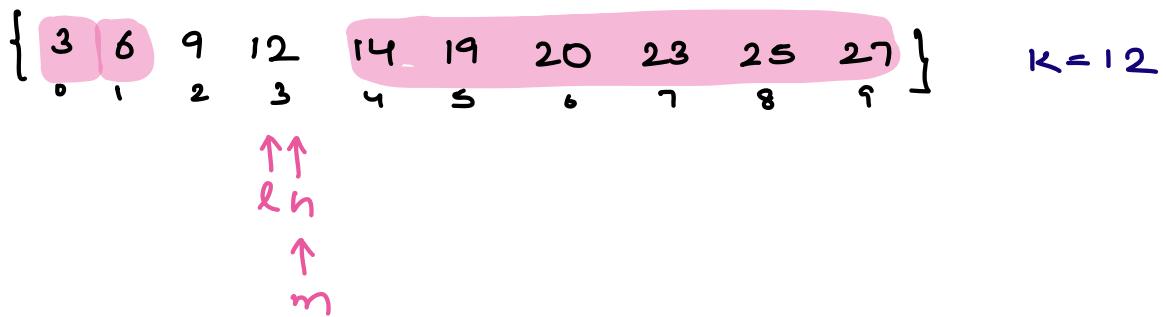


$ar[m] > k$: discard right
search on left

Case III



$ar[m] < k$: discard left
search on right



$l \quad h \quad mid$

0 9 4

$ar[4] > 12$: go to left : $h = m - 1$

0 3 1

$ar[1] < 12$: go to right : $l = m + 1$

2 3 2

$ar[2] < 12$: go to right : $l = m + 1$

3 3 3

$ar[3] == 12$: return True

m
↓

$h \quad l$
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$arr[] = \{ 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23, 25, 27 \}$ $k = 21$

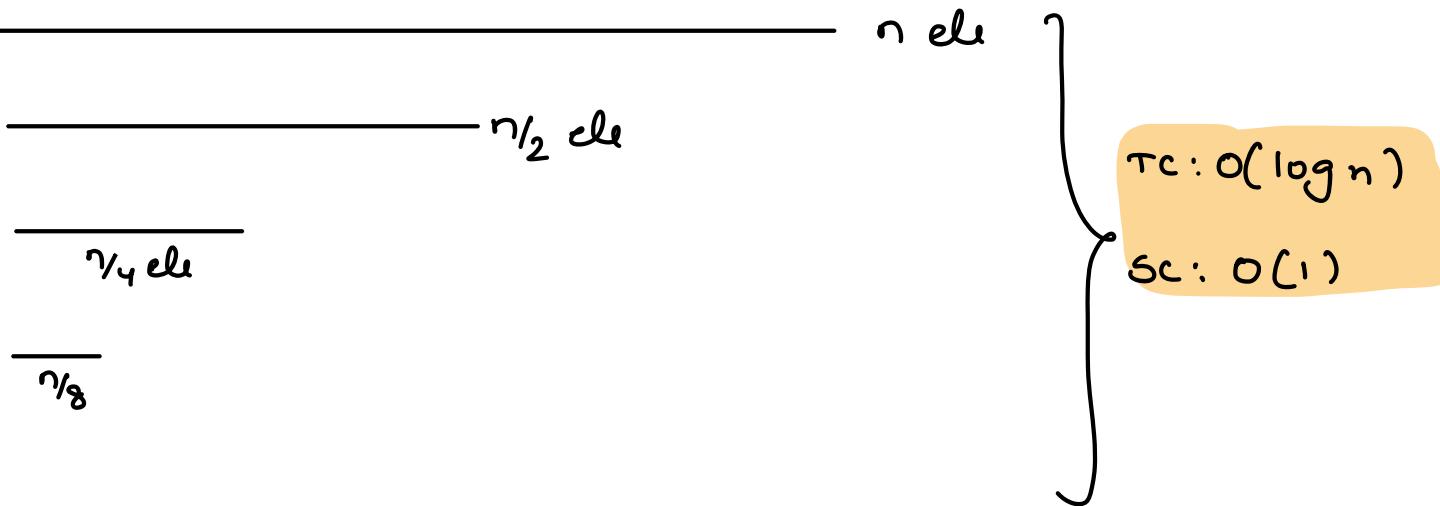
l	h	mid	
0	9	4	$ar[4] < 21 : l = mid + 1$
5	9	7	$ar[7] > 21 : h = mid - 1$
5	6	5	$ar[5] < 21 : l = mid + 1$
6	6	6	$ar[6] < 21 : l = mid + 1$
7	6		$\rightarrow \text{if}(l > h) \rightarrow \text{exhausted the search space}$

boolean search (int []A, K)

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int l=0    h=n-1

while (l ≤ h)
    mid= (l+h)/2
    if ( A[m]==K) return true;
    else if (A[m]>K) h=m-1
    else l=m+1
}
return false
  
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Q → Given a **sorted array** of elements . find **first index** of a given target

$A[] = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -5 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 8 & 10 & 10 & 15 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$

K

first ide

-5 0

Ideal → Linear search on arr

5 7

TC: O(n)

8 14

SC: O(1)

Idea 2 Binary Search

Case I



$ar[m] > k : h = m - 1$
moving on left



$ar[m] < k : l = m + 1$

move on RHS



$(ar[m] == k)$

$ans = mid :$

$h = mid - 1$

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int firstindex (int [] A, k)

int $l = 0 \quad h = n - 1 \quad ans = -1$

while ($l \leq h$) {

 mid = $(l + h) / 2$

 if ($A[m] == k$) {

 ans = m;

 h = m - 1

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TC: $O(\log n)$

SC: $O(1)$

 else if ($A[m] > k$) $h = m - 1$

 else $l = m + 1$

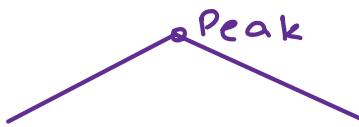
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return ans;

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Search for last index : {TODO}

Q3. Given an increasing decreasing array with distinct elements Find peak element



$$\text{arr}[] = \{ 1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 2 \}$$

$$\text{arr}[] = \{ 1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 10 \ 15 \ 12 \ 6 \}$$

$$\text{ans}[] = \{ 15 \}$$

$$\text{arr}[] = \{ 1 \ 2 \ 6 \ 10 \}$$

$$\text{ans}[] = \{ 10 \ 2 \ 6 \ 1 \}$$

Idea 1 → sort the entire array & $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ idx is ans

TC: $O(n \log n)$

SC: $O(1)$

Idea 2 → Iterate & search for max ele

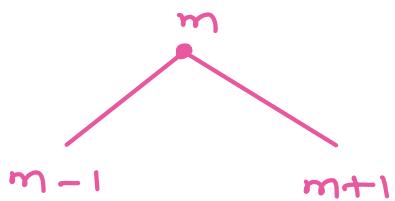
TC: $O(n)$

SC: $O(1)$

Idea 3 → Use Binary search



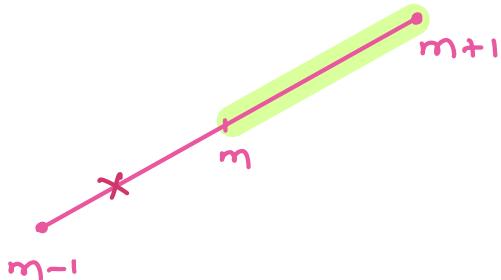
Case I



→ if ($A[m] > A[m-1]$ &
 $A[m] > A[m+1]$)

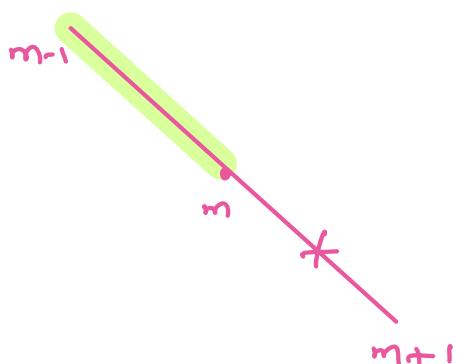
return $A[m]$

Case II



→ if ($A[m] < A[m+1]$ &
 $A[m] > A[m-1]$) go to RHS

Case III



if ($A[m] > A[m+1]$ &&
 $A[m] < A[m-1]$) go to LHS

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if ( A.length == 1) return A[0]  
if ( A[0] > A[1] ) return A[0]  
if ( A[n-1] > A[n-2] ) return A[n-1];
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lo = 1 , hi = n-2

while (lo ≤ hi)

 mid = (lo + hi) / 2

 if (A[m] > A[m-1] && A[m] > A[m+1])

 return A[m];

 3

 else if (A[m] < A[m+1] && A[m] > A[m-1])

 l = m+1;

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 else {

 h = m-1;

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TC : O(log n)

SC : O(1)

10:05 → 10:15 pm

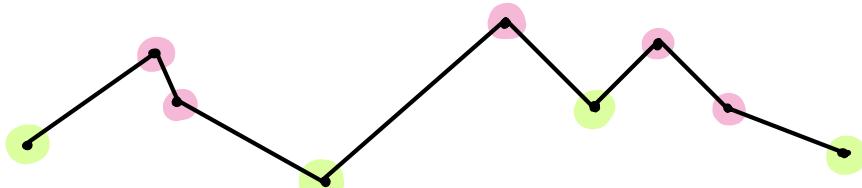
Q4. Given unsorted arr [] distinct elements, return any local minima. An element is said to be local minima, if it is less than its adjacent elements.

Eg:- $\text{arr}[8] = \{ 9, 8, 7, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 2 \}$

Local minima $\rightarrow \text{arr}[i-1] > \text{arr}[i] < \text{arr}[i+1]$

$\text{arr}[0] < \text{arr}[1]$

$\text{arr}[n-1] < \text{arr}[n-2]$



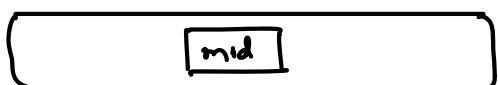
$\text{arr}[] = \{ 9, 8, 7, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 2 \}$

Idea 1 → Iterate on array & compare k^{th} idx element
 $\text{ar}[k-1]$ & $\text{ar}[k+1]$

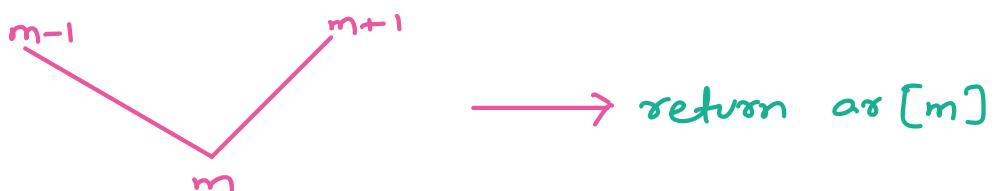
$Tc: O(n)$

$S_C = O(1)$

Idea 2 → Use Binary search



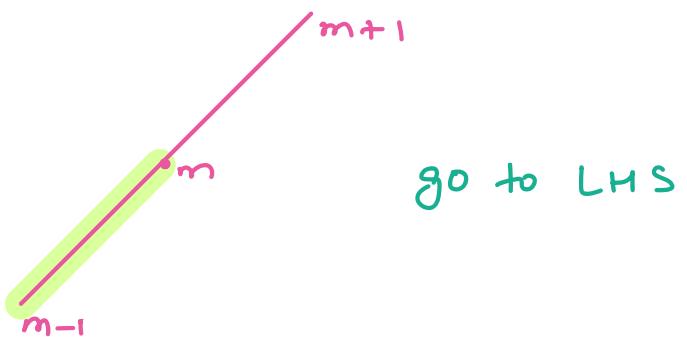
01. Case 1



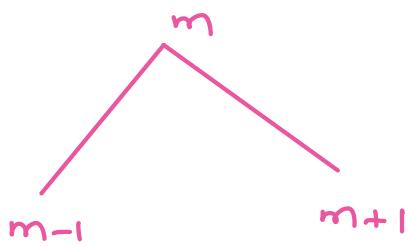
02 Case II



03. Case II



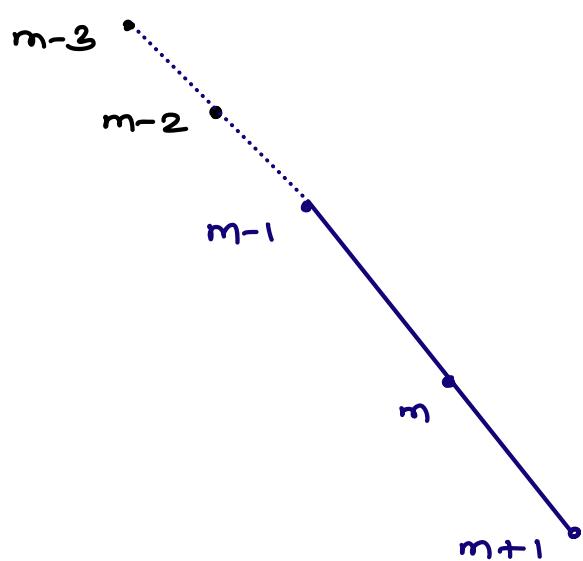
04.



→ go in either direction

* Case II

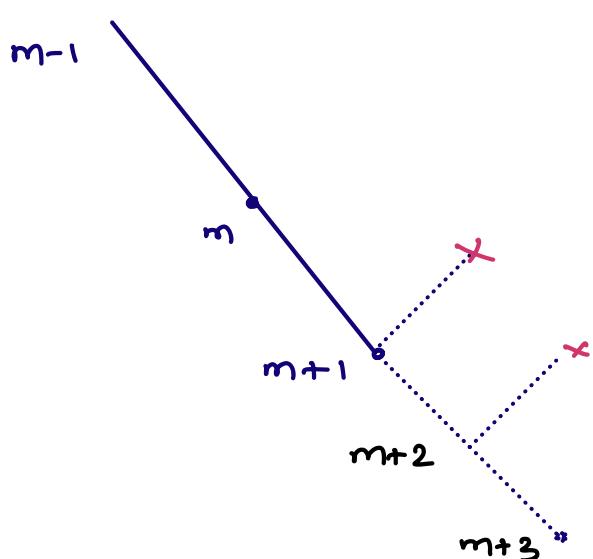
(a) Analysing LHS first



Worst case scenario → there is no dip in LHS

* Analyse the RHS

= Always going to have at least one answer



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if (n==1) return A[0]
if (A[0] < A[1]) return A[0]
if (A[n-1] < A[n-2]) return A[n-1]

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$$l=1 \quad h=n-2$$

while ($l \leq h$)

$$mid = (l+h)/2$$

if ($A[m] < A[m-1]$ && $A[m] < A[m+1]$) return $A[m]$

else if ($A[m] < A[m-1]$ && $A[m] > A[m+1]$) $l=m+1$

else $h=m-1$;

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Q5. Every element in an array occurs twice except for one. Find the unique element.

Note :- Duplicates are adjacent to each other.

arr [] =	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>3</td><td>3</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>8</td><td>8</td><td>10</td><td>10</td><td>9</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>4</td> </tr> </table>	3	3	1	1	8	8	10	10	9	6	6	2	2	4	4
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	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14															

Idea 1 → XOR of all elements

TC: $O(n)$

SC: $O(1)$

Idea 2 → Use freq arr to store freq of all distinct ele

TC: $O(n)$

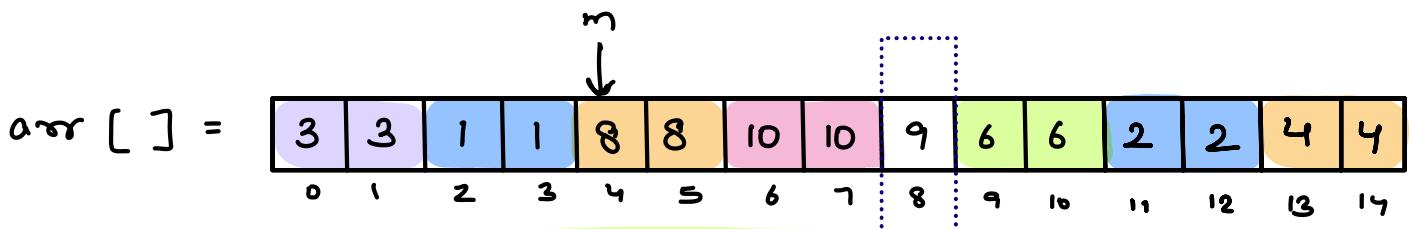
SC: $O(n)$

Idea 3 → Linear search & check for the adjacent ele

TC: $O(n)$

SC: $O(1)$

Idea 4 → Use Binary Search



Before unique ele: go to RHS

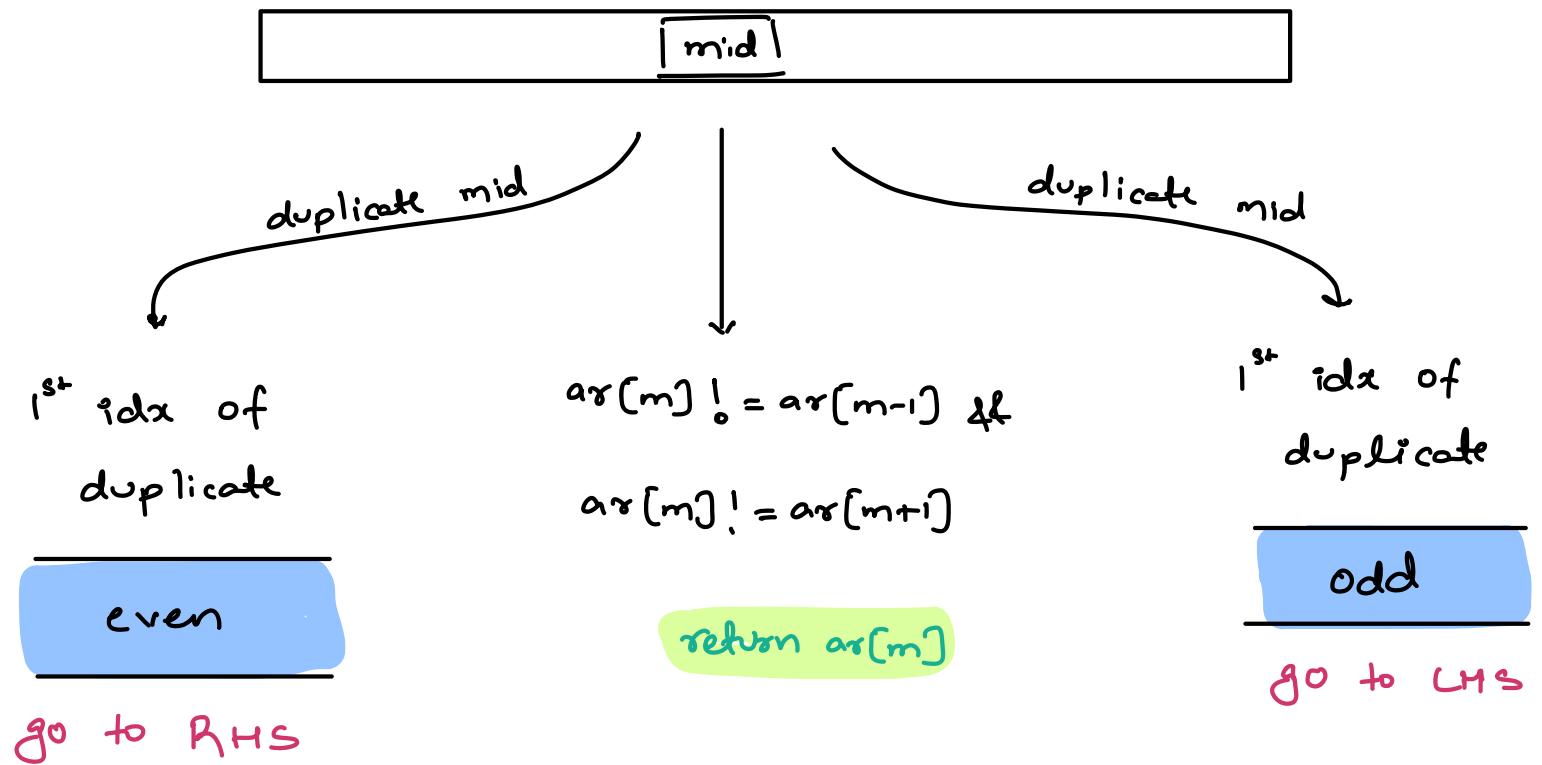
After unique ele: go to LHS

1st occurrence of duplicates

is even idx

1st occurrence of duplicates is at

odd idx



if ($n == 1$) return $ar[0]$

if ($ar[0] \neq ar[1]$) return $ar[0]$

if ($ar[n-1] \neq ar[n-2]$) return $ar[n-1]$

$$l = 1 \quad h = n - 2$$

while ($l \leq h$)

$$\text{mid} = (l+h)/2$$

if ($A[m] \neq A[m-1] \text{ & } A[m] \neq A[m+1]$)

 return $A[m]$

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if ($A[m-1] == A[m]$) {

$m = m-1$ // moving mid to 1st idx of
 duplicates

 3

if ($m \% 2 == 0$) {

$lo = m+2$ go to RHS

 3

else {

$hi = mid-1$:

TC: $O(\log n)$

SC: $O(1)$

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l=5
h=14

3	3	1	1	8	8	10	10	9	6	6	2	2	4	4
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

$$\frac{l}{1} \quad \frac{h}{13} \quad \frac{\text{mid}}{7}$$

m=6 : go to RHS $l=\text{mid}+2$

$$8 \quad 13 \quad 10$$

$m=9$: go to LHS $h=\text{mid}-1$

$$8 \quad 8 \quad 8$$

return true :