

Problem: Given a circularly sorted array find element  $t$ . There are no duplicates.

Algorithm circularBinarySearch

Input: an array  $A$ , a target  $t$ ,  $left = 1$  and  $right = n$  where  $n$  is length of  $A$ .

Output: the index at which  $t$  is found.

Start

$m = \lfloor \frac{right + left}{2} \rfloor$

if  $A[m] = t$  then

return  $m$

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if  $A[right] > A[m]$

if  $A[m] < t \wedge t \leq A[right]$  then  $t$ ,

return circularBinarySearch( $A, m+1, right$ )

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else then

return circularBinarySearch( $A, t, left, m-1$ )

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else then

if  $t < A[m] \wedge t \geq A[left]$  then

return circularBinarySearch( $A, t, left, m-1$ )

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else then

return circularBinarySearch( $A, t, m+1, right$ )

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End

TCA:  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(1)$ ;  $a=1, b=2, f(n)=O(1)$ , watershed function  $= n^{\log_2 1} = n^0 = 1$ . as  $1 \in O(1)$

then by case 2 as  $k=0$  then  $T(n) = O(\lg n)$ .

Hyp. Let  $P(n)$  be the assertion that circular Binary Search works for all inputs  $\text{right} - \text{left} + 1 = n$ .

Base case: when  $n=1$   $\text{right} = \text{left} = m$  so the element is found by algorithm.

Inductive Step: We assume circular Binary Search works as long as  $\text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k$  and must prove  $\text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k+1$  in 3 cases  $A[m] = t$ ,  $A[m] < t$ ,  $A[m] > t$ .

Case 1:  $A[m] = t$

As the function works this will return  $m$ , the index of  $t$

Case 2:  $A[m] > t$

We know this half of the array is either sorted or circularly sorted. Thus  $t$  must lie to the left of  $m$ . If the recursive call works correctly so shall this call. So  $n = m - 1 - \text{left} = \lfloor \frac{\text{left} + \text{right}}{2} \rfloor - \text{left}$ . If  $\text{right} + \text{left}$  is odd this means  $\frac{\text{right} + \text{left} - 1}{2} - \text{left} = \frac{\text{right} + \text{left} - 2\text{left} - 1}{2} = \frac{\text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2} - 1 \leq \text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k$  so by transitivity  $\frac{\text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2} - 1 \leq k$  (I) adding 1 to both sides  $\frac{\text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2} \leq k+1$ . When even  $\frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{2} - \text{left} = \frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2} \leq \text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k$  so by transitivity  $\frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2} \leq k$  (II) adding 1 to both sides  $\frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2} \leq k+1$  (V) as  $\frac{\text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2} \leq \text{right} - \text{left} + 1$  and  $\frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2} \leq \text{right} - \text{left} + 1$  so by transitivity  $\text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k+1$  as  $k \leq k+1$ . So the recursive call must be between 1 and  $n$  and is correct by Hyp.

Case 3:  $A[m] < t$

This is symmetrical to case 2. Thus  $n = \text{right} - (\lfloor \frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{2} \rfloor + 1) = \text{right} - \frac{\text{right} + \text{left} + 1}{2} = \frac{2\text{right} - \text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2} = \frac{\text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2}$  (VI). When even  $n = \text{right} - \frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{2} = \frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2}$  (VII) so by VI, VII, I, II, III, IV and V  $\text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k+1$  as  $k \leq k+1$ . Thus the recursive call must lie between 1 and  $n$  and is correct by Hyp.

$\therefore$  as the Inductive step is proven for all cases then circular Binary Search must be correct