

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($A, m+1, right$)

 fi

 else then

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

 else

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else then

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

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

 fi

 else then

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

 else

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End

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

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

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

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

Case 1: $A[m]=t$

As the function work 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 $n=m-\text{left} = \frac{\text{right}+\text{left}}{2}-1-\text{left}$. If $\text{right}+\text{left}$ is odd this means $\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}-1}{2}-\text{left}-1 = \frac{\text{right}+\text{left}-2\text{left}+1}{2}-1 = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}-1}{2}-1 \leq \text{right-left+1} \leq k$ so by transitivity $\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq k$ (I) adding +1 to both sides $\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}-1}{2} \leq k+1$. When even $\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}-1}{2}-\text{left} = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2}-1 \leq \text{right-left+1} \leq k$ so by transitivity $\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq k$ adding 1 to both sides $\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq k+1$ as $\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq \text{right-left+1}$ and $\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq \text{right-left+1}$ so by transitivity $\text{right-left+1} \leq k+1$ 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 $n=\text{right}-\left(\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}}{2}+1\right)$ so when ~~right+left~~ right+left is odd then $=\text{right}-\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}-1}{2}-1 = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}-1}{2}-1$ (VI). When even $=\text{right}-\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}}{2}-1-\frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2}-1$ (VII) so by VI, VII, I, II, III, IV and V $\text{right-left+1} \leq k+1$ as $k \leq k+1$. Thus the recursive call must lie between 1 and n and is correct by Hyp.

∴ as the Inductive step is proven for all cases then circularBinarySearch must be correct