

Hyp: Let  $f(n)$  be the assertion that `misBin` works for all inputs  $\text{right-left+1} = n$

Base Case: When  $n=1$  then ~~if~~  $\text{right}=\text{left}=m$  and  $A[m]=t$ . If  $A[m]=t$  the function works and returns  $m$ ; if  $A[m]\neq t$  then the next call is the one making  $\text{right}=\text{left}$  returning  $-1$ .

Inductive Step: We assume `misBin` works as long as ~~if~~  $\text{right-left}\leq k$  and must prove  $\text{right-left+1}\leq k+1$ . To do this we must prove 4 cases.  $t$  doesn't exist in  $A$ ,  $A[m-1] \neq A[m] \neq t$ ,  $A[m]=t$  and  $A[m]\neq t$ .

Case 1:  $t$  doesn't exist in  $A$

When  $A[m]$  should equal  $t$   $A[m]$  will be found to be  $A[m]\neq t$  forcing a recursive call where after  $\text{left}=\text{right}$  returning  $-1$ .

Case 2:  $A[m-1] \neq A[m] \neq A[m+1] = t$

as the function works if  $A[m-1]=t$  then  $m-1$  is returned; if  $A[m+1]=t$ ,  $m+1$  is returned. If  $A[m]\neq t$ ,  $m$  is returned.

Case 3:  $A[m]=t$

We know, as the array is sorted and  $A[m+1]\neq t$  that  $t$  must lie between  $A[\text{left}]$  and  $A[m+1]$ .

If the recursive call works correctly so shall this one. So  $n=(m+1)-\text{left}+1 = (\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}}{2}-1)-\text{left}+1$ .

When  $\text{right}+\text{left}$  is even  $n = \frac{\text{right}+\text{left}-1}{2} - \frac{2\text{left}}{2} + 1 = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2}$ . When  $\text{right}+\text{left}$  is odd then

$\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}-1}{2} - \frac{2\text{left}+1}{2} = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}+1}{2} \leq \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq \text{right-left+1} \leq k$ . Thus the recursive call is

made on an interval from 0 to  $k$  and is correct by Hyp. Thus `misBin` must also work for interval  $k+1$ .

Case 4:  $A[m]\neq t$

This is symmetrical to the previous case. Thus  $n=\text{right}-(m+1)+1=\text{right}-(\frac{\text{right}+\text{left}}{2}+1)+1$

when  $\text{right}+\text{left}$  is even then  $n = \frac{\text{right}}{2} - \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} - 1 + 1 = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2}$ . When  $\text{right}+\text{left}$  is odd then

$n = \frac{\text{right}}{2} - \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}+1}{2} - 1 + 1 = \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}+1}{2} \leq \text{right}-\text{left}+1 \wedge \frac{\text{right}-\text{left}}{2} \leq k$ . Thus the recursive call

is made on an interval from 0 to  $k$  and is correct by Hyp. Thus `misBin` must also work for interval  $k+1$ .

$\therefore$  as the inductive step works in all cases we can see `misBin` works in all cases.