

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

Base Case: when  $n=1$  then  $\text{right}=\text{left}=m$  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 `right/left` returning  $-1$ .

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

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:  $A[m-1] \vee A[m] \vee A[m+1] = t$

as the function works if  $A[m-1]=t$  then  $m-1$  is returned, if  $A[m]=t$ ,  $m$  is returned. If  $A[m+1]=t$ ,  $m+1$  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  $n = (m-1) - \text{left} + 1 = \left(\left\lfloor \frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{2} \right\rfloor - 1\right) - \text{left} + 1$ . When  $\text{right} + \text{left}$  is even  $n = \frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{2} - 1 - \frac{2 \cdot \text{left}}{2} + 1 = \frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2}$ . When  $\text{right} + \text{left}$  is odd then  $\frac{\text{right} + \text{left} - 1}{2} - 1 - \frac{2 \cdot \text{left}}{2} + 1 = \frac{\text{right} - \text{left} - 1}{2} \leq \frac{\text{right} - \text{left}}{2} \leq \text{right} - \text{left} + 1 \leq k$ . 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:  $A[m] < t$

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

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