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Find Floor of an element in a Sorted Array

Floor of an element x is the largest element in the array smaller than or equal to x .

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	8	10	10	12	19

\uparrow \uparrow_{mid} \uparrow_x

$a[mid] > x \rightarrow$ This is definitely not an answer

$ceil = mid = 3 \rightarrow$ go left

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\uparrow_l \uparrow_{mid} \uparrow_x

$a[mid] < x \rightarrow$ This could be a floor value

$floor = mid = 1 \rightarrow$ mark it as a possible floor value & Go right.

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\uparrow_l \uparrow_x
 \uparrow_{mid}

$a[mid] > x \rightarrow$ Go left

$ceil = 2 \rightarrow l > r \rightarrow$ exit

Similarly, we can find out ceil of an element in a sorted array.
 Smallest element greater than or equal to x .

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