



# Binary Search

Kth-Sum

→ most classic one

→ checking part is very normal

(just fix it)

→ Binary search part \*\*\*

- How can we be sure that the final mid will be one of the sums?

→ it will definitely be (but we must come from the right side)

say we got sums like that

1    2    5    7    10    12    12    15    20

we want 4<sup>th</sup> smallest sum (7)

say at some point we got  $\text{mid} = 9$

so, for  $\leq 9$ ,  $\text{cnt} = 4 = k$

but we are searching that smallest  $x$  for which still  $\text{cnt} \geq k$

so, again we will try to find  $x$

say  $\text{mid} = 8$                        $\text{cnt} = 4$

then  $\text{mid} = \textcircled{7}^{**}$                        $\text{cnt} = 4$

but we cannot move left now  
because  $\text{cnt}$  will be  $\textcircled{3}$

৭ থেকে শুরু করে still  $cnt = 4$

৮ থেকে শুরু করে still  $cnt = 4$

but ৭ থেকে শুরু করে সাথে সাথেই  $cnt = 3$

that means  $\rightarrow$  ৭ নিজেই একটা  
sum ছিলো

$check(mid) \leq k \rightarrow \boxed{ans = 9}$

because we will get the last value  
for which  $cnt \leq k$