

2.5 KTH MISSING POSITIVE NUMBER

Question:

Given an array `arr` of positive integers sorted in a strictly increasing order, and an integer `k`. return the `k`th positive integer that is missing from this array.

AIM

To find the `k`th missing positive integer that does not appear in a strictly increasing array `arr`.

ALGORITHM

1. Initialize a counter `missing = 0` to count missing numbers.
2. Traverse natural numbers starting from 1.
 - If the current number exists in `arr`, skip it.
 - Otherwise, increase `missing`.
3. Stop when `missing == k`.
4. Return the current number.

PROGRAM

```
def find_kth_missing(arr, k):
    missing = 0
    current = 1
    idx = 0
    while True:
        if idx < len(arr) and arr[idx] == current:
            idx += 1
        else:
            missing += 1
            if missing == k:
                return current
        current += 1

def run_kth_missing():
    arr = list(map(int, input("Enter sorted array: ").split()))
    k = int(input("Enter k: "))
    print("K-th missing positive number:", find_kth_missing(arr, k))

run_kth_missing()
```

Input:

arr = [2,3,4,7,11]

k = 5

Output:

```
>>> | Enter sorted array: 2 3 4 7 11
      | Enter k: 3
      | K-th missing positive number: 6
```

RESULT:

Thus the program is successfully executed and the output is verified.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS:

- Time Complexity: $O(\log n)$ (binary search)
- Space Complexity: $O(1)$