

K^{th} MISSING POSITIVE

★ In this problem, we are supposed to find and return the K^{th} missing positive integer.

Eg : $\text{arr}_k = [2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 11]$
 $k = 5$

Missing numbers are 1, 5, 6, 8, 9 ...
Hence answer is 9

Brute force solution is to run a pass through the entire array. At each step we check if our current element is less than K , if it is we add 1 to K , as it is the displacement by which K moved wrt an array of all positive integers. As soon as current element goes beyond K , we return it.

Optimal solution is to somehow find the two elements in b/w our answer will lie. We use binary search to figure this out. At each index, we have a specific number of numbers missing. We just find the indices between which K lies. Like in above example, we know K will lie between index 3 and 4, as 3 numbers are missing at index 3

and 6 at 4. Then we can just
go $K-3$ places at 3.

Pseudocode :

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kth Missing (arr, N, K) {  
    low = 0  
    high = N - 1  
    while (low <= high) {  
        mid = (low + high) / 2  
        missing = arr[mid] - (mid + 1)  
        if (missing < K) {  
            low = mid + 1  
        } else {  
            high = mid - 1  
        }  
    }  
    return low + K  
}
```