

## \* Binary Search Algorithm

- It is used for sorted arrays

arr = [2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18, 19]  
→ ascending.

arr 2 = [19, 12, 6, 5, 3, 2, -8, -16]  
→ descending.

In linear search maximum comparison in the worst case is N (no of elements in array)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
arr = [2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 20, 36, 48]  
M

Step 1: find the middle element.

Step 2: Check if the target element is greater than middle element Search in right or else search in left.

Step 3: If the middle element = target element then the answer is found

target = 36

Step 1: find the middle element

middle element = 45 = 4th index

i.e.  $\rightarrow 11$

$$m = \frac{s+e}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{start} + \text{end}}{2}$$

Step 2.

target element is in the right side of M

arr = [2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 20, 36, 48]

arr = [12, 14, 20, 36, 48]

$$M = \frac{s+e}{2} = \frac{5+9}{2} = \frac{14}{2} = 7\text{th index}$$

target = 36 > 7th index = 20

arr = [2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 20, 36, 48]

arr = [36, 48]

$$M = \frac{8+9}{2} = \frac{17}{2} = 8\text{th index}$$

target = 36 8th index = 36

36 = 36 target found

$$arr = [2, 4, 6, 9, \frac{11}{M}, 12, 14, 20, 36, 48]$$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

target element = 12

$$\text{Middle element} = \frac{0+9}{2} = 4.5 = 4\text{th index}$$

target = 12 > <sub>(n+1) first</sub> index = 11

$$arr = [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, \frac{20}{M}, 36, 48]$$

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$$M = \frac{s+e}{2} = \frac{5+9}{2} = 7\text{th index}$$

target = 12 < <sub>n-1 (first)</sub> index = 20

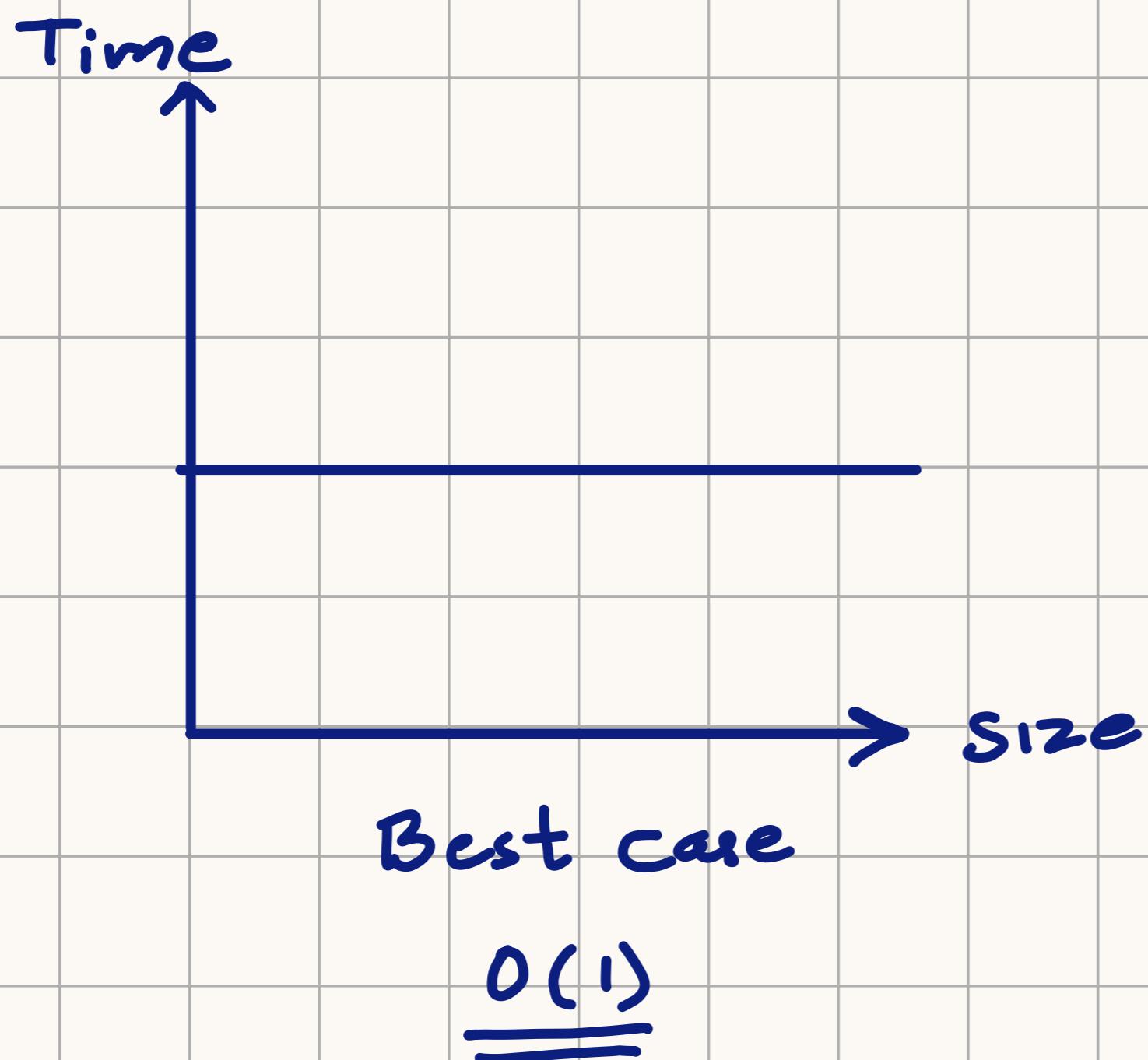
$$arr = [5, 6, 12, 14]$$

$$M = \frac{5+6}{2} = \frac{11}{2} = 5.5 = 5\text{th index}$$

target = 12 = index = 12

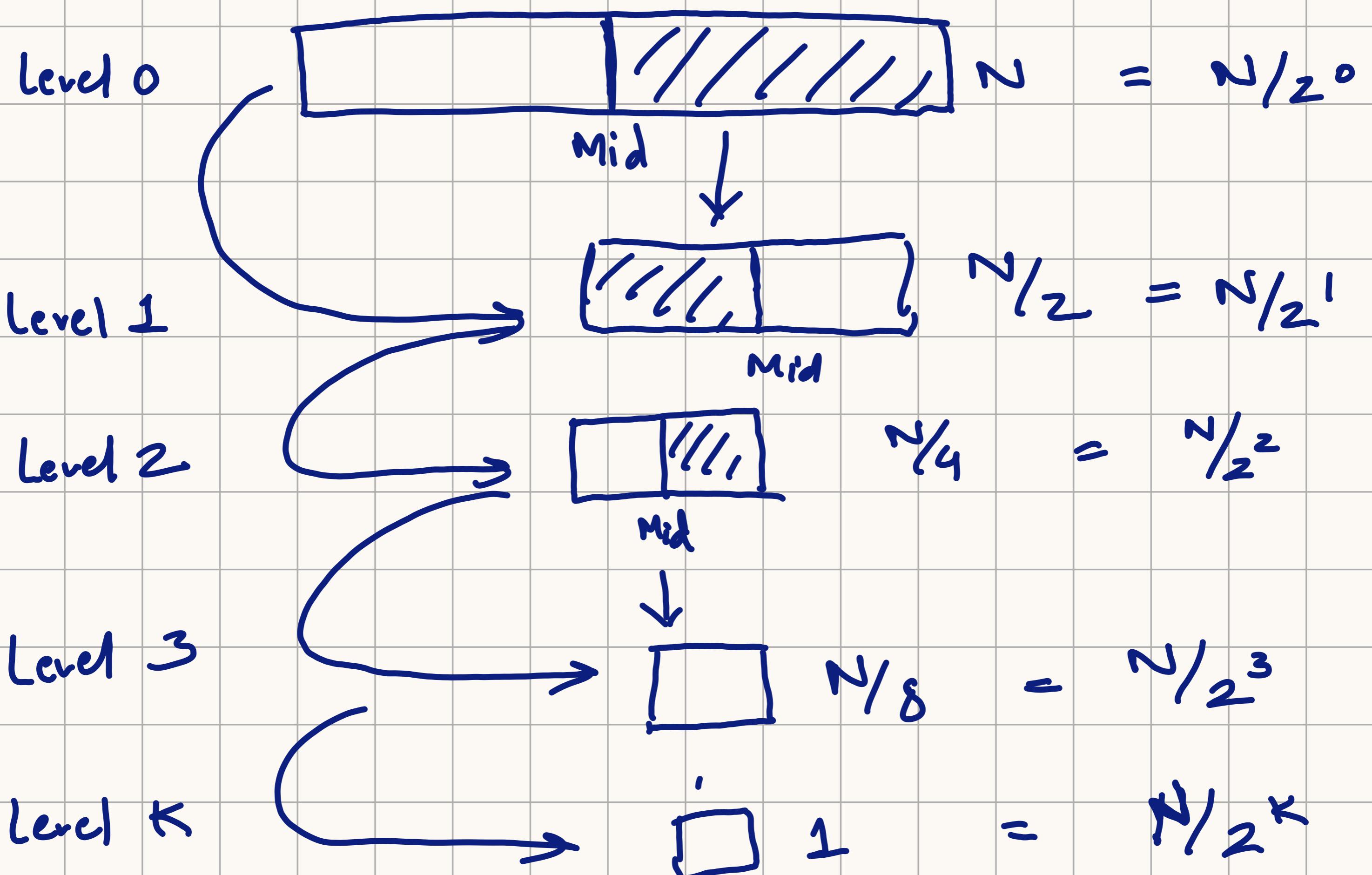
hence target element is at 5th index

best case complexity is constant



\* Why Binary Search?

Q) Find the max number of such comparisons in the worst case



$$\frac{N}{2^k} = 1 \Rightarrow N = 2^k$$

$$\log(N) = \log(2^k)$$

$$\log N = k \log 2$$

$$k = \frac{\log N}{\log 2} \Rightarrow k = \log_2 N.$$

$k$  is the total number of levels in the worst case.

So the total number of levels or total number of comparisons in the worst case is  $\log N$ . where  $N$  is the size of array.

Total comparison in worst case =  $\log N$

That means if we compare linear search with binary search we get.

Let us suppose there are 1,00,000 element

Linear Search

no. of comparisons:

1,00,000 compares

Binary Search

no. of comparisi  
 $\log_2 (100000)$

= 17 comparisons

Complexity of binary search is big O(logN)

## Java program for binary search:

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main (String [] args) {  
  
        int [] arr = {-18, -12, -4, 0, 2, 3, 4, 15,  
                      16, 18, 22, 45, 89};  
        int target = 22,  
            ans = binarySearch (arr, target);  
        System.out.println (ans);  
    }  
  
    static int binarySearch (int [] arr, int target)  
    {  
        int start = 0,  
            end = arr.length - 1;  
        while (start <= end) {  
  
            // int mid = (start + end)/2; // might exceed int  
            int mid = start + (end - start)/2; // limit  
            if (target < arr[mid]) {  
                end = mid - 1;  
            } else if (target > arr[mid]) {  
                start = mid + 1;  
            } else {  
                return mid;  
            }  
        }  
        return -1;  
    }  
}
```

## \* Order agnostic binary search

arr = [ 90, 75, 18, 12, 6, 4, 3, 1 ]  
s                    m                    e  
0                    3                    4                    5                    6                    7

target = 72

If target > middle element  $\Rightarrow$  LHS

$$\hookrightarrow e = m - 1$$

target < middle  $\Rightarrow$  RHS

$$\hookrightarrow s = m + 1$$

arr = [ 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 20, 33 ]

if  $s > f \Rightarrow$  increasing order sorted

else  $\Rightarrow$  decreasing order sorted.

Code :

```
public class OrderAgnosticBS {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        int [] arr = {-18, -12, -4, 0, 2, 3, 4, 15, 16, 18, 22, 45, 89},
        int target = 22;
        int ans = orderAgnosticBS (arr, target),
        System.out.println (ans),
    }
}

static int orderAgnosticBS (int [] arr, int target) {
    int start = 0;
    int end = arr.length - 1,
    // find whether the array is sorted in ascending or
    descending
    boolean isAsc = arr [start] < arr [end];
    while (start <= end) {
        int mid = start + (end - start) / 2;
        if (arr [mid] == target)
            return mid;
    }
}
```

```
if (isAsc) {  
    if (target < arr[mid]) {  
        end = mid - 1;  
    } else if (target > arr[mid]) {  
        start = mid + 1;  
    }  
}  
else {  
    if (target > arr[mid]) {  
        end = mid - 1,  
    } else if (target < arr[mid]) {  
        start = mid + 1;  
    }  
}  
return -1;  
}
```

## Binary Search Interview Problems.

a) Ceiling of a number

$$arr = [2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18]$$

// sorted array can be seen hence binary search will be applied.

target number = 15.

\* Ceiling = Smallest element in an array greater than equal to target element

example: ceiling for target element = 14 in same array

Ceiling (arr, target = 14) = 14

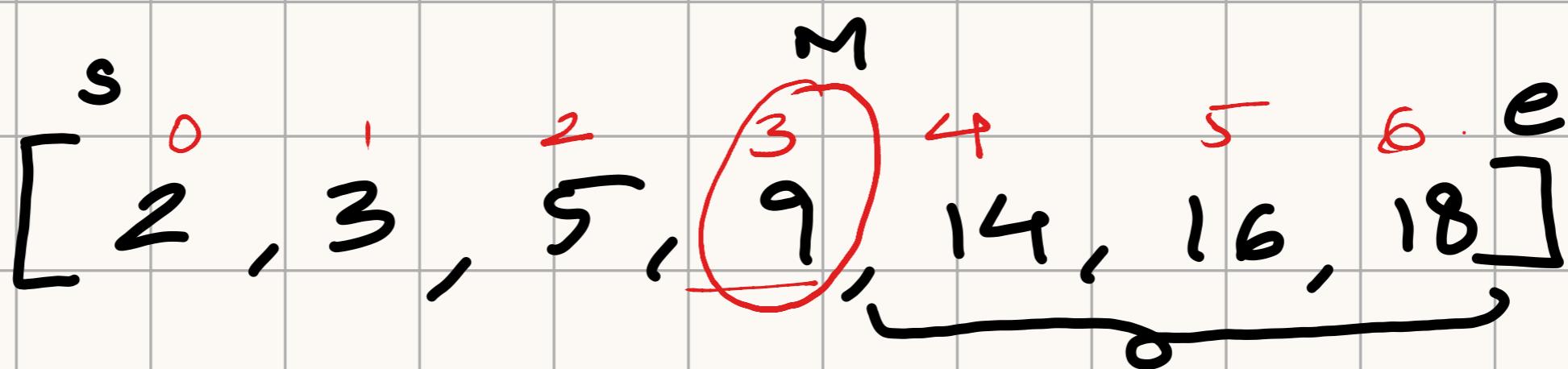
Ceiling (arr, target = 15) = 16

Ceiling (arr, target = 4) = 5

Ceiling (arr, target = 9) = 9

$\text{arr} = [2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18]$

$\text{target} = 15$



$$s = 4$$

$$e = 6$$

$$\frac{s+e}{2} = \text{5th index}$$

↓  
16

e      s  
u      5  
14      16      18

Lets talk about  
start and end pointer

s target e  
↓

\* Find a number  
≥ target

e target Start  
↓  
// condition for  
while loop  
violated

Start  
↓  
answer

$\text{Start} \leq \text{end} \Rightarrow$  when while loop breaks

$\text{Start} = \text{end} + 1$

hence next big number greater than target  
is start

### \* Floor of a number

a) Find the floor of a number

floor = greatest number that is smaller or equal  
to target number

$$\text{arr} = [2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18]$$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

floor of 15  $\rightarrow$  14 (smaller or equal  
to answer)

// Same thing as ceiling of a number just  
instead of start we return end instead of -1  
if number is not found

s target e  
 $\downarrow$   
not in this  
range

e ans s

number smallest nearest  
to target will be  
end

when condition is violated

$$S = e + 1$$

$$\underline{\underline{S > e}}$$

① Code for ceiling of a number.

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main (String [] args) {  
        int [] arr = {2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18};  
        int target = 15;  
        int ans = ceiling (arr, target),  
        System.out.println (ans),  
    }  
  
    static int ceiling (int [] arr, int target) {  
        if (target > arr [arr.length - 1]) {  
            return -1;  
        }  
        int start = 0,  
        int end = arr.length - 1, // indices of array elements  
        while (start <= end) {  
            int mid = start + (end - start) / 2,
```

```

if (target < arr[mid]) {
    end = mid - 1,
}
else if (target > arr[mid]) {
    Start = mid + 1,
}
else {
    return mid,
}
return start;
}

```

## ① Code for floor of a number

```

public class main {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        int [] arr = {2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 16, 18},
        int target = 3,
        int ans = ceiling (arr, target),
        System.out.println (ans);
    }
}

```

```
Static int floor (int [] arr, int target) {  
    int start = 0;  
    int end = arr.length - 1; // indices of array element  
    while (start >= end) {  
        int mid = start + (end - start) / 2;  
        if (target < arr[mid]) {  
            end = mid - 1,  
        }  
        else if (target > arr[mid]) {  
            start = mid + 1;  
        }  
        else {  
            return mid;  
        }  
    }  
    return end,  
}
```

① Find smallest letter greater than target (LC - 744).

- \* Exact same approach for ceiling of a number
- \* Ignore the target = what we are looking for
- \*  $\text{arr} = [\text{'c'}^0, \text{'d'}^1, \text{'f'}^2, \text{'.'}^3, \text{'j'}^4]$ , target = 'j'

When you find a case where no element is larger than target, return first element

condition violated :  $\text{start} = \text{end} + 1;$

↳ Length of array = N

return S/N

$2 \times 4 = 2 // \text{ret}$   
start

$4 / 4 = 0$

if  $S == N$   
return 0,

- Find first and last position of Element in Sorted Array (LC-34)

`arr = [5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10]`

target = 7

\* find first occurrence of 7.

s m e

5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10

Ans

binary search

target = 7.

Ans = 3 is a possible answer but  
there is a chance that more 7 are occurring before 1  
Index 3

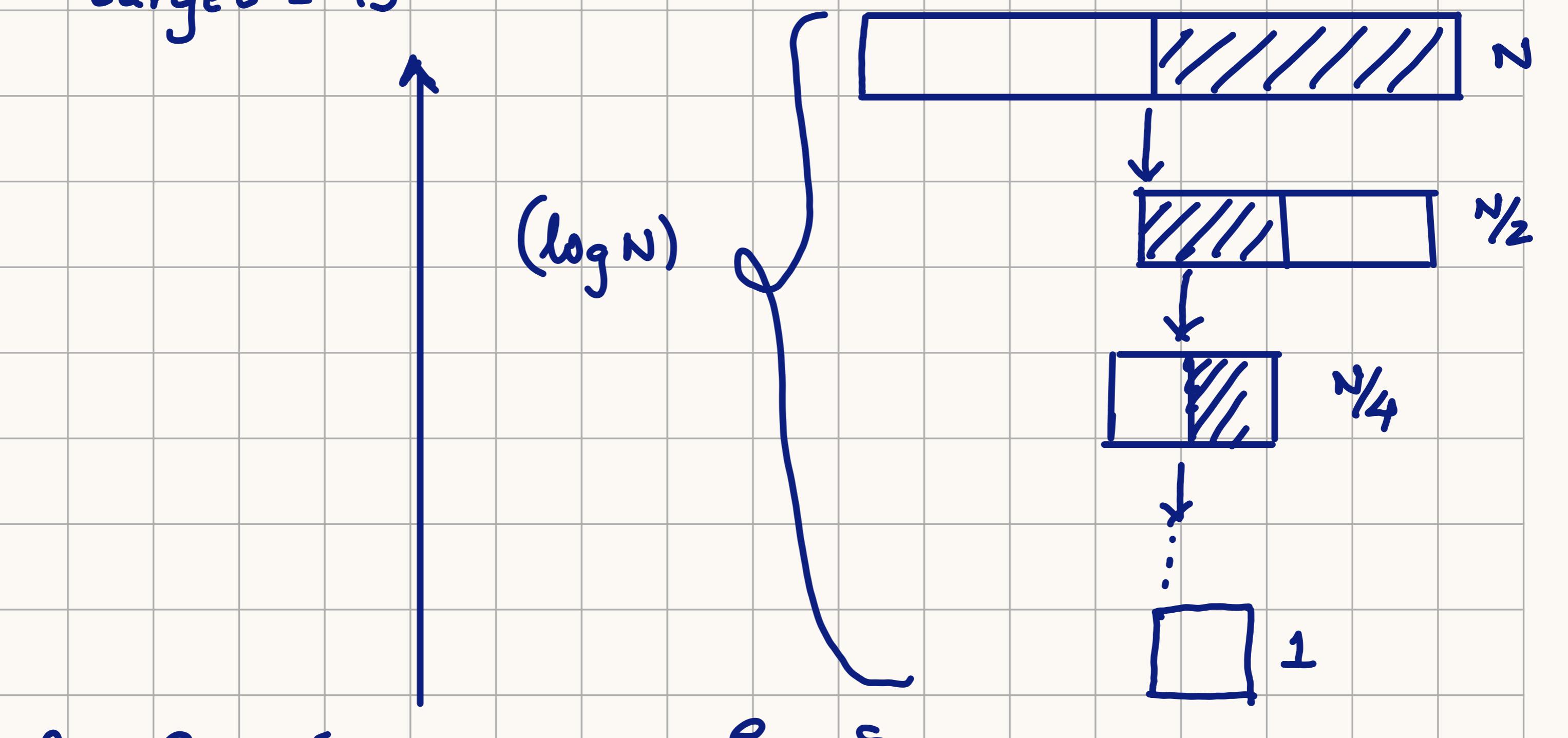
for first occurrence of 7  $\rightarrow e = m - 1$

for last occurrence of 7  $\rightarrow s = m+1$

① Find position of an element in a sorted array of finite numbers

$\text{arr} = [2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20, 23, 30]$

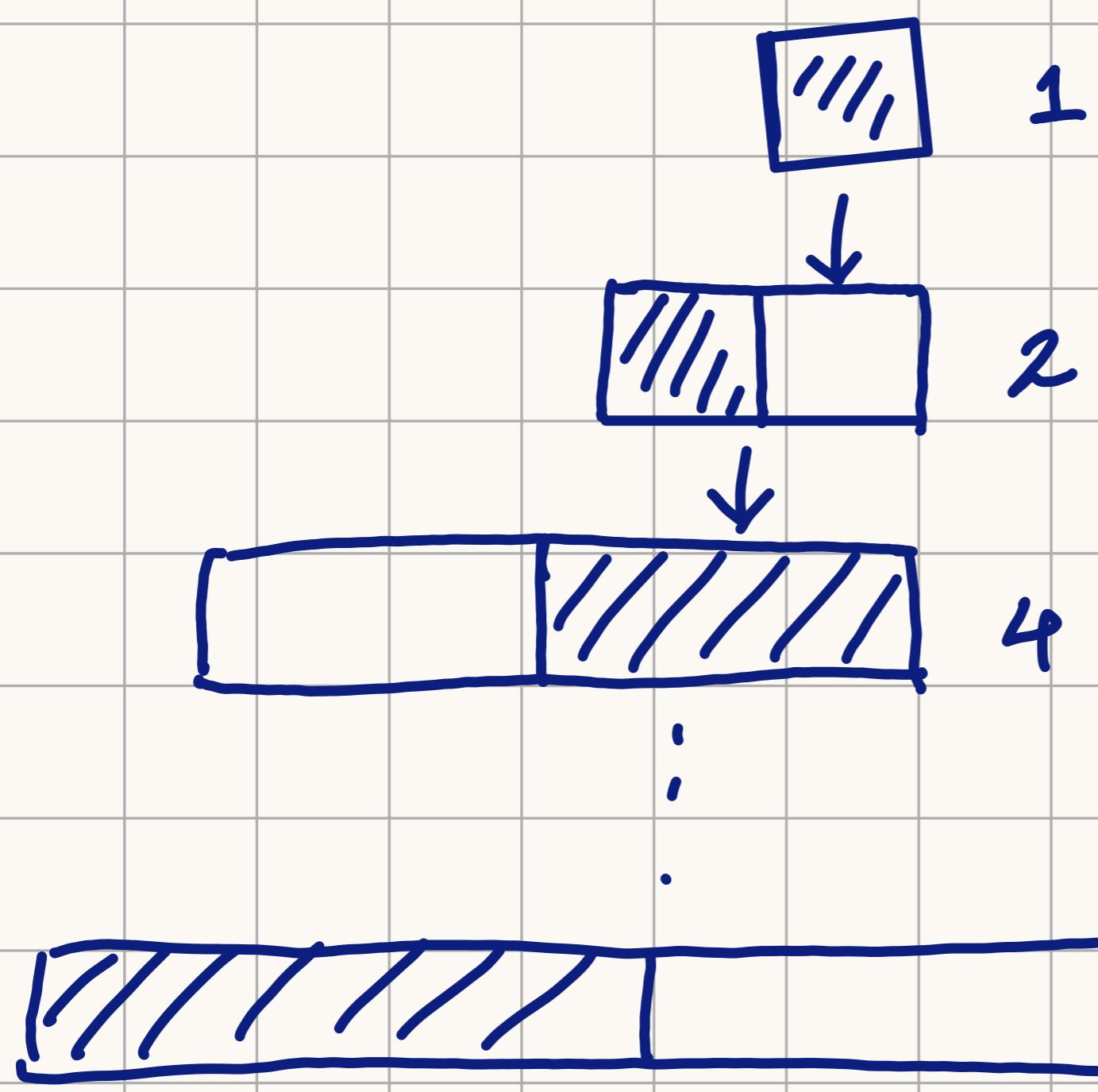
target = 15



$s$	$e$	$s$		$e$	$s$							$e$
2	3	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	15	21	23	30

15? false      15? false      15? True

Apply binary search



bottom  
up  
approach.

## ① Code for above logic

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main (String [] args) {  
  
        int [] arr = { 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 90, 100, 130, 140, 160, 170 };  
        int target = 10 ;  
        System.out.println (ans (arr, target));  
    }  
}
```

```
Static int ans (int [] arr, int target) {  
    // first start with a box of size 2  
    // first find the range  
    int start = arr [0];  
    int end = arr [1];  
    // condition for the target to lie in the range  
    while (target > arr [end]) {  
        int newStart = end + 1; // this my new start-  
        // double the box value  
        // end = previous end + sizeofbox * 2  
        end = start + (end - start + 1) * 2,  
        start = newStart;  
    }  
    return binarySearch (arr, target, start, end),
```

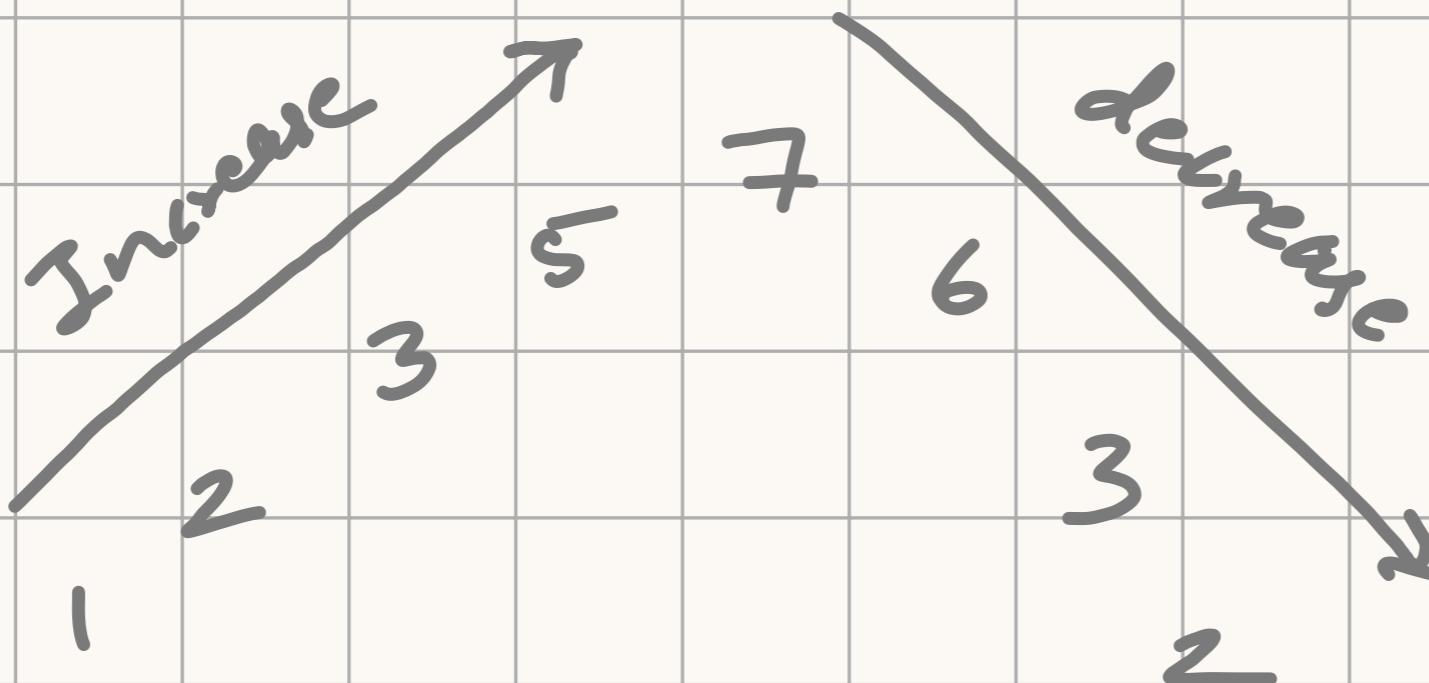
```
static int binarySearch (int[] arr, int target, int start, int end) {  
  
    while (start <= end) { // common in all binary search  
        int mid = start + (end - start)/2,  
        if (target < arr[mid]) {  
            end = mid - 1,  
        } else if (target > arr[mid]) {  
            start = mid + 1;  
        } else {  
            return mid,  
        }  
    }  
    return -1;  
}
```

① Peak index of mountain array (bitonic array)

LC. 852

example of bitonic array

arr = [1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 6, 3, 2]



Q) Find peak in mountain array

arr = [0, 2, 1, 0]  
      \underline{0}   \underline{2}

(2) → answer (peak)

0   1   0

→ Linear search can be used but that has no good time complexity

→ binary search will be used for most optimized solution.

$\text{arr} = [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2]$   
 s m e

Possibility.

① If element in middle is greater than element at  $\text{middle} + 1$ . This means that we are at decreasing part of the array

checking

s m e

$\Rightarrow \text{if } \text{e}[\text{mid}] > \text{e}[\text{mid} + 1]$

$\Rightarrow$  We in descending part of array

$\Rightarrow$  Hence peak should exist in LHS of  $M+1$ .

② If middle element is less than middle element + 1 then we are in the ascending part of array

$\Rightarrow \text{Start} = \text{mid} + 1$

checking

s  $m, m+1$  e

③ When will loop break?

$\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2 \end{matrix}$   
 s m e

6 (4) 3, 2

s m  
 4 5  
 6, 4  
 s e  
 m

6 (answer)  
s, e

In the end both start and end pointer point at greatest element

```
public class Mountain {
    public static void main (String[] args) {
}
public int peakIndexInMountainArray (int[] arr) {
    int start = 0,
        end = arr.length - 1,
    while (start < end) {
        int mid = start + (end - start) / 2,
            if (arr[mid] > arr[mid + 1]) {
// You are in decreasing part of array.
// this may be the ans, but look at left
            end = mid, // this is why end != mid - 1
        } else {
// You are in ascending part of array
            start = mid + 1, // because we know that
// mid + 1 is > mid element
        }
    }
}
```

// in the end, start == end and pointing to the largest number

// start and end are always trying to find max element hence when they are pointing to just one element, that is the maximum one

// at every point of time for start and end, they have the best possible answer till that time and if we are saying that only one item is remaining, hence cuz of above line that is the best possible answer

return start, // or end

}

}

## ① Find in Mountain Array

LC - 1095

$$\text{arr} = [ \underset{0}{1}, \underset{1}{2}, \underset{2}{3}, \underset{3}{4}, \underset{4}{5}, \underset{5}{3}, \underset{6}{1} ] \quad \text{target} = 3$$

- Ans -
- ① Find peak element  $\rightarrow$  4th index
  - ② Search in ascending array  $\Rightarrow (0, 4)$
  - ③ If not found, binary search in decreasing array  
 $\Rightarrow (4, 6)$

## ② Rotated Array

Normal sorted array

$$\text{arr} = [ 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, \underset{\curvearrowleft}{12} ]$$

$\curvearrowleft 1 \text{ rotation}$

After 1 rotation.

$$\text{arr} = [ \underset{\curvearrowleft}{12}, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, \underset{\curvearrowleft}{10} ]$$

$\curvearrowleft 2 \text{ rotation}$

After 2nd rotation.

$$\text{arr} = [ \underset{\curvearrowleft}{10}, \underset{\curvearrowleft}{12}, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, \underset{\curvearrowleft}{9} ]$$

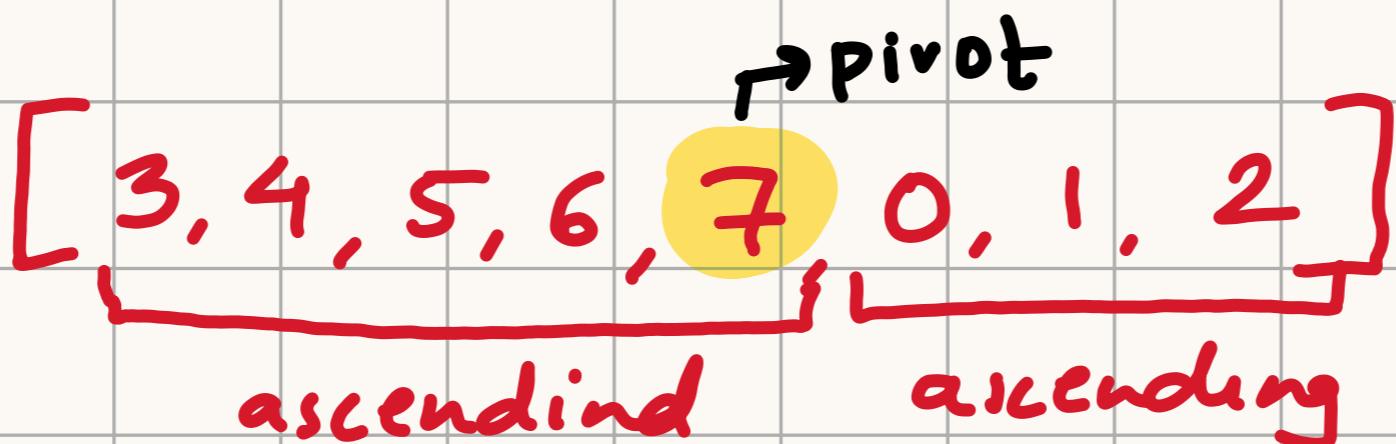
$\curvearrowleft 3 \text{ rotation}$

After 3rd rotation:

$$\text{arr} = [9, 10, 12, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8]$$

① Find the pivot in the array.

pivot  $\Rightarrow$  from where your next number are ascending



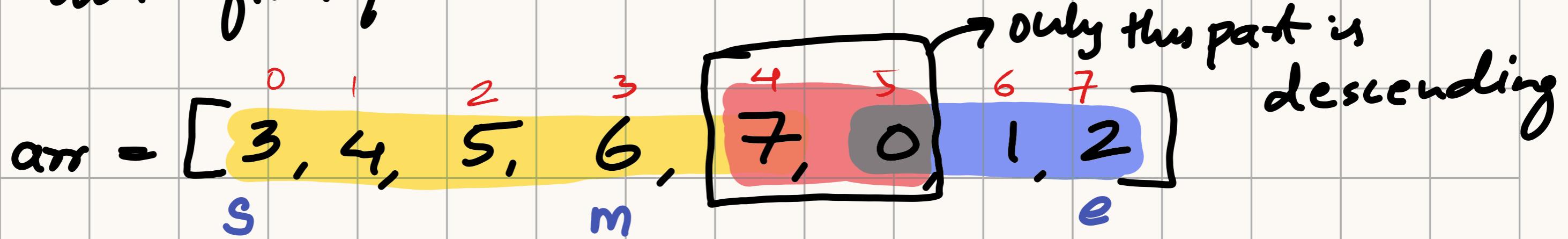
\* Find pivot

\* Search in first half  $\Rightarrow$  Simple binary search.

(0, pivot)

\* Otherwise, search in second half (pivot + 1, end)

★ How to find pivot?



When you will find that  $\text{mid} > \text{mid} + 1$  element, i.e  
pivot // Case 1

If  $\text{mid}$  element  $<$  ( $\text{mid} - 1$ ) element

i.e also answer // Case 2

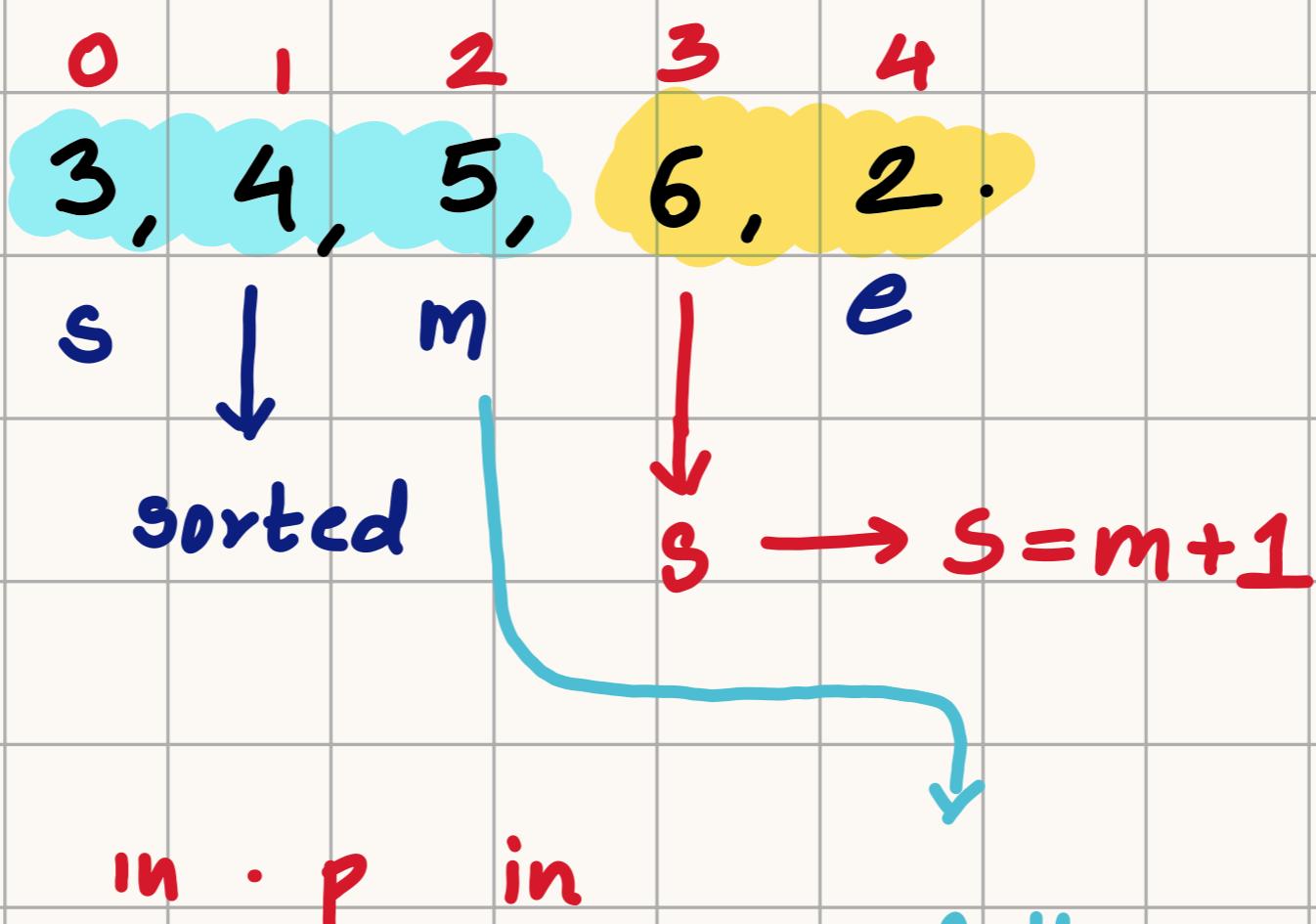
Start element  $>$  mid-element // Case 3

$\text{arr} = [4, 5, 6, 0, 1, 2, 3]$

In this case, all elements from mid will be  $<$  start  
 Hence, we can ignore all these elements since we  
 are looking for peak i.e Largest element,

$$e = \text{mid} - 1$$

II Case 4: Start element is smaller than mid element  
 $s$  element  $<$  mid element



If this would have been a  
 pivot it would have been  
 returned in case 1 and  
 case 2

Hence proved that bigger number lies ahead  
 Hence ignore mid and pivot  $s = \text{mid} + 1$

$$\text{arr} = [4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2]$$

s            p            e

Case 1: pivot element = target  $\rightarrow$  Ans

Case 2 target > start element then search space  
is reduced to  $(s, p-1)$  because all numbers  
after pivot are smaller than start.

Case 3: target < start element

i.e we know that all elements from start till  
pivot are going to be bigger than target //target=1

Search space = (pivot+1 till end)

## \* Code to Search in an Rotated Array [LC-33]

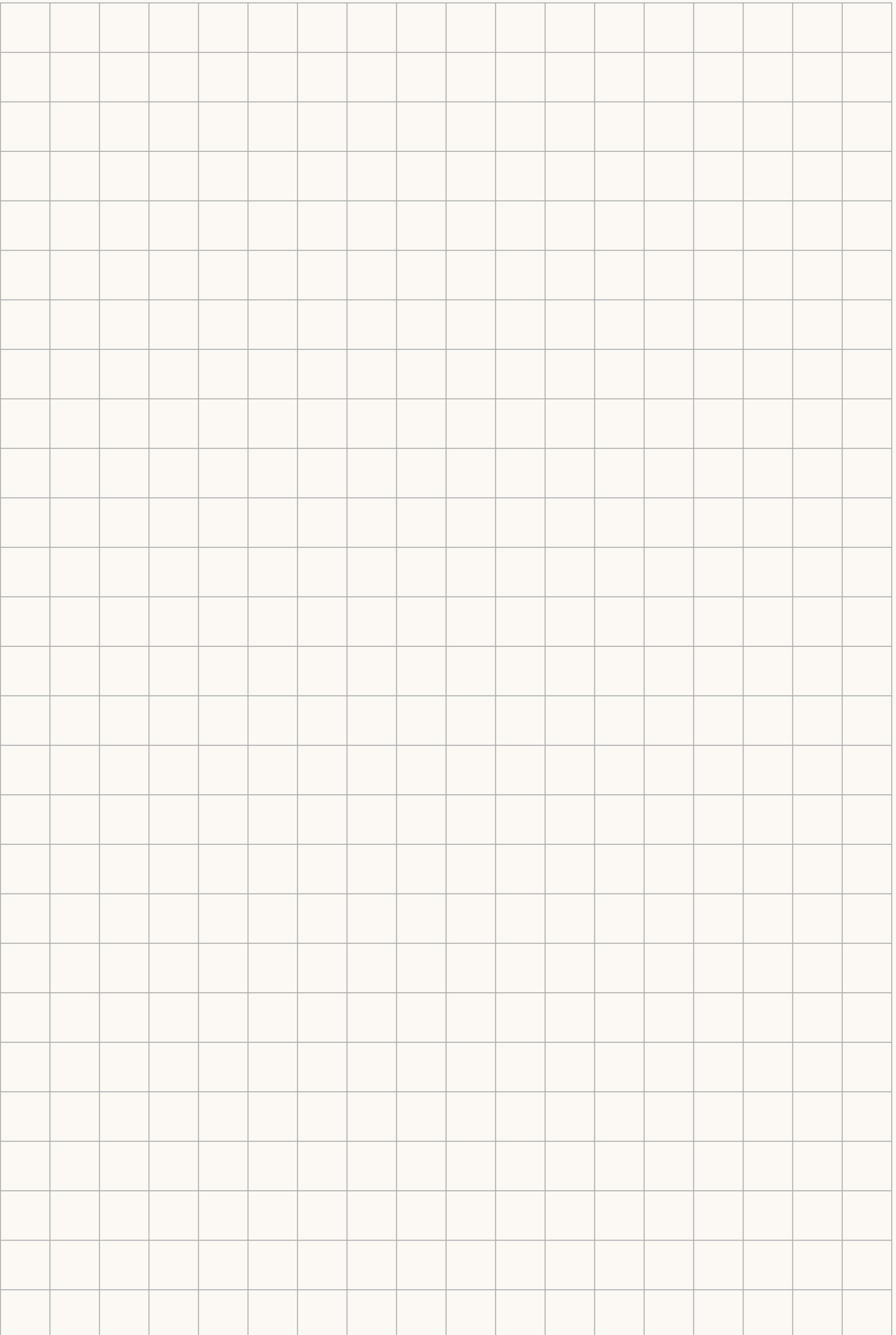
```
public class RBS {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        int [] arr = {4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2},
        System.out.println (findPivot (arr)),
    }

    static int search (int [] nums, int target) {
        int pivot = findPivot (nums);
        // if you did not find a pivot, it means array is not
        // rotated
        if (pivot == -1) {
            // just do normal binary search
            return binarySearch (nums, target, 0, nums.length - 1);
        }
        if (nums [pivot] == target) {
            return pivot;
        }
        if (target >= nums [0]) {
            return binarySearch (nums, target, 0, pivot - 1);
        }
        return binarySearch (nums, target, pivot + 1, nums
                            .length - 1);
    }

    static int binarySearch (int [] arr, int target, int start : int end) {
        while (start <= end) {
            int mid = start + (end - start) / 2,
            if (target < arr [mid]) {
                end = mid - 1,
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
{ else if (target > arr[mid]) {  
    start = mid + 1;  
}  
else {  
    return mid;  
}  
}  
return -1;  
}
```

```
static int findPivot (int [] arr) {  
    int start = 0,  
        end = arr.length - 1;  
    while (start <= end) {  
        int mid = start + (end - start) / 2;  
        // 4 cases  
        if (mid < end && arr[mid] > arr[mid + 1]) {  
            return mid;  
        }  
        if (mid > start && arr[mid] > arr[mid - 1]) {  
            return mid - 1;  
        }  
        if (arr[mid] <= arr[start]) {  
            end = mid - 1;  
        } else {  
            start = mid + 1;  
        }  
    }  
    return -1;  
}
```



# Searching in Matrices

	0	1	2
0	18	9	12
1	36	-4	91
2	44	33	16

target = 91

Anne · [1, 2]

$$N * N = N^2$$

$$= O(N^2)$$

for row = 0,  $y < n$ ,  $y++$ .

for col=0 ; col<n; c++.

If arr[y][c] = target

return -1 //if not found

$O(N * M)$

Q) Matrix is sorted in a row wise and columnwise manner

*manner*

*lower bound*

*sorted*

*upper bound*

*target*

*target = 37*

as the columns are sorted we know that all the elements in the columns are greater than target

0	1	2	3	
0	10	20	30	40
1	15	25	35	45
2	28	29	37	49
3	33	34	38	50

Case 1. If the element  $i$  == target  
↳ ans found

## Case 2: If element < target

**Case 3 : If element > target**

Time complexity  $\Rightarrow n+n=2n$ .

\* **Code for above problem.**

```
public class RowColMatrix {  
    public static void main (String [] args) {  
        int [][] arr = {  
            {10, 20, 30, 40},  
            {15, 25, 35, 45},  
            {20, 29, 37, 49},  
            {33, 34, 38, 50} },  
        int target = 37,
```

```
System.out.println (Arrays.toString (search (arr, target)));
```

```
static int [] search (int [][] matrix, int target) {  
    int r = 0,  
        c = matrix.length - 1;  
    while (r < matrix.length && c >= 0) {  
        if (matrix [r] [c] == target) {  
            return new int [] {r, c};  
        } if (matrix [r] [c] < target) {  
            r++,  
        } else {  
            c--,  
        }  
    }  
}
```

return new int [] {-1, -1};

3

## Q) Search in a sorted matrix

target = 2

	0	1	2	3
0	1	2	3	4
1	5	6	7	8
2	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16

~~rstart~~ 0      ~~M~~ 1      ~~rend~~ 3      M

\* Take middle column & perform Binary search on it

> mid element = 6  
6 > 2  
> target = 2.

① If element == target

// ans

reducing

② If element > target

// ignore row after it

search

space

③ If element < target.

// ignore rows before it.

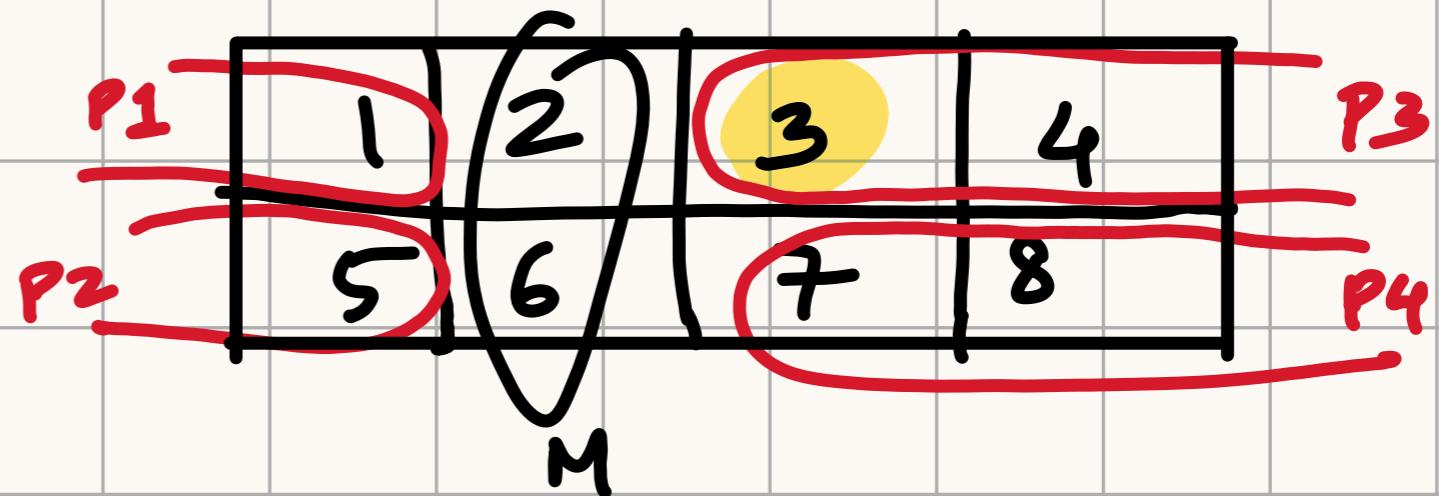
In the end 2 rows are remaining      target = 3

1	(2)	3	4
5	6	7	8

M

① check whether mid column you are at contains the answer [2, 6]

② Consider 4 parts



Time complexity

$$\underline{\underline{O(\log(n) + \log(m))}}$$

\* Code for above problem:

```
public class SortedMatrix {  
    public static void main (String [] args) {
```

```
        int [][] arr = {{1, 2, 3},  
                        {4, 5, 6},  
                        {7, 8, 9}};
```

```
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString (search (arr, 6))),
```

```
}
```

```
    static int [] search (int [][] matrix, int target) {
```

```
        int row = matrix.length;
```

```
        int col = matrix[0].length, // be cautious, matrix  
            may be empty.
```

```
        if (rows == 1) {
```

```
            return binarySearch (matrix, 0, 0, cols - 1, target),
```

```
}
```

```
int rStart = 0;
```

```
int rEnd = rows - 1,
```

```
int cMid = cols / 2,
```

// run loop till 2 rows are remaining

```
while (rStart < (rEnd - 1)) { // while this is true
```

it will have more than two rows int mid = rStart + (rEnd - rStart) / 2

```
if (matrix[mid][cMid] == target) {
```

```
    return new int[] {mid, cMid},
```

```
}
```

```
if (matrix[mid][cMid] < target) {
```

```
    rStart = mid;
```

```
} else {
```

```
    rEnd = mid;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

// now we have 2 rows

// check whether the target is in column of 2 rows.

```
if (matrix[rStart][cMid] == target) {
```

```
    return new int[] {rStart + 1, cMid},
```

```
}
```

// otherwise search in 1st half

```
if (target <= matrix[rStart][cMid - 1]) {
```

```
    return binarySearch(matrix, rStart, 0, cMid - 1, target),
```

```
}
```

```
if (target >= matrix[rStart][cMid + 1] && target <= matrix[rStart][cols - 1]) {
```

return binarySearch(matrix, rStart, cMid + 1, cols - 1, target);

```
{  
    if (target <= matrix[rStart + 1][cMid - 1]) {  
        return binarySearch(matrix, start + 1, cMid + 1, cols - 1, target);  
    }  
    else {  
        return binarySearch(matrix, rStart + 1, cMid + 1, cols - 1, target);  
    }  
}
```

Static int [] binarySearch (int [] matrix, int row, int cStart, int cEnd,  
 target) {

```
    while (cStart <= cEnd) {  
        int mid = cStart + (cEnd - cStart) / 2;  
        if (matrix[row][mid] == target) {  
            return new int [] {row, mid};  
        }  
        if (matrix[row][mid] < target) {  
            cStart = mid + 1;  
        } else {  
            cEnd = mid - 1;  
        }  
    }  
    return new int [] {-1, -1};  
}
```