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Write an efficient recursive function that returns the position of x in the subvector v[*left* .. right]. The function must return -1 if x does not belong to v[*left* .. right] or if *left* > right .

Precondition

The vector v is sorted in strictly increasing order. Moreover, we have $0 \le left \le size$ of v and $-1 \le right < size$ of v.

Interface

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C++ int position (double x, const vector<double>& v, int left, int right );
C int position (double x, double v[], int left, int right );
Java public static int position (double x, double[] v, int left, int right );
Python position (x, y, left, right) # returns int
MyPy position (x: float, y: list [float], left: int, right: int) \rightarrow int
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Observation

You only need to submit the required procedure; your main program will be ignored.

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