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## 1. Fast computation

I've found this solution here  
<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/10195252/calculate-x-y-in-olog-n>  
but after thoroughly studying it, I think I now understand how it works and could not think of a better solution myself.

```
public static int computeAtoPowN(int a, int n) {  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    int results = computeAtoPowN(a, n / 2);  
    if (n % 2 != 0) {  
        return a * results * results;  
    } else {  
        return results * results;  
    }  
}
```

I believe the reason why this solution works is due to the realisation that a exponentiation operation can be broken down in the following. For an odd exponent  $n$ :

$$a^n = a(a^2)^{(n-1)/2}$$

(Let the  $a(a^2)$  part of the equation, be called operation A.)

and for an even exponent  $n$ :

$$a^n = (a^2)^{n/2}$$

(Let the  $(a^2)$  part of the equation be called operation B.)

This is what's happening in this algorithm.

- The base case is  $n==0$ , returning 1 to the last caller, always resulting in producing a value == to the base, for the second return.
- if/when the caller's  $n$  is odd, operation A is carried out (the IF).
- if/when the caller's  $n$  is even, operation B is carried out (the second condition - Else).
- and it happens  $n/2$  [for even numbers] because,  $n$  is fed to itself  $n/2$  every time
- it happens  $(n-1)/2$  [for odd numbers] because  $n$  is an int and so the fraction is discarded everytime the 'division operations' is being performed when the function calls itself.
- yet, whilst in the case where if one before the last call to itself,  $n$  was even, coming back from the base case, the sequence of operations will be odd, even (first condition [if], second condition [else] - eg 1,2 where  $n$  begins with 2); for a case where one before the last call to itself,  $n$  was odd, coming back from the base case, the sequence of operations will always be odd, odd one after the other (first condition [if] twice, - eg 1,3 where  $n$  begins with 3), making up that additional multiplication operation (by the base - non-square)

it needs due to its odd, odd integer.

## 2. Missing Number problem with a Sorted array

```
public static int missingNumberlogn() {
    int A[] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10}; //eg

    int start = 0;
    int end = A.length - 1;
    int middle;
    while (end - start > 1) {
        middle = (start + end) / 2;
        if (A[middle] == (middle + 1))
            start = middle + 1;
        else
            end = middle - 1;
    }
    if (start != end && A[end] - A[start] > 1) { // array is size 2
        and difference >1
        return (A[start] + 1);
    }

    else if (start != 0) { //array is of size 1 but not the first
        element
        if (A[end] - A[end - 1] > 1) // no worries of subtracting
        previous element
        return A[end] - 1;
        else
        return A[end] + 1; //number missing is at the end boundary
        of sequence. program will reach this if array starts at 1
    }

    else if (A[start + 1] - A[start] > 1) //array is of size 1 and
    is the first element of array and difference to second element >1
    return A[start] + 1;
    else
    return A[start] - 1; //number missing is at the beginning
    boundary of sequence. program will reach this if array starts at any
    number after but not including 1
}
```

## 3. Subarray problem

### 3.1 Iterative algorithm

```

int[] A = {1,2,3,4}; //eg
int[] B = {1,2,5};    //eg
int count=0;

for (int i=0; i<B.length; i++){
    for (int j=0; j<A.length; j++)
    {
        if (B[i]==A[j])
        {count++;
        break; }
    }

}

if (count==B.length)

System.out.println("B is sub array of A");

else
    System.out.println("B is not a sub array of A");

}

```

I believe this solution works because if not all values are found also in A, then the variable count will not be the same at B.length.

I believe this is a  $O(n^2)$  runtime because it's a loop within a loop.

### 3.2 Recursive algorithm

To query if B is subarray of A, call the following method with method call `recursiveSol(0, A.length - 1, A, B)`; (The first param refers to first element in B, the second, to the last element in A.)

```

public static int recursiveSol(int j, int i, int[] A, int[] B) {
    int found = 0;
    if (B.length > A.length) {
        System.out.println("Array B is not sub of Array A");
        return B.length - 1;
    }
    if (i == -1) { // base case - Array A's finished traversing back to
front
        return 0;
    }

```

```

        found += recursiveSol(j, i - 1, A, B); // increase indexes in A -
equivalent of inner loop - pass 1 (if matching
// value found in A) or 0
(if matching value not found in A)through the

```

```

// recursive calls back to
the first caller.

    if (B[j] != A[i])
        found = found + 0;

    else

        found = found + 1;

    j++;

    if (i == A.length - 1 && j < B.length)// increase index in B -
equivalent of outer loop
        found += recursiveSol(j, i, A, B); // sum up the 1s gained (or
not) for each element in B - from each "whole loop
// cycle" through A.

    if (j == 1 && i == A.length - 1) { // it has finished reversing
from all the recursion calls
        if (found == B.length)

            System.out.println("B is a subarray of A");
        else
            System.out.println("B is not subarray of A");
    }

    return found; // added advantage: if one wants evaluation above to
be done by outside caller -
// that's possible.

}

```

3.3 Array Sorted (SortedAnd0ofN() uses helper method  
compareArrays( int[] A, int j, int[] B, int i))

```

    public static void SortedAnd0ofN(){

        int[] A = {1,2,3,4}; //eg used
        int[] B = {5,1,2,3}; //eg used
        if (B.length > A.length) // we can do this as we know values aren't
repeated
        { System.out.println("Array B not subof array A");
        return; }
        int i=0; //index counter for B
        int j=0; //index counter for A
        int flag=0;
        while (i < B.length)
        {
            if (flag==1 || j==A.length) //if value of corresponding index
in A is more than value of corresponding index in B, or if all indexes
in A have been visited - terminate the loop
            {
                break; }

```

```

        flag=compareArrays(A, j, B, i); //send array ref and index no
to compareArrays func
        System.out.println(flag);
        if (flag==-1)//if value of corresponding index in A is less
than value of corresponding index in B,
            i--;//pass again the current index no of Array B.
            i++;
            j++;//whilst increasing the index of A, regardless.

    }

    if (flag==0)
        System.out.println("Array B is subbary of A");
    else
        System.out.println("Array B is not subbary of A");
}

public static int compareArrays( int[] A, int j, int[] B, int i){
    if (A[j]>B[i])
        return 1;//because Arrays are sorted, we know the chance for the
value to be found in A is gone.
    if (A[j]==B[i])
        return 0;
    else return -1; //we may still find the value further in A.
}

```