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Suppose an array of length  $n$  sorted in ascending order is **rotated** between  $1$  and  $n$  times. For example, the array `nums = [0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` might become:

- `[4,5,6,7,0,1,2]` if it was rotated  $4$  times.
- `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` if it was rotated  $7$  times.

Notice that **rotating** an array `[a[0], a[1], a[2], ..., a[n-1]]` 1 time results in the array `[a[n-1], a[0], a[1], a[2], ..., a[n-2]]`.

Given the sorted rotated array `nums` of **unique** elements, return the **minimum element of this array**.

You must write an algorithm that runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.

#### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [3,4,5,1,2]`

**Output:** `1`

**Explanation:** The original array was `[1,2,3,4,5]` rotated  $3$  times.

#### Example 2:

**Input:** `nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`

**Output:** `0`

**Explanation:** The original array was `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` and it was rotated  $4$  times.

#### Example 3:

**Input:** `nums = [11,13,15,17]`

**Output:** `11`

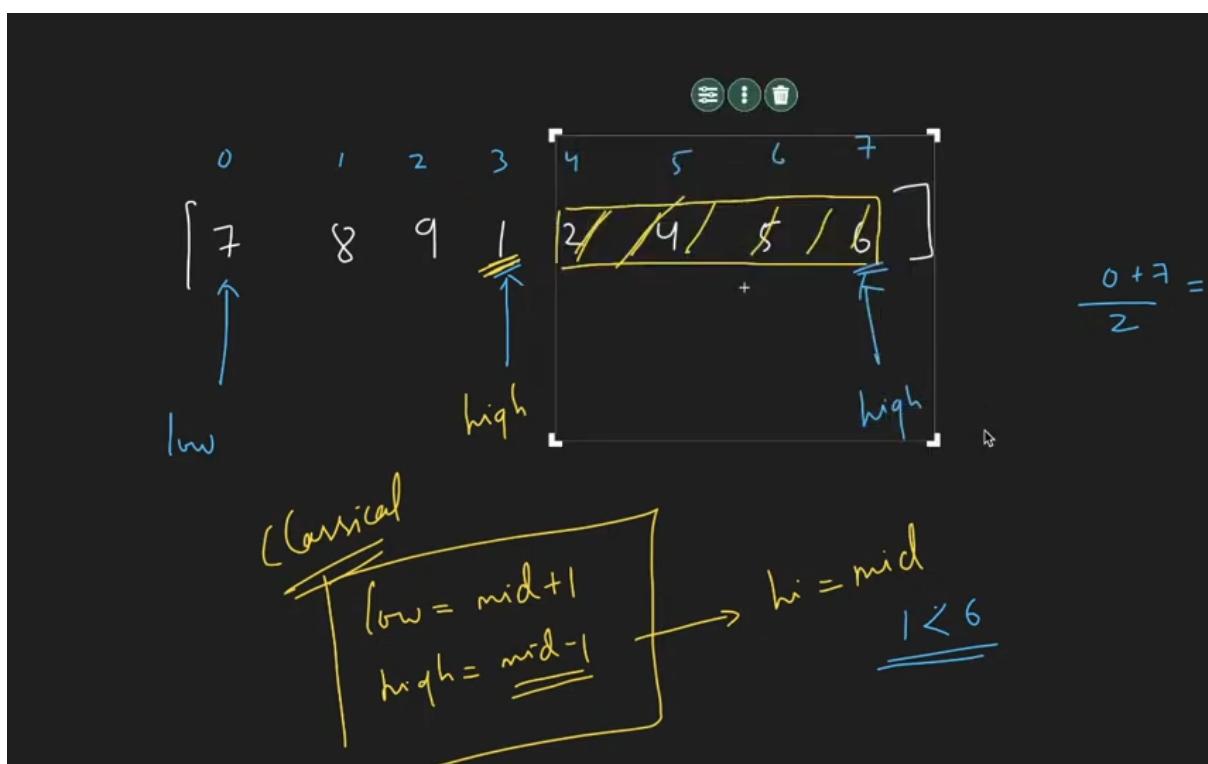
**Explanation:** The original array was `[11,13,15,17]` and it was rotated  $4$  times.

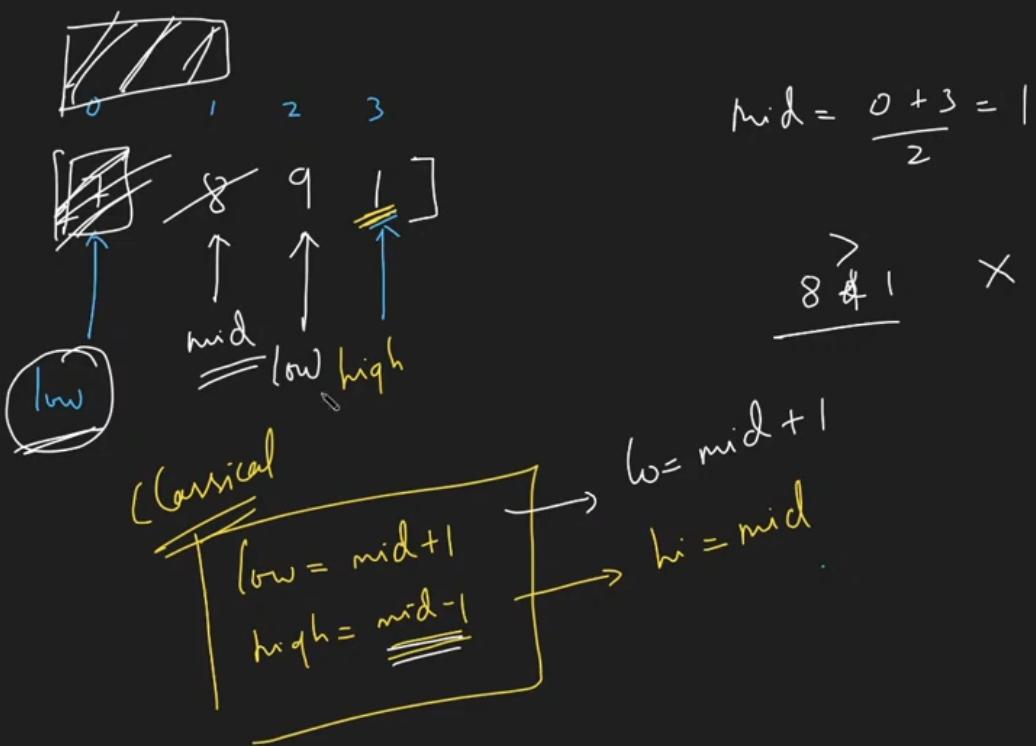
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3 *     i
4 *     nums)
5 *     nums.!
6 *     lo)/2;
7 *     nums[}
8 *
9 *
10 *
11 *
12 *
13 *
14 *
15 * };
```

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↓

2 3

$q > 1$



low high

(Current)

$low = mid + 1$   
 $high = \underline{\underline{mid - 1}}$

$low = mid + 1$

$high = mid$

$(\text{low} == \text{hi})$

$\cancel{\text{arr}}[\text{low}]$

$\cancel{q} > 1$

3

[1]

high      low

yes

(Canonical)

$\text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$

$\text{high} = \cancel{\text{mid}} - 1$

$\text{lo} = \underline{\text{mid}} + 1$

$\text{hi} = \underline{\text{mid}}$



```
5 int findMin(int arr[], int n) {
6     int low = 0, high = n - 1;
7     while (low < high) {
8         int mid = (low + high) / 2;
9         if (arr[mid] < arr[high]) {
10             high = mid;
11         }
12         else {
13             low = mid + 1;
14         }
15     }
16     return arr[low];
17 }
18 signed main() {
19 #ifndef ONLINE_JUDGE
20     freopen("input.txt", "r", stdin);
21     freopen("output.txt", "w", stdout);
22 #endif
23     int n;
24     cin >> n;
25     int arr[n];
26     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
27         cin >> arr[i];
28     }
29     cout << findMin(arr, n) << endl;
30 }
```

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## 154. Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array II

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Suppose an array of length  $n$  sorted in ascending order is **rotated** between  $1$  and  $n$  times. For example, the array `nums = [0,1,4,4,5,6,7]` might become:

- `[4,5,6,7,0,1,4]` if it was rotated  $4$  times.
- `[0,1,4,4,5,6,7]` if it was rotated  $7$  times.

Notice that **rotating** an array `[a[0], a[1], a[2], ..., a[n-1]]`  $1$  time results in the array `[a[n-1], a[0], a[1], a[2], ..., a[n-2]]`.

Given the sorted rotated array `nums` that may contain **duplicates**, return *the minimum element of this array*.

You must decrease the overall operation steps as much as possible.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [1,3,5]`

**Output:** `1`

### Example 2:

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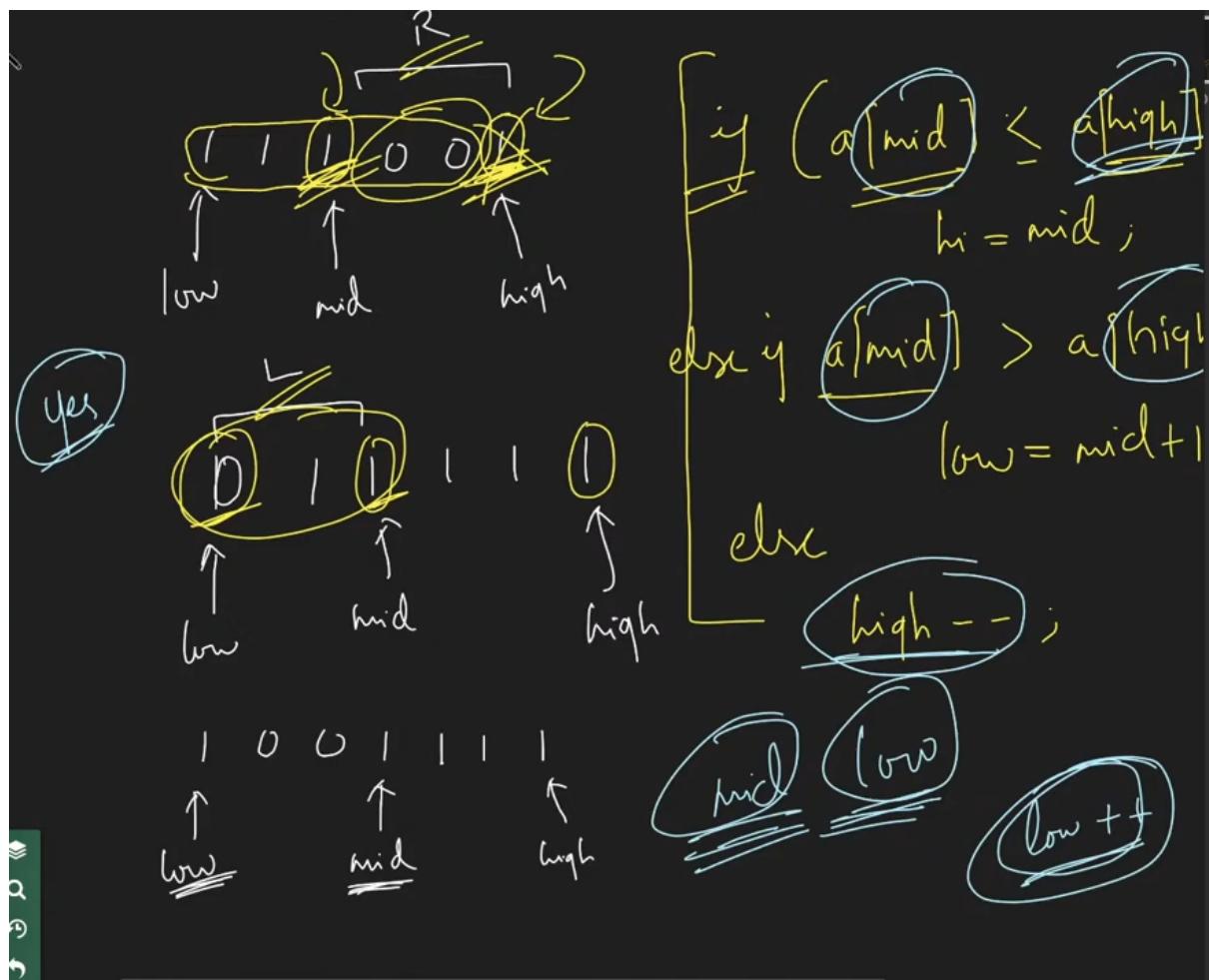
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low    mid    high

1 0 0 1 1 1 1

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low    mid    high



ans]  $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Worst case} \rightarrow O(N) \\ \text{Avg case} \rightarrow O(\log N) \end{array} \right.$ 
 (hi--)

```

8 // o(n) for the worst case ...
9 int findMin2(int arr[], int n) {
10     int low = 0, high = n - 1;
11     while (low < high) {
12         int mid = (low + high) / 2;
13         if (arr[mid] < arr[high]) {
14             high = mid;
15         }
16         else if (arr[mid] > arr[high]) {
17             low = mid + 1;
18         }
19         else {
20             high--;
21         }
22     }
23     return arr[high];
24 }

```

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### 33. Search in Rotated Sorted Array

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There is an integer array `nums` sorted in ascending order (with **distinct** values).

Prior to being passed to your function, `nums` is **rotated** at an unknown pivot index `k` ( $0 \leq k < \text{nums.length}$ ) such that the resulting array is `[nums[k], nums[k+1], ..., nums[n-1], nums[0], nums[1], ..., nums[k-1]]` (**0-indexed**). For example, `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` might be rotated at pivot index `3` and become `[4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`.

Given the array `nums` after the rotation and an integer `target`, return *the index of target if it is in* `nums`, or `-1` *if it is not in* `nums`.

You must write an algorithm with  $O(\log n)$  runtime complexity.

#### Example 1:

```

Input: nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2], target = 0
Output: 4

```

#### Example 2:

```

Input: nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2], target = 3
Output: -1

```

```

1 class Solution {
2 public:
3     int search(vector<int>& nums, int target) {
4         int i = 0;
5         int j = nums.size() - 1;
6         while (i <= j) {
7             int m = (i + j) / 2;
8             if (nums[m] == target) {
9                 return m;
10            }
11            if (nums[m] < target) {
12                i = m + 1;
13            }
14            else {
15                j = m - 1;
16            }
17        }
18        return -1;
19    }
20 };

```

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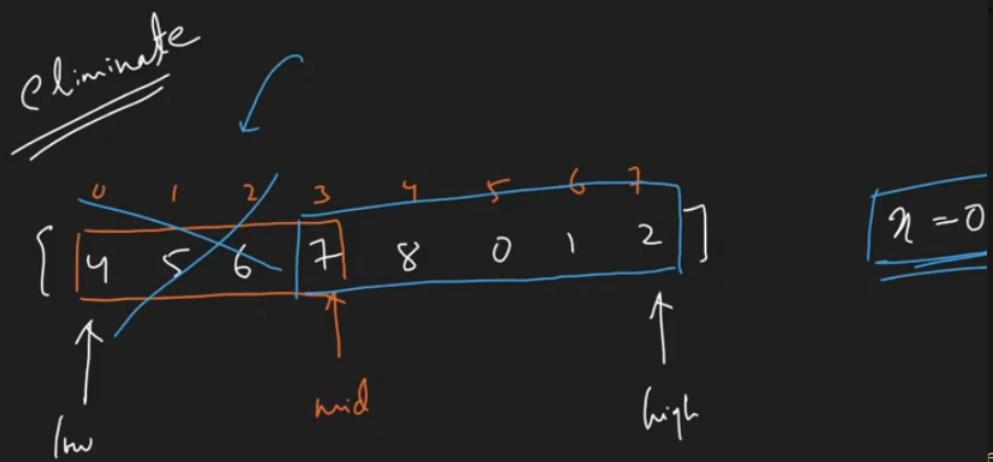
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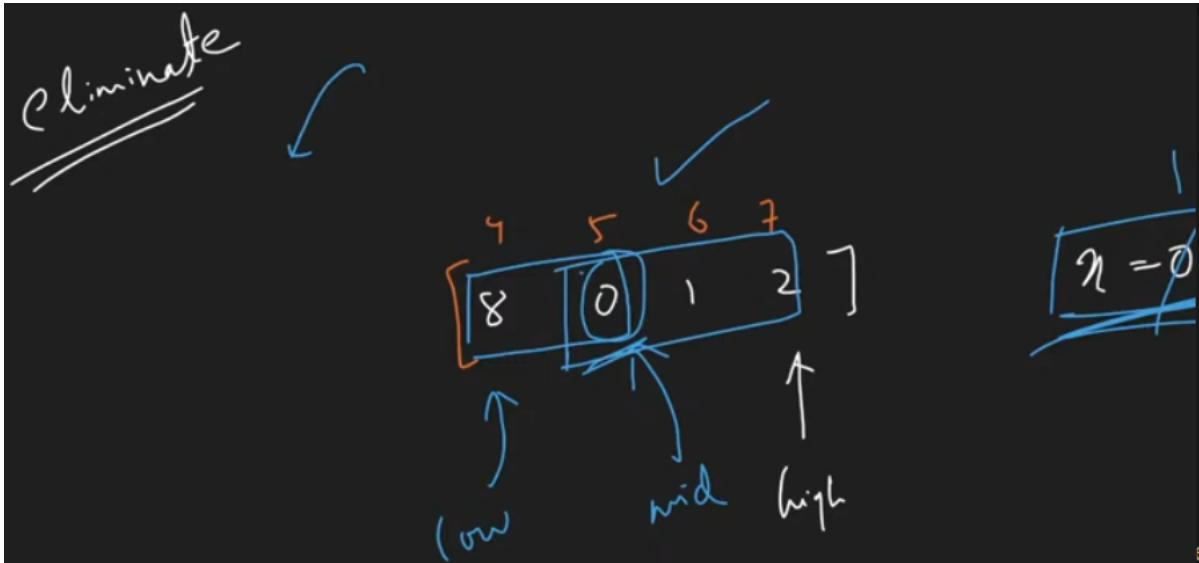
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Condition:  $4 \leq 0 \leq 7$

low  $\leftarrow n$   $\leftarrow \frac{\text{mid}}{\rightarrow}$



$0 \leq 1 \leq 2$

```
int findEl3(int arr[], int n, int x) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1;
    while (low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;

        if (arr[mid] == x) return mid;

        // if the left part is sorted
        if (arr[low] <= arr[mid]) {
            // either it lies on the left part or not
            if (x >= arr[low] && x <= arr[mid]) {
                high = mid - 1;
            }
            else {
                low = mid + 1;
            }
        }
        // or the right part is sorted
        else {
            // either it lies on the right part or not
            if (x >= arr[mid] && x <= arr[high]) {
                low = mid + 1;
            }
            else {
                high = mid - 1;
            }
        }
    }
    return -1;
}
```

## 162. Find Peak Element

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A peak element is an element that is strictly greater than its neighbors.

Given an integer array `nums`, find a peak element, and **return its index**. If the array contains multiple peaks, return the index to **any of the peaks**.

You may imagine that `nums[-1] = nums[n] = -∞`.

You must write an algorithm that runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [1,2,3,1]`

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** 3 is a peak element and your function should return the index number 2.

### Example 2:

**Input:** `nums = [1,2,1,3,5,6,4]`

**Output:** 5

i  
1 ▾  
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You may imagine that `nums[-1] = nums[n] = -∞`.

You must write an algorithm that runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.



**Example 1:**

**Input:** `nums = [1, 2, 3, 1]`  
**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** 3 is a peak element and your function should return the index number 2.

**Example 2:**

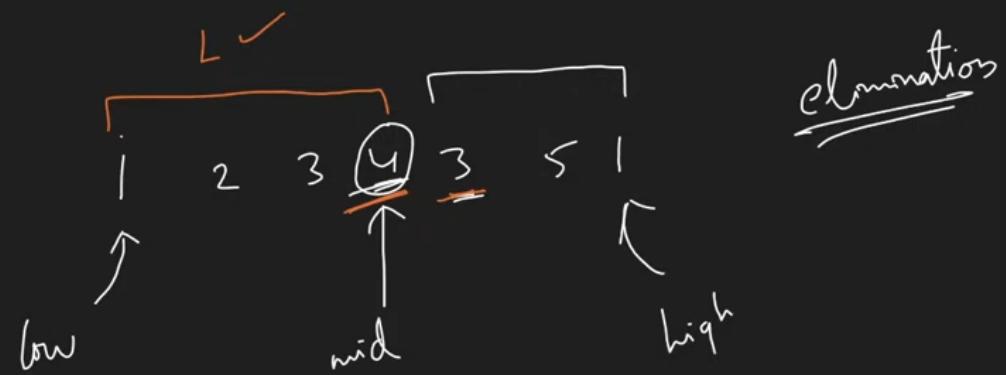
**Input:** `nums = [1, 2, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4]`  
**Output:** 5

**Explanation:** Your function can return either index number 1 where the peak element is 2, or index number 5 where the peak element is 6.

```

1 class Solution {
2     public:
3         int findPeakElement(vector<int> &nums) {
4             int n = nums.size();
5             while (low < high) {
6                 int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
7                 if (nums[mid] < nums[mid + 1])
8                     low = mid + 1;
9                 else
10                    high = mid;
11            }
12            return low;
13        }
14    };
15 }
```

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$$\boxed{4 > 3}$$

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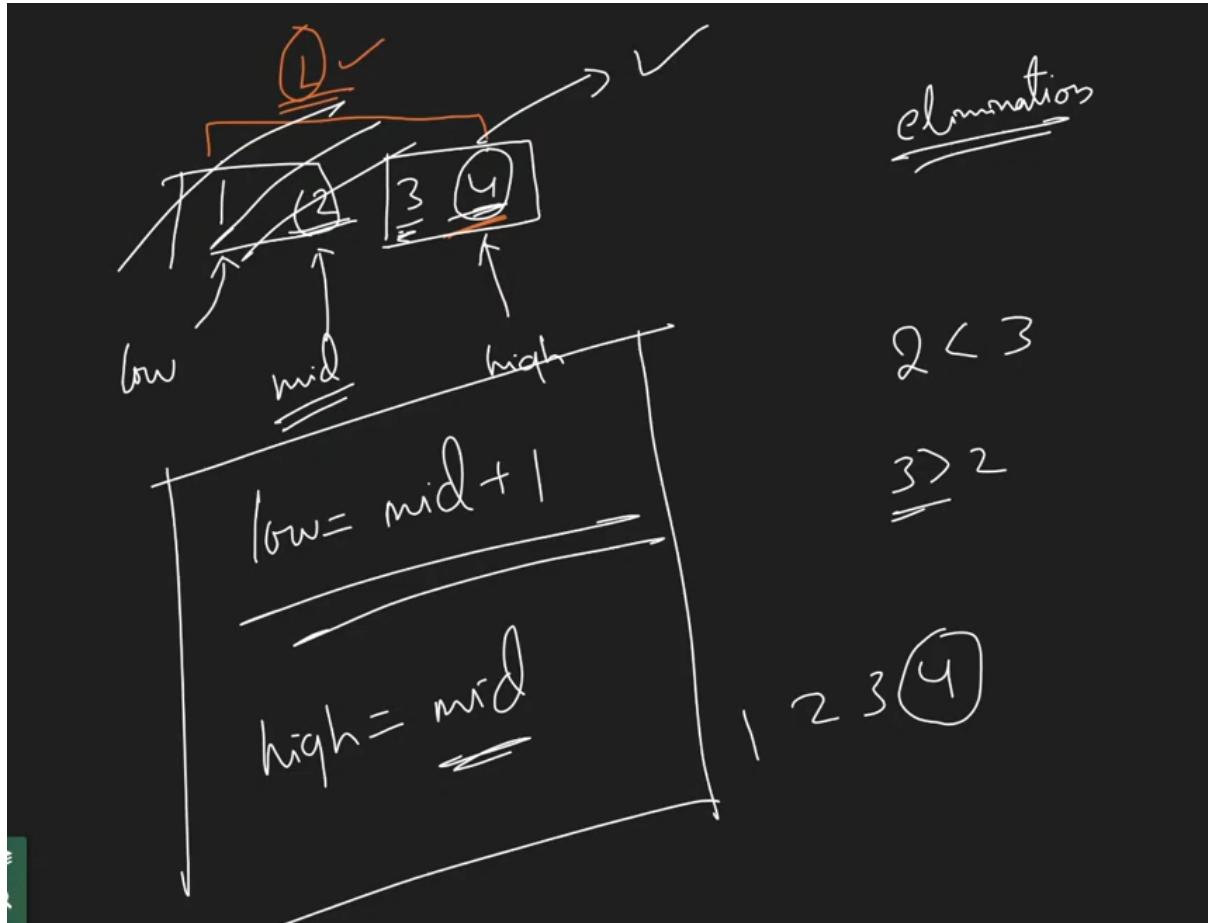
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1st case

1 2 3 (4)

$$4 > 3$$

2nd call



```

int findPeak(int arr[], int n) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1;
    while (low < high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] > arr[mid + 1]) {
            high = mid;
        }
        else {
            low = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    return arr[low];
}

```

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### 209. Minimum Size Subarray Sum

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Given an array of positive integers `nums` and a positive integer `target`, return the minimal length of a contiguous subarray  $\{nums_i, nums_{i+1}, \dots, nums_{j-1}, nums_j\}$  of which the sum is greater than or equal to `target`. If there is no such subarray, return 0 instead.

**Example 1:**

```
Input: target = 7, nums = [2,3,1,2,4,3]
Output: 2
Explanation: The subarray [4,3] has the minimal length under the problem constraint.
```

**Example 2:**

```
Input: target = 4, nums = [1,4,4]
Output: 1
```

**Example 3:**

```
Input: target = 11, nums = [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1]
Output: 0
```

**Constraints:**

- $1 \leq target \leq 10^9$
- $1 \leq nums.length \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq nums[i] \leq 10^5$

**Follow up:** If you have figured out the  $O(n)$  solution, try coding another solution of which the time complexity is  $O(n \log(n))$ .

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Binary Search on Subarrays

Sum of subarray  $\rightarrow +$

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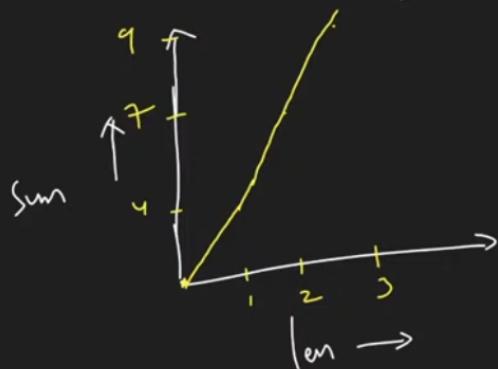
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Min Length

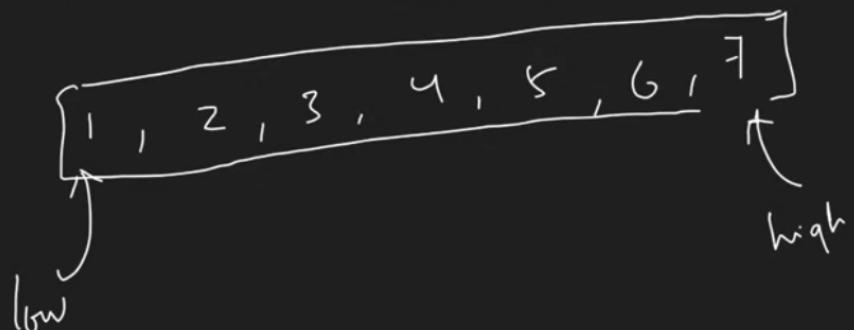
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Max Length

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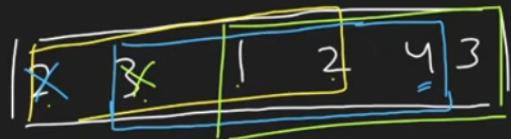


$n=6$      $\{2 \ 3 \ 1 \ 2 \boxed{4} \ 3\}$ , target = 7



max subarray sum of size 1C

~~Man~~ Subarray sum of arr



$$k = 4$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum} &= 8 + 4 - 2 \\ &= 10 + 3 - 3 \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\cancel{\text{len} = 4}$$

$$\cancel{\text{Sum} = 10}$$

$$\cancel{\text{target} = 7}$$



## Binary Search on answers

Sum of subarray  $\geq \underline{7}$

```
// check if there exists a subarray of size k
// which has a sum >= target
bool blackBox(int arr[], int n, int target, int k) {
    // first find the first K size subarray sum;
    int sum = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < k; i++) sum += arr[i];
    int maxi = sum;
    int l = 0, r = k - 1;
    // move the slider |
    while( r != n-1 ) {
        sum -= arr[l];
        l++;

        sum += arr[r];           |
        r++;

        maxi = max(maxi, sum);
    }
    return maxi >= target;
}
```

```
// find the min lenght of subarray such that sum >= target
int findMinLength(int arr[], int n, int target) {
    int low = 1, high = n;
    bool ansPossible = false;
    while(low < high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if(blackBox(arr, n, target, mid) == true) {
            ansPossible = true
            hi = mid;
        }
        else {
            low = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    if(ansPossible == true) return low;
    return 0;
}
```

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## 1283. Find the Smallest Divisor Given a Threshold

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Given an array of integers `nums` and an integer `threshold`, we will choose a positive integer `divisor`, divide all the array by it, and sum the division's result. Find the **smallest** divisor such that the result mentioned above is less than or equal to `threshold`.

Each result of the division is rounded to the nearest integer greater than or equal to that element. (For example:  $7/3 = 3$  and  $10/2 = 5$ ).

It is guaranteed that there will be an answer.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [1,2,5,9]`, `threshold = 6`

**Output:** 5

**Explanation:** We can get a sum to 17 ( $1+2+5+9$ ) if the divisor is 1.

(Binary Search on Answer)

division  $\rightarrow ??$



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man (A[i]) ]

divisor  
min sum = n

divisor  
man sum = { a[i] }

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{2}{9} & \frac{5}{9} & \frac{9}{9} \\ \Downarrow & \Downarrow & \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\ 0 & 0 & 0+0 & = 0 = n \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{10} & \frac{2}{10} & \frac{5}{10} & \frac{9}{10} \\ \equiv & \equiv & \equiv & \equiv \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ = 4 \end{array}$$

(Binary Search on Answer)

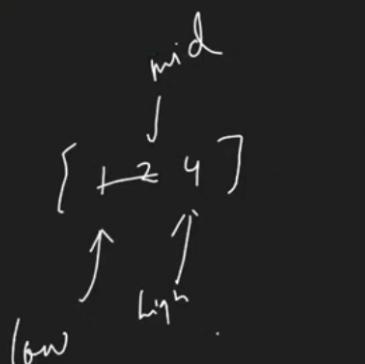
$$\{1 \ 2 \ 5 \ 9\} \quad \boxed{\text{Ans} = 6}$$



$$1 + 1 + 1 + 2$$

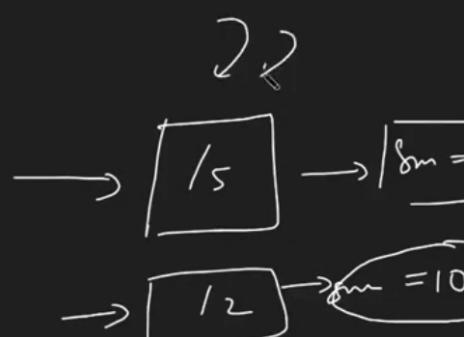
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ans = 5



$$1 + 1 + 3 + 5$$

$$\{1 \ 2 \ 5 \ 9\} \quad \boxed{\text{Ans} = 6}$$



$$1 + 1 + 1 + 2$$

```
int findSumAfterDiv(int arr[], int n, int div) {
    int sum = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        sum += (arr[i]/div);
        // for ceiling add one more
        // 5 / 2 , we will add 2 on line 270, but we
        // need to add 3,. hence add 1 more
        if(arr[i] % div != 0) {
            sum += 1;
        }
    }
    return sum;
}

int findMinDivisor(int arr[], int n, int thres) {
    int low = 1, high = *max_element(arr, arr+n);
    int ans = high;
    while(low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        // mid is giving <= thres
        // but am looking for even smaller, hence do
        // a search on the left
        if(findSumAfterDiv(arr, n, mid) <= thres) {
            ans = mid;
            high = mid - 1;
        }
        else {
            low = mid + 1;
        }
    }
    return ans;
}
```

## 410. Split Array Largest Sum

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Given an array `nums` which consists of non-negative integers and an integer `m`, you can split the array into `m` non-empty continuous subarrays.

Write an algorithm to minimize the largest sum among these `m` subarrays.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [7,2,5,10,8]`, `m = 2`

**Output:** 18

**Explanation:**

There are four ways to split `nums` into two subarrays.

The best way is to split it into `[7,2,5]` and `[10,8]`, where the largest sum among the two subarrays is only 18.

### Example 2:

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You have one chocolate bar that consists of some chunks. Each chunk has its own sweetness given by the array `sweetness`.

You want to share the chocolate with your `k` friends so you start cutting the chocolate bar into `k + 1` pieces using `k` cuts, each piece consists of some **consecutive** chunks.

Being generous, you will eat the piece with the **minimum total sweetness** and give the other pieces to your friends.

Find the **maximum total sweetness** of the piece you can get by cutting the chocolate bar optimally.

#### Example 1:

**Input:** `sweetness = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9], k = 5`

**Output:** 6

**Explanation:** You can divide the chocolate to `[1,2,3]`, `[4,5]`, `[6]`, `[7]`, `[8]`, `[9]`

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

$k=5$   
 $\Downarrow$   
6 sub arrays

ans  $\rightarrow [1, \text{sum}]$

$\text{man}(arr)$

①  
[1 2 3 4 5 6 7] [8 9]

sub arrays = 6

$\text{sum} >= \textcircled{23}$

$2+6+10+15$   
 $2+28$

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[ 1                  23                  45 ]  
                            ↑

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$       sub arrays = 6  
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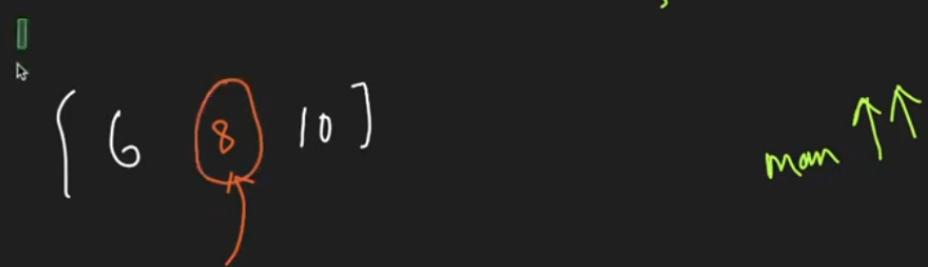
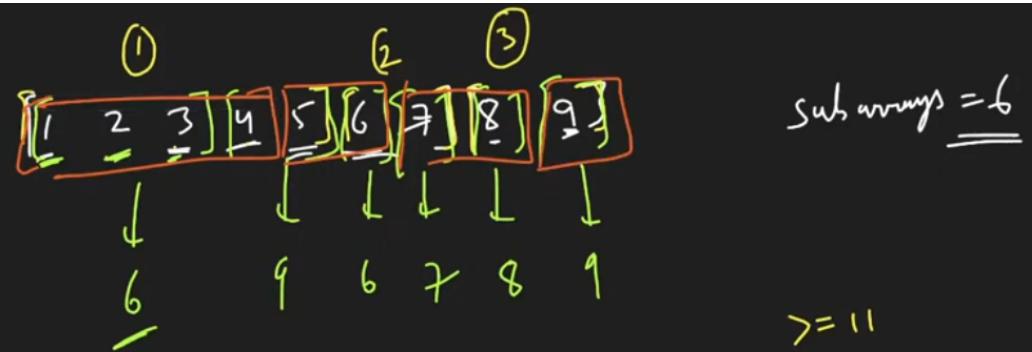
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$>= 11$

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```
bool canGetMoreThanKSubarrays(int arr[], int n, int limit, int k) {
    int cnt = 0;
    int sum = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        sum += arr[i];

        if(sum >= limit) {
            cnt++;
            sum = 0;
        }
    }

    return cnt >= k;
}

int findMaxChocolates(int arr[], int n, int k) {
    int low = 1, high = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        high += arr[i];
    }
    int ans = 1;

    while(low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if(canGetMoreThanKSubarrays(arr, n, mid, k) == true) {
            ans = mid;
            low = mid + 1;
        }
        else {
            high = mid - 1;
        }
    }
    return ans;
}
```

Farmer John has built a new long barn, with  $N$  ( $2 \leq N \leq 100,000$ ) stalls. The stalls are located along a straight line at positions  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  ( $0 \leq x_i \leq 1,000,000,000$ ).

His  $C$  ( $2 \leq C \leq N$ ) cows don't like this barn layout and become aggressive towards each other once put into a stall. To prevent the cows from hurting each other, FJ wants to assign the cows to the stalls, such that the minimum distance between any two of them is as large as possible. What is the largest minimum distance?

### Input

$t$  – the number of test cases, then  $t$  test cases follows.

\* Line 1: Two space-separated integers:  $N$  and  $C$

\* Lines 2.. $N+1$ : Line  $i+1$  contains an integer stall location,  $x_i$

### Output

For each test case output one integer: the largest minimum distance.

### Example

**Input:**

```
1
5 3
1
2
8
4
9
```

**Output:**

```
3
```