

# CSE 4404 Lab Solutions



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solve all the tasks

Here are the complete solutions for all three tasks from CSE 4404 Lab 03: Divide & Conquer:

## Task 01: First and Last Occurrence Using Divide and Conquer (Binary Search)

cpp

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int firstOccurrence(int a[], int n, int q) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1, result = -1;
    while (low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (a[mid] == q) {
            result = mid;
            high = mid - 1; // Search on the left side
        } else if (a[mid] < q) {
            low = mid + 1;
        } else {
            high = mid - 1;
        }
    }
    return result;
}

int lastOccurrence(int a[], int n, int q) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1, result = -1;
    while (low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (a[mid] == q) {
            result = mid;
        }
    }
}
```

```

        low = mid + 1; // Search on the right side
    } else if (a[mid] < q) {
        low = mid + 1;
    } else {
        high = mid - 1;
    }
}
return result;
}

```

## Task 02: 2D Peak Finding (Binary Search by Column)

cpp

```

#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

pair<int, int> findPeak2D(vector<vector<int>> &a) {
    int n = a.size();
    int m = a[0].size();

    int left = 0, right = m - 1;

    while (left <= right) {
        int midCol = (left + right) / 2;
        int maxRow = 0;

        // Find global maximum in the middle column
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            if (a[i][midCol] > a[maxRow][midCol]) {
                maxRow = i;
            }
        }

        int leftVal = (midCol - 1 >= 0) ? a[maxRow][midCol - 1] : -1e9;
        int rightVal = (midCol + 1 < m) ? a[maxRow][midCol + 1] : -1e9;

        if (a[maxRow][midCol] >= leftVal && a[maxRow][midCol] >= rightVal) {

```

```

        return {maxRow, midCol}; // Peak found
    } else if (leftVal > a[maxRow][midCol]) {
        right = midCol - 1;
    } else {
        left = midCol + 1;
    }
}
return {-1, -1}; // Should never reach here
}

```

## Task 03: Majority Element Using Divide and Conquer

cpp

```

#include <iostream>
#include <map>
using namespace std;

int countInRange(int a[], int left, int right, int val) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = left; i <= right; i++) {
        if (a[i] == val) count++;
    }
    return count;
}

int majorityElement(int a[], int left, int right) {
    if (left == right) return a[left];

    int mid = (left + right) / 2;
    int leftMajor = majorityElement(a, left, mid);
    int rightMajor = majorityElement(a, mid + 1, right);

    if (leftMajor == rightMajor) return leftMajor;

    int leftCount = countInRange(a, left, right, leftMajor);
    int rightCount = countInRange(a, left, right, rightMajor);

    int majorityThreshold = (right - left + 1) / 2;
}

```

```
if (leftCount > majorityThreshold) return leftMajor;
if (rightCount > majorityThreshold) return rightMajor;

return -1; // No majority
}
```

### Wrapper for Output in Task 3:

```
cpp

int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    int a[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) cin >> a[i];

    int res = majorityElement(a, 0, n - 1);
    if (res == -1) cout << "NO MAJORITY" << endl;
    else cout << res << endl;
}
```

Let me know if you'd like these combined in a single file or tested with sample inputs.

explain task 1 in details and easy to understand way by going through an example test case

Sure! Let's go step-by-step through **Task 1: Finding First and Last Occurrence of an Element in a Sorted Array** using a **Divide and Conquer** approach (specifically, **Binary Search**).

## Problem Summary

You are given:

- A sorted array `a[]` in ascending order.
- An integer `q`.

Your job is to find:

- The **first** and **last** index (0-based) where `q` appears.

If `q` doesn't exist in the array, return `-1 -1`.

## Sample Input

ini

`n = 10`

`a = [1, 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10]`

`q = 4`

## Expected Output

`2 4`

Because:

- First occurrence of 4 is at **index 2**
- Last occurrence of 4 is at **index 4**

## Strategy: Binary Search

We'll use **two modified binary searches**:

1. One to find the **first occurrence**
2. One to find the **last occurrence**

Each search will take  $O(\log n)$  time.

## Step-by-Step Explanation

- ♦ `firstOccurrence(a, n, q) :`

Binary search for the first `q`, but **keep going left** when you find `q`.

Let's go through the example:

- `low = 0, high = 9`
- `Mid = (0+9)/2 = 4 → a[4] = 4 → Match!`
  - Save `result = 4`
  - Search **left** (`high = 3`)
- `New mid = (0+3)/2 = 1 → a[1] = 2 < 4 → go right (low = 2)`
- `New mid = (2+3)/2 = 2 → a[2] = 4 → Match!`
  - Save `result = 2`
  - Search **left** (`high = 1`) → end

✓ Final `result = 2`

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♦ `lastOccurrence(a, n, q)`:

Binary search for the last `q`, but **keep going right** when you find `q`.

Again, for the same example:

- `low = 0, high = 9`
- `Mid = 4 → a[4] = 4 → Match!`
  - Save `result = 4`
  - Search **right** (`low = 5`)
- `New mid = (5+9)/2 = 7 → a[7] = 7 > 4 → go left (high = 6)`
- `New mid = (5+6)/2 = 5 → a[5] = 5 > 4 → go left (high = 4) → end`

✓ Final `result = 4`

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## Code Recap

```
cpp
```

```

int firstOccurrence(int a[], int n, int q) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1, result = -1;
    while (low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (a[mid] == q) {
            result = mid;
            high = mid - 1; // keep searching left
        } else if (a[mid] < q) {
            low = mid + 1;
        } else {
            high = mid - 1;
        }
    }
    return result;
}

```

```

int lastOccurrence(int a[], int n, int q) {
    int low = 0, high = n - 1, result = -1;
    while (low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (a[mid] == q) {
            result = mid;
            low = mid + 1; // keep searching right
        } else if (a[mid] < q) {
            low = mid + 1;
        } else {
            high = mid - 1;
        }
    }
    return result;
}

```



## Final Output

For the input:

```
10
1 2 4 4 4 5 6 7 9 10
4
```

Call:

```
cpp

cout << firstOccurrence(a, n, 4) << " " << lastOccurrence(a, n, 4);
```

Output:

```
2 4
```

Would you like me to write a full `main()` to test this?

explain task 2 in details and easy to understand way by  
going through an visual 2d array example test case

Sure! Let's break down **Task 2: 2D Peak Finding using Divide and Conquer** in an **easy and visual way** with an example.

## What is a 2D Peak?

A **2D Peak** is an element in a 2D grid (matrix) that is **greater than or equal to all of its valid neighbors** (left, right, up, and down).

We'll use a **divide-and-conquer strategy** that works like **binary search**, but on columns.

## Given Test Case

Here's the matrix from your sample input:



pgsql

```
4 4      ← This means 4 rows and 4 columns
10 8 10 10
14 13 12 11
15 9 11 21
16 17 19 20
```

Let's write this more clearly:

markdown

```
Row\Col | 0  1  2  3
-----
0  | 10  8 10 10
1  | 14 13 12 11
2  | 15  9 11 21
3  | 16 17 19 20
```

We need to find **any one element** that is a **peak**.

## Algorithm: Binary Search on Columns

### ■ Step-by-step:

#### 1. Choose the middle column:

For 4 columns → middle is column 1 (0-based indexing:  $(0+3)/2 = 1$ )

#### 2. Find the global maximum in this column (1):

- `a[0][1] = 8`
- `a[1][1] = 13`
- `a[2][1] = 9`
- `a[3][1] = 17` ← **Max**

So, current candidate is  $(3, 1) = 17$

#### 3. Check neighbors of (3, 1):

- **Left** = `a[3][0] = 16` ✓ smaller

- **Right** =  $a[3][2] = 19$  ❌ larger

Since right neighbor is larger, go right → columns 2 to 3

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## 🔄 Next Iteration (columns 2 to 3)

- Now mid column =  $(2+3)/2 = 2$
- Look for max in column 2:
  - $a[0][2] = 10$
  - $a[1][2] = 12$
  - $a[2][2] = 11$
  - $a[3][2] = 19$  ← **Max**
- Candidate =  $(3, 2) = 19$
- Check neighbors:
  - **Left** = 17 ✅ smaller
  - **Right** = 20 ❌ larger

Move right again → only column 3 left

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## ■ Final Iteration (column 3)

- Mid column = 3
- Max in column 3:
  - $a[0][3] = 10$
  - $a[1][3] = 11$
  - $a[2][3] = 21$  ← **Max**
  - $a[3][3] = 20$
- Candidate =  $(2, 3) = 21$
- Neighbors:
  - **Left** = 11 ✅ smaller

- Up = 11 ✓ smaller
- Down = 20 ✓ smaller

✓ 21 is a 2D peak!



## Final Output:

2 3

(Position of 21 in the matrix)



## C++ Code Summary

cpp

```
pair<int, int> findPeak2D(vector<vector<int>> &a) {
    int n = a.size();
    int m = a[0].size();
    int left = 0, right = m - 1;

    while (left <= right) {
        int midCol = (left + right) / 2;

        // Step 1: Find max in midCol
        int maxRow = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
            if (a[i][midCol] > a[maxRow][midCol]) {
                maxRow = i;
            }
        }

        int current = a[maxRow][midCol];
        int leftVal = (midCol > 0) ? a[maxRow][midCol - 1] : -1e9;
        int rightVal = (midCol < m - 1) ? a[maxRow][midCol + 1] : -1e9;
```

```

// Step 2: Check if it's a peak
if (current >= leftVal && current >= rightVal) {
    return {maxRow, midCol};
} else if (rightVal > current) {
    left = midCol + 1;
} else {
    right = midCol - 1;
}
}
return {-1, -1}; // should not happen
}

```

## Summary:

- Divide and conquer works like **binary search on columns**.
- At each step:
  - Find max in middle column.
  - Check its neighbors.
  - Decide whether to move left or right.
- Final time complexity:  **$O(n \log m)$**

Would you like to try another example visually or test it in code?

explain task 3 in details and easy to understand way by goint through an example test case

Absolutely! Let's walk through **Task 3: Finding the Majority Element using Divide and Conquer** with a clear and detailed explanation, step-by-step.

## What's the Problem?

Given an array `a[]` of size `n`, find the **majority element**—the element that appears **more than  $n/2$  times**.

● If no such element exists, output: NO MAJORITY

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## ✓ Sample Input

ini

$n = 7$

$a = [2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2]$

Expected Output:

2

Because:

- 2 appears 5 times
  - $5 > 7/2 = 3.5 \rightarrow$  ✓ more than half
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## 🔧 Approach: Divide and Conquer

This is like a **recursive majority vote** system:

1. **Divide** the array into two halves.
  2. **Recursively find majority** element in each half.
  3. If both halves agree  $\rightarrow$  that's the majority.
  4. If they disagree  $\rightarrow$  count both in the whole segment and pick the one that appears more than  $n/2$  times.
  5. If no one does  $\rightarrow$  no majority.
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## 🔄 Step-by-Step Breakdown

Input:  $[2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2]$

## 1. Split into left and right:

ini

left = [2, 2, 1] → index 0 to 2

right = [1, 2, 2, 2] → index 3 to 6

### ▼ First Recursive Call: majorityElement(0, 2)

Split again:

- left = [2] → majority = 2
- right = [2, 1] → split again

Right side of [2, 1]:

- left = [2] → majority = 2
- right = [1] → majority = 1
- count both in [2, 1]:
  - 2 appears once
  - 1 appears once → no one is majority

So, right half returns ✗ "no majority"

Now combine:

- left majority = 2
- right = none  
→ check if 2 is majority in [2, 2, 1]:
  - 2 appears 2 times
  - Total elements = 3
  - $2 > 3/2$  → ✓ majority = 2

### ▼ Second Recursive Call: majorityElement(3, 6)

Input: [1, 2, 2, 2]

Split:

- left = [1, 2]
- right = [2, 2]

Left:

- [1] → 1
- [2] → 2 → no majority

Check count in [1, 2]:

- no one is majority → ❌

Right = [2, 2] → both are 2 → majority = 2

Now combine [1, 2, 2, 2]:

- candidate = 2
- 2 appears 3 times
- $3 > 4/2$  → ✅ majority = 2



## Final Step:

Left = 2

Right = 2

Both agree → ✅ majority = 2



Output: 2



## Code Recap

```
cpp
```

```

int countInRange(int a[], int left, int right, int val) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = left; i <= right; i++)
        if (a[i] == val) count++;
    return count;
}

int majorityElement(int a[], int left, int right) {
    if (left == right) return a[left];

    int mid = (left + right) / 2;
    int leftMajor = majorityElement(a, left, mid);
    int rightMajor = majorityElement(a, mid + 1, right);

    if (leftMajor == rightMajor) return leftMajor;

    int leftCount = countInRange(a, left, right, leftMajor);
    int rightCount = countInRange(a, left, right, rightMajor);
    int size = right - left + 1;

    if (leftCount > size / 2) return leftMajor;
    if (rightCount > size / 2) return rightMajor;

    return -1; // No majority
}

```

## Wrapper with Output:

```

cpp

int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    int a[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) cin >> a[i];

    int result = majorityElement(a, 0, n - 1);
    if (result == -1)
        cout << "NO MAJORITY" << endl;
    else

```



```
    cout << result << endl;  
}
```

## Summary

- Time complexity:  $O(n \log n)$
- Divide array like mergesort.
- Combine answers carefully.
- Check actual frequency only when needed.

Would you like to test with a "NO MAJORITY" example next?