

Sorted array

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	4	7	7	9	9	9

target = 7

Output = 2

Lower Bound / first occurrence in an array

target = 9

Output = 4

Approach

Binary Search = $O(\log n)$

time complexity

low = 0, high = 6

mid = $(0 + 6) / 2 = 3$

target = 7

space complexity

$O(1)$

while (low <= high) {

if (arr[mid] == target)

low = 0, high = 2

mid = $(0 + 2) / 2$
= 1

result = mid;

high = mid - 1;

Left side of an array

4 < 7

→ Right side

else if (arr[mid] > target)

high = mid - 1;

else

low = mid + 1;

mid = 2

low = 2,

high = 2

return result;

→ right side of an array

result = 2