

(Binary Search)

→ Binary Search is the algorithm which is applicable whenever we search in a sorted area.

Ex:- Dictionary

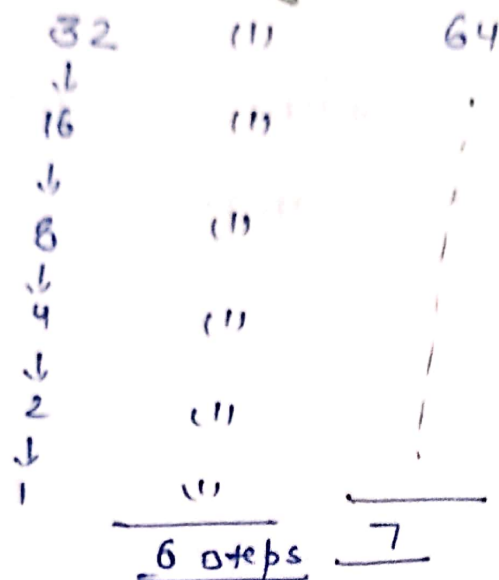
Pseudo code :-

```
f(arr, n, target)
{
    low = 0, high = n-1;
    while (low <= high)
    {
        mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if (arr[mid] == target) return mid;
        else if (target > arr[mid]) low = mid + 1;
        else high = mid - 1;
    }
    return -1; // if not found
}
```

⇒ Using Recursion :-

```
f(arr, low, high, target) {
    if (low > high)
        return -1;
    mid = (low + high) / 2;
    if (arr[mid] == target)
        return mid;
    else if (target > arr[mid])
        return f(arr, mid + 1, high, target);
    else
        return f(arr, low, mid - 1, target);
}
```

→ Time Complexity :-



$$32 = 2^5$$

$$64 = 2^6$$

$$TC :- O(\log_2 n)$$

$$\log_2 32$$

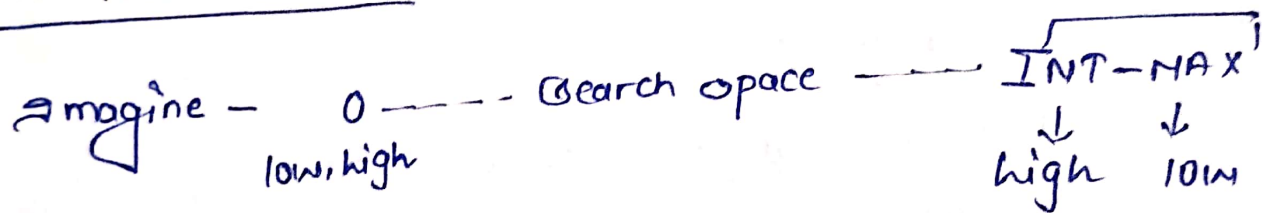
$$\log_2 2^5$$

$$5 \times \log_2 2$$

$$5 \times 1 = 5$$

Hence - $TC :- O(\log_2 n)$

→ overflow case :-



if you are at last element -

$$\text{mid} = \frac{\overset{\text{INT_MAX}}{\uparrow} \text{low} + \overset{\text{INT_MAX}}{\uparrow} \text{high}}{2} =$$

$$\frac{2 \times \text{INT_MAX}}{2} \rightarrow \text{long long}$$

or alternate solⁿ :-

$$\boxed{\text{mid} = \text{low} + \frac{\text{high} - \text{low}}{2}}$$

if Search Space $\leq \text{INT_MAX}$

Lower bound :- Smallest index Such that $arr[ind] \geq n$

$arr[] = [3, 5, 8, 15, 19]$ $n=5$
0 1 2 3 4

$n=8$	$n=9$	$n=16$	$n=20$
$lb=2$	$lb=3$	$lb=4$	$lb=5$

and \rightarrow 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 $arr[] = [1, 2, 3, 3, 5, 8, 8, 10, 10, 11]$
low ↑ mid high

ans = n

Condⁿ :- may be an answer
x be an answer

Pseudo code :-

$f(arr, target, n) \{$

low = 0, high = n-1

ans = n

while (low \leq high) {

mid = $\frac{low + high}{2}$

if ($arr[mid] \geq n$) {

ans = mid

high = mid - 1

}

else {

low = mid + 1

}

return ans



→ C++ method :-

$lb = \text{lower_bound}(\text{arr.begin}(), \text{arr.end}(), n) - \text{arr.begin}()$

→ TC :- $O(\log_2 n)$

upper Bound :- Smallest index such that $\text{arr[ind]} > n$

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	3	6	7	8	8	11	11	11	12

$n = 10$

$n = 12$

$ind = 6$

$up = 10$

Pseudo code :-

if ($\text{arr[mid]} > n$)

ans = mid

high = mid - 1

else

low = mid + 1

→ C++ STL :-

$ub = \text{upper_bound}(\text{arr.begin}(), \text{arr.end}(), n) - \text{arr.begin}()$

→ TC :- $O(\log_2 n)$

Search Insert position :-

find lower bound of insert

i.e. insert at ~~arr~~ where $arr[ind] \geq n$

$$arr[] = [1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 7] \quad n = 6$$

$$= [1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 6 \ 7]$$

↑ ↑
lb_pos lb

$$\text{arr}[7] = [1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 7] \quad n=2$$

$$= [1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 4 \ 7]$$

↑
lb_pos

Floor and ceil in sorted array :-

Floor :- largest no. in array $\leq x$

arr[] = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

$$n = 25$$

$$n = 40$$

$$f = 20$$

$$f = 40$$

Pseudo code :-

$$\text{floor}(\text{arr}, n) \{$$
$$a_n s = -1$$

low = 0 high = n-1

```
while (low <= high) {
```

$$\text{mid} = (\text{low} + \text{high}) / 2$$

if(a[mid] <= x)

ans = arr[mid]

$$low = mid + 1$$

else

high = mid - 1

returning!

ceil :- Smallest no. in array $\geq x$

arr[] = [10 20 30 40 50]

n=25

n=40

c=30

c=40

Implementation same as lower-bound.

Some imp. questions on BS :-

(1) find the first & last occurrences of x :-

arr[] = [⁰2, ¹4, ²6, ³8, ⁴8, ⁵8, ⁶11, ⁷13] Ans = [3, 5]

→ Brute :-

first = -1, last = -1

for (i = 0 → n-1) {

if (arr[i] == n) {

if (first == -1) first = i;

last = i;

}

}

⇒ TC :- $O(n)$

SC :- $O(1)$

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Code :- $fn(arr, n, x) \{$

$low = 0, high = n-1$

$first = -1$

$while (low \leq high) \{$

$\quad if\ mid = (low + high) / 2;$

$\quad if\ (a[mid] == x) \{$

$\quad \quad first = mid;$

$\quad \quad high = mid - 1;$

$\quad \}$

$\quad else\ if\ (a[mid] < x) \{$

$\quad \quad low = mid + 1; \}$

$\quad else \{$

$\quad \quad high = mid - 1;$

$\quad \}$

$\quad return\ first;$

$\}$

$fn(arr, n, x) \{$

$low = 0, high = n-1$

$last = -1$

$while (low \leq high) \{$

$\quad mid = (low + high) / 2;$

$\quad if\ (a[mid] == x) \{$

$\quad \quad last = mid$

$\quad \quad low = mid + 1;$

$\quad \}$

$\quad else\ if\ (a[mid] < x) \{$

$\quad \quad low = mid + 1;$

$\quad \}$

$\quad else$

$\quad return\ last;$

$\quad high = mid - 1;$

} first
occurrence

Note :-

$fn()$

$if\ (first == -1)\ return$

$fn()$

} last
occurrence

TC :- $2 \times O(\log n)$

SC :- $O(1)$



2) Count occurrences in Array :-

arr[] = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3]

x = 3 → O/P = 2

→ return (last occurrence - first occurrence + 1);

3) Search Element in Rotated Sorted Array - I :-
(Unique Elements)

arr[] = [7, 8, 9, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] target = 1

→ Brute :- (Linear Search)

```
for (i = 0 → n) {
    if (arr[i] == target) {
        return i;
    }
}
```

TC :- $O(n)$

SC :- $O(1)$

Note :-

Identify the
sorted part

→ Optimal :- (Binary Search)

~~for (i = 0 → n) {~~

~~if (arr~~

while (low ≤ high) {

mid = (low + high) / 2;

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

left sorted → else if (arr[low] ≤ ~~mid~~ arr[mid]) {

if (arr[low] ≤ target && arr[mid] > target) {

high = mid - 1;

}

else {

low = mid + 1;

}

}

right sorted - else

if ($a[mid] < target$ && $a[high] \geq target$)

$low = mid + 1;$

}

else

$high = mid - 1;$

}

}

Note:- Instead of checking low & $high$ at both sides of array to eliminate one portion

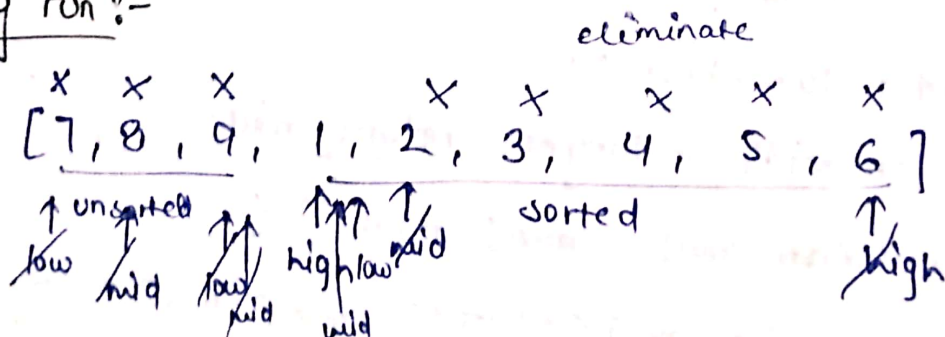
of array -

Just find the sorted & unsorted portion of array & check whether the element lies in the sorted or unsorted part; & eliminate other part.

* TC:- $O(\log n)$

SC:- $O(1)$

* Dry run:-



return 3

4) Search in Rotated Sorted Array - II (duplicates):- 6

arr[] = [7, 8, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6] target = 3

→ Brute:-

Linear Search

→ Optimal:-

Edge case:- [3, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3]
 ↑ ↑ ↑
 low mid high

Cond:- if (arr[low] == arr[mid] == arr[high]) {

low++, high++

apply on I Prob.

TC:- $O(\log_2 n)$

SC:- $O(1)$

5) Minimum in Rotated Sorted array:-

→ Brute:-

Linear Search

→ Optimal:-

if (arr[low] <= arr[mid]) {

ans = min(ans, arr[low])

low = mid + 1;

}

else {

ans = min(ans, arr[mid])

high = mid - 1;

}

Note:-

Identify the sorted
half → sorted half
may or may not be
the answer

TC:- $O(\log_2 n)$

SC:- $O(1)$

6) Find out how many times array is rotated :-

arr = [3, 4, 5, 1, 2] ans = 3

original arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

→ Like previous one find the index of minimum element and return.

7) Single Element in Sorted Array :-

arr = [1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6] ans = 4

→ Brute :-

```
if (n == 1) return arr[0];
```

```
for (i = 0 → n) {
```

```
    if (i == 0) {
```

```
        if (arr[i] != arr[i+1]) return arr[i];
```

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    }
```

```
    else if (i == n-1) {
```

```
        if (arr[i] != arr[i-1]) return arr[i];
```

```
    }
```

```
    else {
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```
        if (arr[i] != arr[i+1] && arr[i] != arr[i-1]) {
```

```
            return arr[i];
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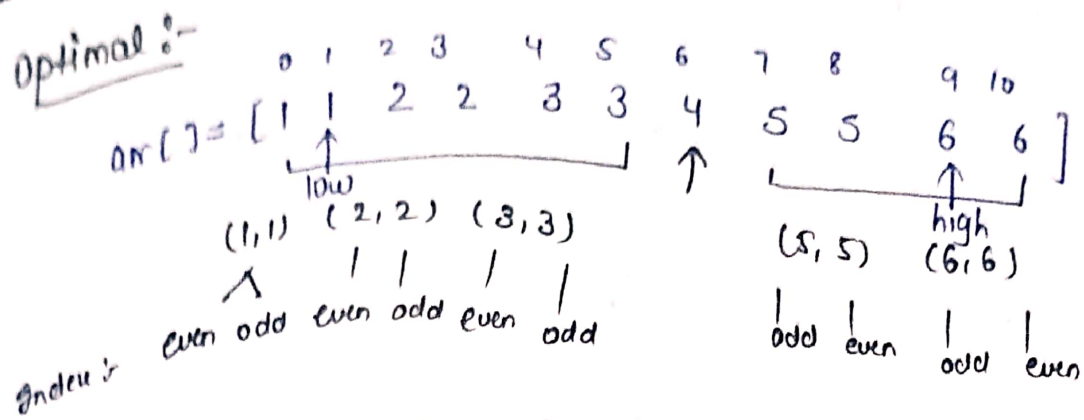
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        }
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    }
```

TC :- $O(n)$

SC :- $O(1)$

→ Optimal :-



(even, odd) → element is on right half (eliminate left)
 (odd, even) → element is on left half (eliminate right)

code :-

```
if (arr.size() == 1) return arr[0];
if (arr[0] != arr[1]) return arr[0];
if (arr[n-1] != arr[n-2]) return arr[n-1];
```

```
low = 1, high = n-2;
```

```
while (low <= high) {
```

```
    mid = (low + high) / 2;
```

```
    if (arr[mid] != arr[mid+1] && arr[mid] != arr[mid-1])
        return arr[mid];
```

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    if ((mid % 2 == 1 && arr[mid-1] == arr[mid]) ||
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        (mid % 2 == 0 && arr[mid] == arr[mid+1])) {
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```
        low = mid + 1; } // eliminate left half
```

```
    else {
```

```
        high = mid - 1; // eliminate right half
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
return -1;
```

```
}
```


8) Find Peak element :- $arr[i-1] < arr[i] > arr[i+1]$

$arr[] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 5, 1]$ $ans = 5$

$arr[] = [1, 2, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4]$ $ans = 2 \text{ or } 6$

$arr[] = -x[1, 2, 3, 4, 5] - x$ $ans = 5$

$arr[] = -x[5, 4, 3, 2, 1] - x$ $ans = 5$

→ Brute :- (compare each & every digit)

if ($arr.size() == 1$) return $arr[0]$;

for ($i = 0 \rightarrow n$) {

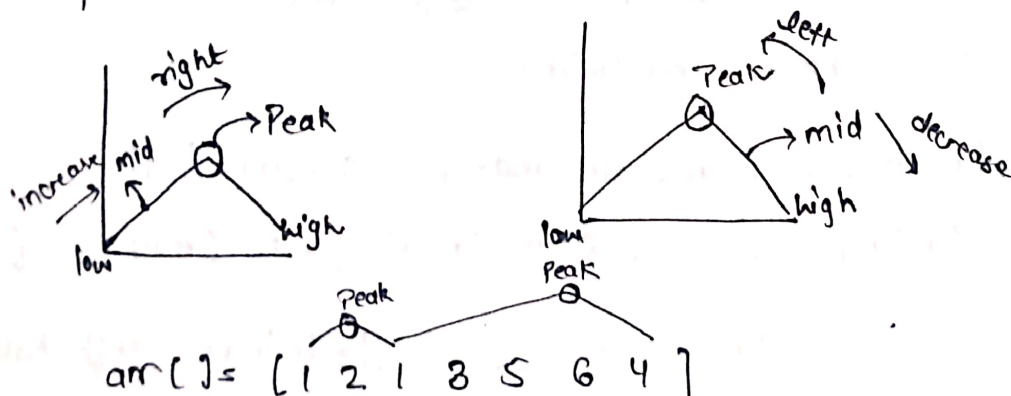
if ($(i == 0 \parallel arr[i] > arr[i+1]) \&\& (i == n-1 \parallel arr[i] > arr[i+1])$) {

return ($arr[i]$);

}

return -1;

→ Optimal :-



$\Rightarrow arr[mid] > arr[mid+1]$ = Peak on right half | eliminate left half
 $arr[mid] > arr[mid-1]$ = Peak on left half | eliminate right half

→ optimal :-

```

if (arr.size() == 1) return arr[0];
if (arr[0] > arr[1]) return arr[0];
if (arr[n-1] > arr[n-2]) return arr[n-1];
while (low <= high) {
    mid = (low + high) / 2;
    if (arr[mid] > arr[mid+1] && arr[mid] > arr[mid-1]) {
        return arr[mid];
    }
    else if (arr[mid] > arr[mid-1]) { // eliminate left half
        low = mid + 1;
    }
    else { // eliminate right half
        high = mid - 1;
    }
}
return -1;

```