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## Search a 2D Matrix

	0	1	2	3
0	1	3	7	9
1	10	11	13	15
2	14	16	19	20

Brute force :  $O(m \times n)$

Optimal solution :

- Binary search on rows (using L & R) to find the row that includes the target.  $\rightarrow \log m$
  - After getting the row, run binary search to search the target.  $\rightarrow \log n$   
 $\rightarrow \log m + \log n$
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class Solution:
    def searchMatrix(self, matrix: List[List[int]], target: int) -> bool:
        ROWS, COLS = len(matrix), len(matrix[0])

        # binary search to find the row which includes the target element
        top_row, bottom_row = 0, ROWS - 1
        while top_row <= bottom_row:
            middle_row = (top_row + bottom_row) // 2
            if target > matrix[middle_row][-1]:
                top_row = middle_row + 1
            elif target < matrix[middle_row][0]:
                bottom_row = middle_row - 1
            else:
                break

        if not top_row <= bottom_row:
            return False

        # binary search (on the computed row) to find the target element
        left_element, right_element = 0, COLS - 1
        while left_element <= right_element:
            middle_element = (left_element + right_element) // 2
            if target > matrix[middle_row][middle_element]:
                left_element = middle_element + 1
            elif target < matrix[middle_row][middle_element]:
                right_element = middle_element - 1
            else:
                return True

        return False
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