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Answer 1:

So the procedure is a function which tries to find the given element is register \$a1 within the sorted array whose address is in \$a0 by calling the function recursively.

If the element is not present in the array then it returns -1 and if the element is in the array then it returns the offset of element index.

Here are my comments:

new_proc:

beq \$a2,\$zero,proc_fail #condition for exit_loop if the element length hits zero

srl \$a2,\$a2,1 #dividing by 2 ;to find the middle element index

add \$t0,\$a2,\$a3 #\$t0 stores the middle element index of the particular rotation

sll \$t1,\$t0,2 #calculating the offset

add \$t2,\$a0,\$t1 #calculating the physical address

lw \$t3,0(\$t2) #loading the middle element value

beq \$t3,\$a1,proc_succ #checking the value with the finding element

bgt \$t3,\$a1,call_again #checking for the x is left of the middle element or right

add \$a3,\$zero,\$t0 #if x is to right then shifting the base by half of the size

call_again:

addi \$sp,\$sp,-4

sw \$ra, 0(\$sp) #storing the return address as it recursive calling

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jal new_proc
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lw $ra, 0($sp) #retrieving back the return address
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addi $sp, $sp, 4 #decrement the sp pointer
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jr $ra #returning back
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proc_succ:
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add $v0, $zero, $t0 #returning the index of the finding element
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jr $ra
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proc_fail:
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addi $v0, $zero, -1 #returning -1 if element is not there in array
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jr $ra
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