
Dichotomic search

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Write an efficient recursive function that returns the position of x in the subvector $v[left ..right]$. The function must return -1 if x does not belong to $v[left ..right]$ or if $left > right$.

Precondition

The vector v is sorted in strictly increasing order. Moreover, we have $0 \leq left \leq \text{size of } v$ and $-1 \leq right < \text{size of } v$.

Interface

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C++      int position (double x, const vector<double>& v, int left, int right );
C        int position (double x, double v[], int left , int right );
Java     public static int position (double x, double[] v, int left , int right );
Python   position (x, v, left , right) # returns int
         position (x: float , v: list , left : int , right : int) → int
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Observation

You only need to submit the required procedure; your main program will be ignored.

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