

Ans 2 :- Binary Search :- Let's assume that array A is sorted. We can take advantage of this fact to improve the search time (we are looking something better than  $O(n)$ )? We can use the binary search algorithm.

The main idea of the algorithm is to divide the given sorted array A into two subarrays at each step and look for the key element (k) in one of the two sub arrays.

- At first we select the middle most element of the array. Let call it (p) (p is located at index  $l + (h-1)/2$  of the array, where l is the first index of the array and h is the last one.

• If  $(p) = (k)$  then a found message is returned.

• If  $(p)$  is greater than  $(k)$  the  $(k)$  is searched in the sub-array to the left of the middle item. Otherwise  $(k)$  is searched in the sub-array to the right of the middle item.

• This process continues on the sub-array as well. In each step we update  $(h)$  &  $(l)$  value to match with the current subarray. If  $(l)$  becomes greater than  $(h)$  (this means  $k$  does not exist in  $K$ ). Then we terminate the search and a message "k is not found" is returned.

Example :-

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	7	12	28	31	40	41	42	46	59
↑										↑
L										H

$Mid = 0 + (10 - 0) / 2 = 5$

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	7	12	28	31	40	41	42	46	59
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$L = 6, Mid = 6 + (10 - 6) / 2 = 8, H$

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	7	12	28	31	40	41	42	46	59
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$L = 8, Mid = 9, H$   
found