

# 7. Find Floor of an element in a Sorted Array

Floor of an element  $x$  is the largest element in the array smaller than or equal to  $x$ .

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	8	10	10	12	19

$x = 5$

↑  $l$                       ↑  $mid$                       ↑  $r$

$a[mid] > x \rightarrow$  This is definitely not an answer  
 $ceil = mid = 3 \rightarrow$  go left

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↑  $l$                       ↑  $mid$                       ↑  $r$

$a[mid] < x \rightarrow$  This could be a floor value  
 $\rightarrow$  mark it as a possible floor value & Go right.  
 $floor = mid = 1$

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↑  $l$                       ↑  $mid$                       ↑  $r$

$a[mid] > x \rightarrow$  Go left  
 $ceil = 2$   
 $l > r \rightarrow$  exit

Similarly, we can find out ceil of an element in a sorted array.  
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 Smallest element greater than or equal to  $x$ .

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