Algorithms (COT 6405): Solutions 2

Problem 1
Write an algorithm that finds a given value k in a sorted array $A[1..n]$. It should return the index of the found element; if the array does not include k, it should should return 0.

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BINARY-SEARCH(A, n, k)
p ← 1
r ← n
while p < r
   do q = ⌊(p + r)/2⌋
      if k ≤ A[q]
         then r ← q
         else p ← q + 1
if k = A[p]
   then return p
   else return 0
```

Problem 2
Let $A[1..n]$ be an array of n distinct numbers. If $i < j$ and $A[i] > A[j]$, then the pair (i, j) is called an *inversion*. Write an algorithm that determines the number of inversions in $A[1..n]$.

```
INVERSIONS(A, n)
counter ← 0
for i ← 1 to n − 1
    do for j ← i + 1 to n
          do if A[i] > A[j]
                then counter ← counter +1
return counter
```

The time complexity of the INVERSIONS algorithm is $\Theta(n^2)$.