

0 Binary Search

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 lo mid hi

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Since, $\text{arr}[\text{mid}] \geq \text{key}$, $\text{lo} = \text{mid}$

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Since, $\text{lo} < \text{hi} - 1$, loop ends.

Since, $\text{arr}[\text{lo}] = \text{key}$, return lo
else, return null.

Output: 1

Invariant: Binary Search

If $\text{key} \in \text{array}$, then at each iteration:

1. $\text{array}[\text{lo}] \leq \text{key}$,

2. if $hi \neq n + 1$, then $array[hi] > key$.

Combined with the sortedness of array, this implies that key (if it exists) lies within the range $[lo..hi)$.

$lo = 1$

$hi = n + 1$

LI: $arr[lo]$ is $\leq key$, where key is in $arr[lo...hi-1]$

while $lo < hi - 1$:

$mid = \left\lfloor \frac{(lo+hi)}{2} \right\rfloor$ LI: $arr[lo] \leq key$, where $key \in arr[lo...hi-1]$

if $key \geq arr[mid]$:

$lo = mid$ LI: $arr[lo] \geq key$, where $key \in arr[lo...hi-1]$

else:

$hi = mid$ LI: $arr[lo] > key$, where $key \in arr[lo...hi-1]$

Note: If $lo < hi - 1$, $lo < mid < hi$

if $arr[lo] == key$:

return lo

else:

return null

LI: $lo = hi - 1$ or $hi = lo + 1$ indicates search space is narrowed down to 1 element, which either could be the key or not.

$arr[lo] \leq key$, where $key \in arr[lo...hi-1]$

or

$key \in arr[lo \dots hi-1]$

Code:

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def binarySearch(key, arr, n):
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    lo = 0
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    hi = n
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    while lo < hi-1:
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        mid = (lo+hi)//2
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        if arr[mid] <= key:
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            lo = mid
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        else:
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            hi = mid
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    if arr[lo] == key: return lo
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    else: return None
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Time:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n/2) + a, & \text{if } n > 1 \\ b, & \text{if } n = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = a \log_2(n) + b$$

Worst-Case: $O(\log n)$

Best-Case: $O(1)$

Space: $O(1)$

In-place: Yes, as aux space is $O(1)$