# Searching







recursive backtracking

Google Search I'm Feeling Lucky

Advanced Search Preferences Language Tools

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./bin/CocoaDialog.app/Contents/Resources/COPYING:190	Program), the recipient automatically receives a license from the
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#### Linear Search

Given a list of data, find the location of a particular value or report that value is not present MYellow Pa

- Linear search
  - intuitive approach:
    - start at first item
    - is it the one I am looking for?
    - If not, go to next item
    - repeat until found or all items checked
- If items not sorted or unsortable this approach is necessary

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#### Linear Search Code

```
/*
      return the index of the first occurrence
      of target in list, or -1 if target not present in
      list
*/
public int linearSearch(int list[], int target)
    int i = 0;
    while(i < list.length && list[i] != target)</pre>
      i++;
    if(i >= list.length)
      return -1;
    else
      return i;
```

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- B.  $O(n^2)$
- C. O(1)
- D. O(log(n))
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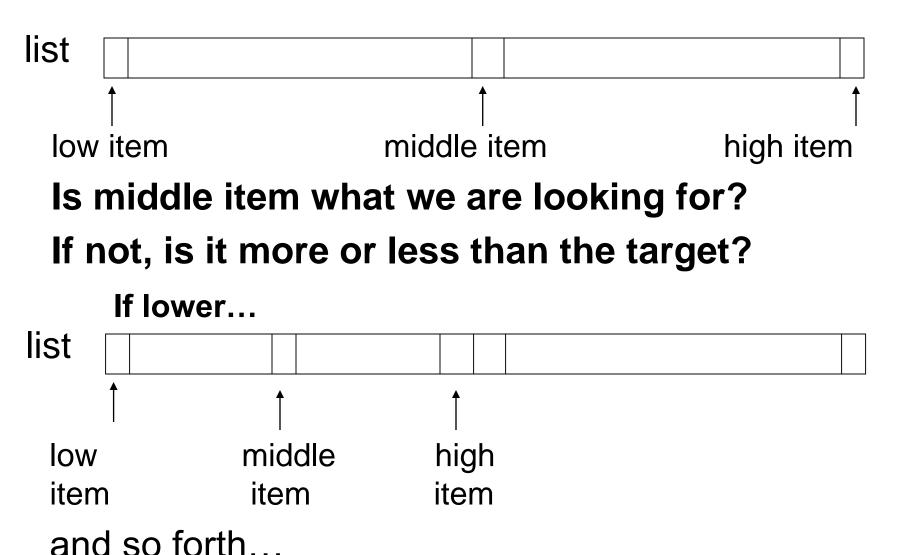
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## Searching in a Sorted List

- If items are sorted, we can divide and conquer
- Dividing your work in half with each step
  - Generally a good thing
- The Binary Search on list in ascending order
  - start at middle of list
    - is that the item?
    - if not, is it less than or greater than the item?
      - less than, move to second half of list
      - greater than, move to first half of list
  - repeat until found or sub-list size = 0

## Binary Search



## Recursive Binary Search

```
public static int search(int list[], int target)
    return b-search(list, target, 0, list.length - 1);
public static int b-search(int list[], int target,
                                  int low, int high)
    if( low <= high )</pre>
        int mid = low + ((high - low) / 2);
         if( list[mid] == target )
            return mid;
        else if( list[mid] > target )
            return b-search(list, target, low, mid - 1);
        else
            return b-search(list, target, mid + 1, high);
    return -1;
```

What is the worst case Big O of binary search in an array with n items, if an item is present?

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# Other Searching Algorithms

- Interpolation Search
  - more like what people really do
- Binary Search Trees
- Hash Table Searching
- Best-First

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