

BINARY SEARCH

| No. | Problem Statement | Solution | Time complexity | Space complexity |
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| 1 | Search in a 2D Matrix | | | |
| | | - Approach_1: Row-wise binary search | $O(M * \log N)$ | $O(1)$ |
| | | - Approach_2: Use Binary Search to find row and then again to find the column 1) Binary search on rows <pre> if(target >= matrix[m_row][0] && target <= matrix[m_row][n-1]) break; else if(target >= matrix[m_row][n-1]) l = m_row+1; else r = m_row-1; </pre> 2) binary search on columns: use 'm_row' | $O(\log M + \log N)$ | $O(1)$ |
| | Given an $m \times n$ integer matrix matrix with the following two properties: - Each row is sorted in non-decreasing order. -The first integer of each row is greater than the last integer of the previous row. Given an integer target, return true if target is in matrix or false otherwise. | - Approach_3: Binary Search on Flatterned Matrix - Initialize $l = 0$ and $r = (m*n) - 1$, representing the indices of the first and last elements in the flattened matrix. <pre> if(matrix[mid/n][mid%n] == target) return true if(target < matrix[mid/n][mid%n]) r = mid - 1 else l = mid + 1 </pre> | $O(\log M * N)$ | $O(1)$ |
| 2 | Koko Eating Bananas | | | |
| | There are n piles of bananas, the ith pile has piles[i] bananas. The guards have gone and will come back in h hours. Koko can decide her bananas-per-hour eating speed of k. Each hour, she chooses some pile of bananas and eats k bananas from that pile. If the pile has less than k bananas, she eats all of them instead and will not eat any more bananas during this hour. Return the minimum integer k such that she can eat all the bananas within h hours. | - Binary Search: $l = 1$ and $r = \max(\text{piles})$ --> as min value for 'k' can be 1 and max value for 'k' can be max(piles) - Use Binary search to calculate 'k' <pre> while(l<=r) m = l + (r-l)/2; // Count 'total_hours' to eat all the bananas if 'min bananas per hour = m' for(auto x: piles) total_hours += ceil((double)x/m); // if we do 'if(total_hours==h) return k', then it's not always possible to get total_hours == h. // Example: if piles=[10] and h=9. Then O/P should be 2. For k==2, the value of total_hours=5 which is not equal to h. if(total_hours<=h){ k = min(k, m); r = m-1; }else l = m+1; </pre> | $O(N * \log M)$ $M = \max(\text{piles})$ | $O(1)$ |
| 3 | Find Minimum in Rotated Sorted Array | | | |
| | Given the sorted rotated array nums of unique elements, return the minimum element of this array. Example: The array nums = [0,1,2,4,5,6,7] might become: - [4,5,6,7,0,1,2] if it was rotated 4 times. - [0,1,2,4,5,6,7] if it was rotated 7 times. | - Idea: Rotated sorted array can be divided into two sorted halves. - By comparing the middle element with the rightmost element, Determine which half is sorted. <pre> ans = INT_MAX while(l<=r) m = l + (r-l)/2; ans = min(ans, nums[m]); if(nums[m]<nums[r]) r = m-1; // Suggests that right half is sorted else l = m+1; </pre> | $O(\log N)$ | $O(1)$ |
| 4 | Search in Rotated Sorted Array | | | |
| | Given the array nums after the possible rotation and an integer target, return the index of target if it is in nums, or -1 if it is not in nums. | 1) if (nums[m] == target) return m 2) if (nums[l] <= nums[m]) --> array is left sorted - Check if the target lies in the left region: If yes then $r = m-1$ else $l = m+1$ 3) if (nums[m] <= nums[r]) --> array is right sorted - Check if the target lies in the right region: If yes then $l = m+1$ else $r = m-1$ | $O(\log N)$ | $O(1)$ |
| 5 | Time Based Key-Value Store | | | |

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| | <p>Design a time-based key-value data structure that can store multiple values for the same key at different time stamps and retrieve the key's value at a certain timestamp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - void set(String key, String value, int timestamp) Stores the key key with the value value at the given time timestamp. - String get(String key, int timestamp) Returns a value such that timestamp_prev <= timestamp. If there are multiple such values, it returns the value associated with the largest timestamp_prev. If there are no values, it returns "". | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hashing + Binary Search - unordered_map<string, vector<pair<int, string>>> mp; // [key --> {timestamp, value}] - string get() - Since, timestamps are naturally in order use binary search | O(logN) | O(N) |
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| 6 | Median Two Sorted Arrays | | | |
| | <p>Given two sorted arrays nums1 and nums2 of size m and n respectively, return the median of the two sorted arrays.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partition both the arrays (p1 & p2) in such a way that elements on the left side of the partitions are <= the elements on the right side - The search iterates until a valid partition is found, allowing the calculation of the median. <pre> if (max_l1 <= min_r2 && max_l2 <= min_r1) { // Valid partition if (n % 2 == 0) ans = (max(max_l1, max_l2) + min(min_r1, min_r2)) / 2.0; else ans = min(min_r1, min_r2); break; } else if (max_l1 > min_r2) r = p1 - 1; else l = p1 + 1; </pre> | O(log(min(m,n))) | O(1) |