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# Unit IV: Introduction to Computational Problems & Algorithms

Programming Methodology (CSF101)


# Outline

- Searching Algorithms
- Arrays & Hashing; Contains Duplicate, Valid Anagram, Two Sums
- Two Pointers; Valid Palindrome, Three Sums

# Searching Algorithms



## Two types of searching algorithms



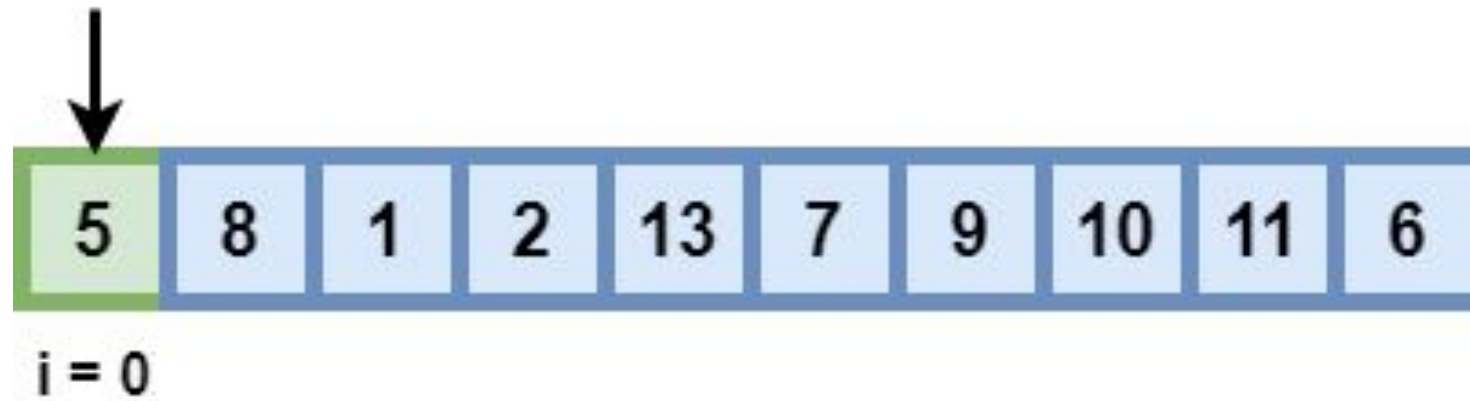
The diagram consists of two black ovals with white text. The left oval is labeled 'Linear Search' and the right oval is labeled 'Binary Search'. They are positioned side-by-side in the center of the slide.

**Linear  
Search**

**Binary  
Search**

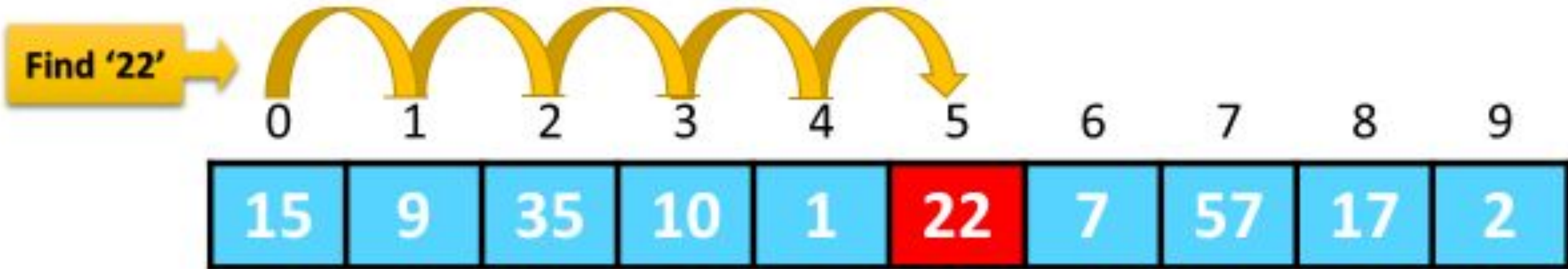
## Linear Search

Value to Search = 10



$\text{arr}[i] == 10$   
**FALSE**

## Example



## Linear Search implementation in python code

```
def linearSearch(array, n, x):  
    for i in range(0, n):  
        if (array[i] == x):  
            return i  
        print(f"i: {i}, array[i]: {array[i]}")  
    return -1  
  
print(linearSearch([15, 9, 35, 10, 1, 22, 7, 57, 17, 2], 10, 22))
```



```
i: 0, array[i]: 15  
i: 1, array[i]: 9  
i: 2, array[i]: 35  
i: 3, array[i]: 10  
i: 4, array[i]: 1  
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```

## Complexity Analysis of Linear Search

**Time Complexity:**

Best Case:  $O(1)$

Worst Case:  $O(n)$

Average Case:  $O(n)$

**Space Complexity:  $O(1)$**



## Binary Search

Search for 47

0	4	7	10	14	23	45	47	53
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## Example

Index: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

-5	-2	0	1	2	4	5	6	7	10
low				middle		high			

$7 > 2$  (i.e.  $\text{target} > \text{nums}[\text{middle}]$ )  
Update *low*

-5	-2	0	1	2	4	5	6	7	10
					low		middle		high

$7 > 6$  (i.e.  $\text{target} > \text{nums}[\text{middle}]$ )  
Update *low*

-5	-2	0	1	2	4	5	6	7	10
							low	high	
								middle	

$7 = 7$  (i.e.  $\text{target} = \text{nums}[\text{middle}]$ )  
Return *middle*

## Implementation in python code

```
def binarySearch(array, x, low, high):  
    # Repeat until the pointers low and high meet each other  
    while low <= high:  
        mid = low + (high - low)//2 # Calculate the middle index  
  
        if array[mid] == x: # If the middle element is the target value, return its  
            index  
            print(f"The value {x} is at index:")  
            return mid  
  
        elif array[mid] < x: # If the middle element is less than the target value,  
            search the right half  
            low = mid + 1  
        else: # If the middle element is greater than the target value, search the  
            left half  
            high = mid - 1  
  
    return -1 # Return -1 if the target value is not found in the array  
  
# Example usage:  
print(binarySearch([-5, -2, 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10], 7, 0, 9))
```



The value 7 is at index:  
8

## Complexity Analysis of Binary Search

### Time Complexity:

Best Case :  $O(1)$  #first mid value

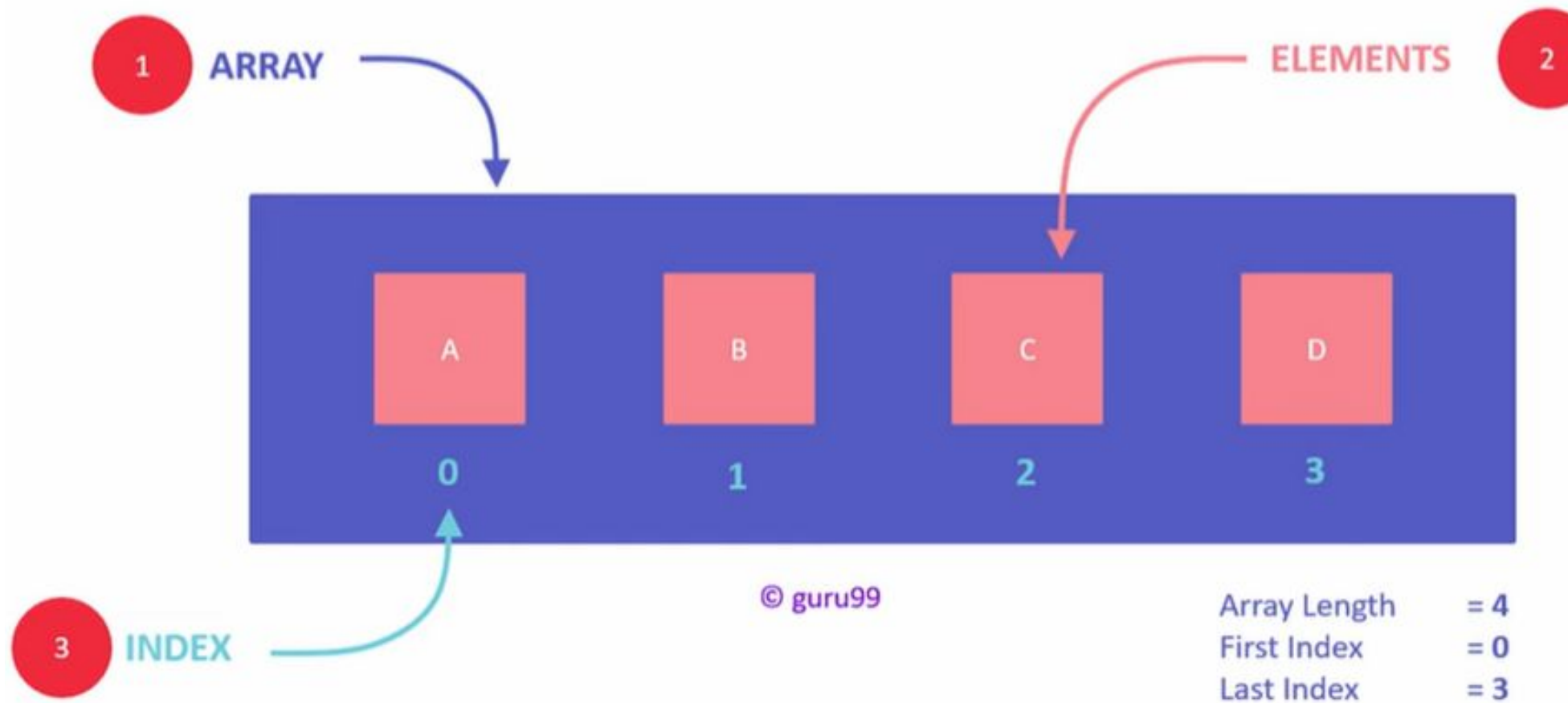
Worst Case :  $O(\log n)$  #extreme values  
or no values at all

Average Case :  $O(\log n)$  #uniform  
distribution of values

### Space Complexity:

$O(1)$

## Brief Recapitulation



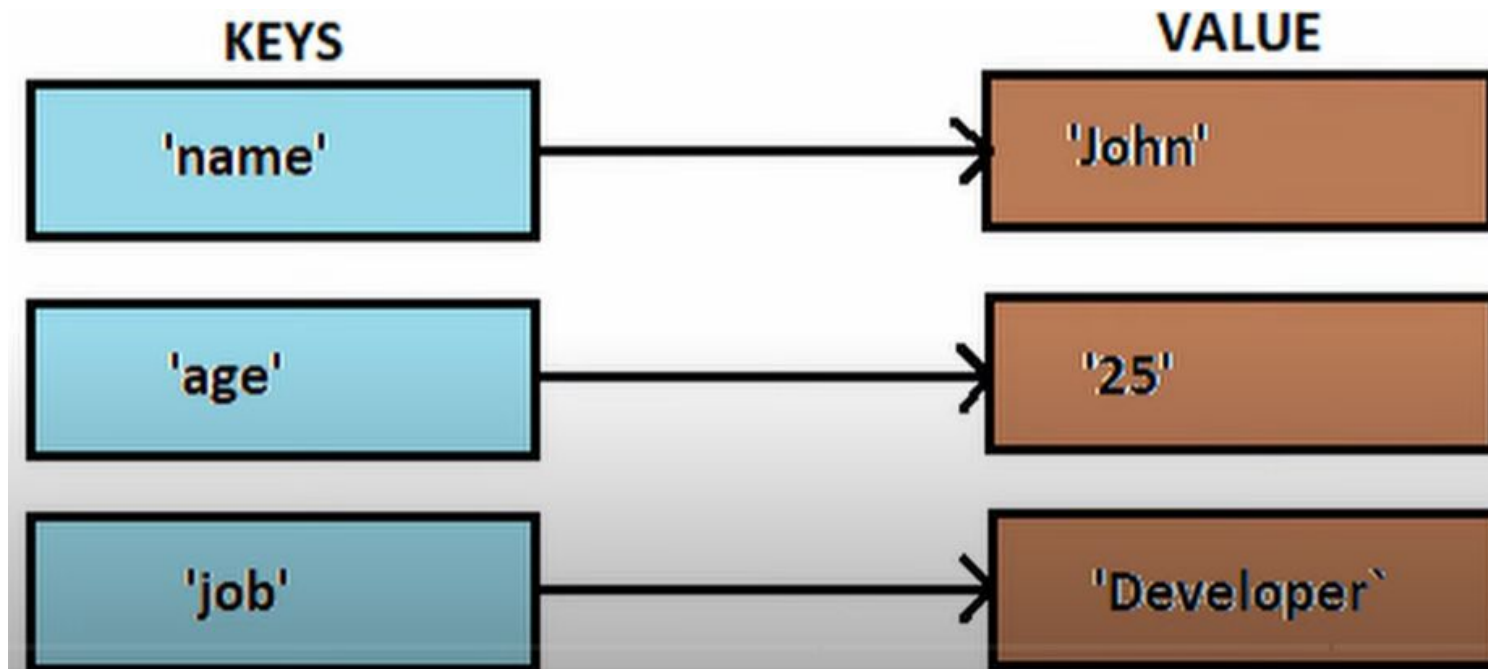
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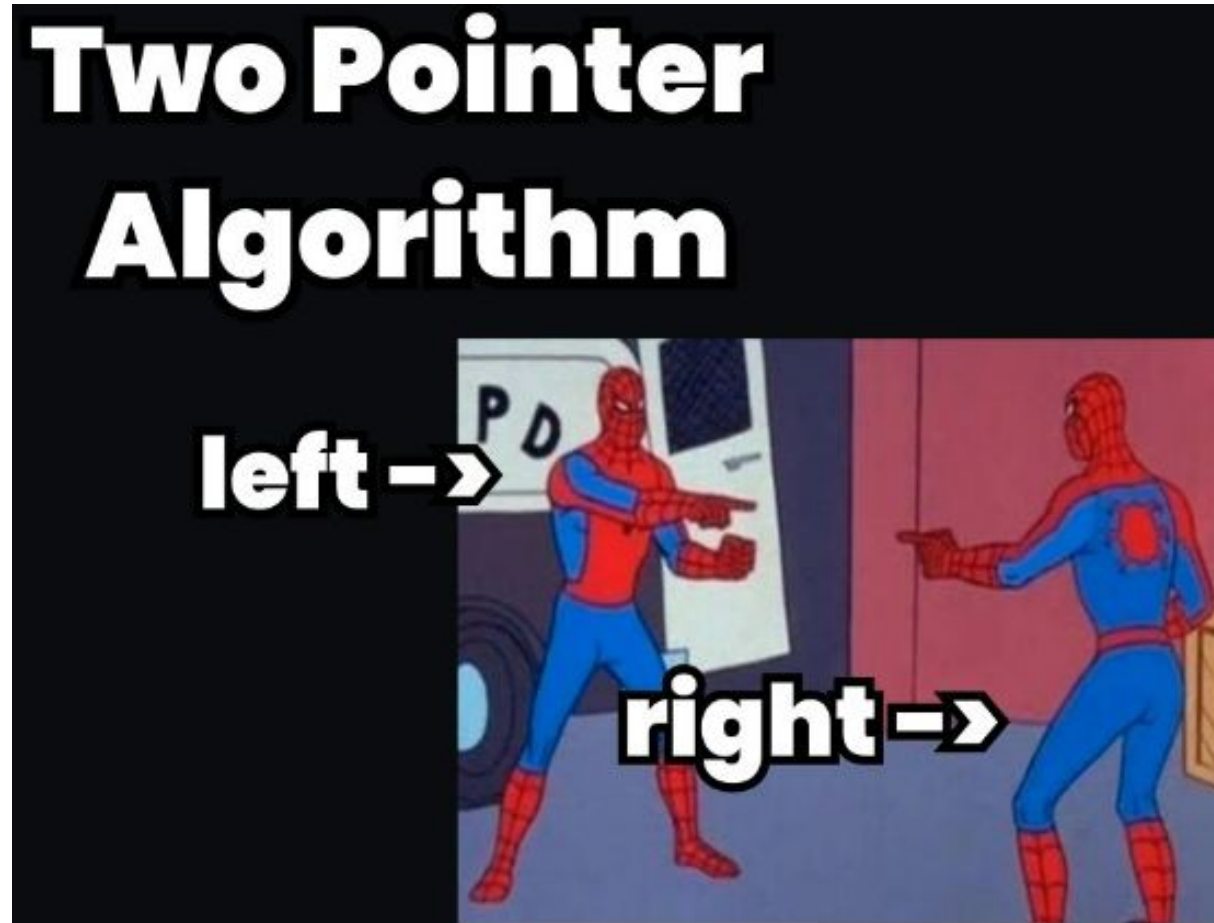


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Dictionary is AKA hashmaps.



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## Leetcode Problems on Arrays and Hashings

1. Contains-duplicate
2. Two-sum
3. valid-anagram

## LeetCode problems on Two Pointers

1. Valid-palindrome
2. Three-sums

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