

Assignment - 2

Question:

Show the working of Binary Search -

$L1 = [5, 7, 10, 21, 30, 37, 42, 45, 53]$

element = 11

Soln:

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| $L1 =$ | 5 | 7 | 10 | 21 | 30 | 37 | 42 | 45 | 53 |
| index | [0] | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | [8] |

iteration 1

$$L = 0$$

$$U = \text{len}(L1) - 1 = 8$$

$$\text{mid} = \frac{0 + 8}{2} = 4$$

compare

$$11 < 30$$

iteration 2

$$L = 0$$

$$U = \text{mid} - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\text{mid} = \frac{0 + 3}{2} = 1.5 = 1$$

compare

$$11 > 7$$

iteration 3

$$L = \text{mid} + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$U = 3$$

$$\text{mid} = \frac{2 + 3}{2} = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 = 2$$

compare

$$11 > 10$$

iteration 4

$$L = \text{mid} + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$U = 3$$

$$\text{mid} = \frac{3 + 3}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

compare

$$11 \neq 21$$

return "Search Unsuccessful"