

*** Binary search in Java ***

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* Binary Search:-

⇒ It is the most important Algorithm.

⇒ It is used for Sorted array. (either in ascending order or descending)

* Algorithm :- (When in ascending order)

Steps:-

① Find the middle element (in array)

② $\text{target} > \text{mid} \Rightarrow$ search in the right.
else \Rightarrow Search in the left.

③ if middle element == target. // answer.

* Example :-

arr = [2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 20, 36, 48]

target = 36

① 1st step is to find middle element.

[2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 20, 36, 48]
⑤ (m) ⑨

* $\frac{0 + 9}{2} = 4$ Middle element

Mid + 1

② 2nd step, if target > M. \Rightarrow search in right.

12, 14, 20, 36, 48

$\frac{4 + 5}{2} = 7 \rightarrow 20 < 36$

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[36, 48]

Middle =

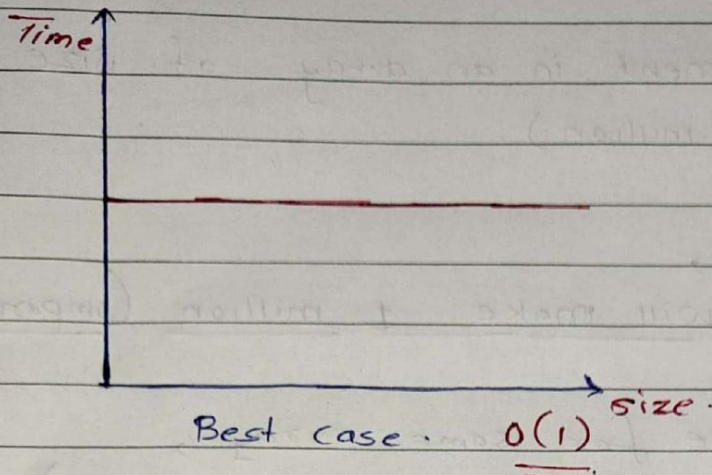
$\frac{4 + 8}{2} = 8$

target == 36

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* // Ans

* Best Case.



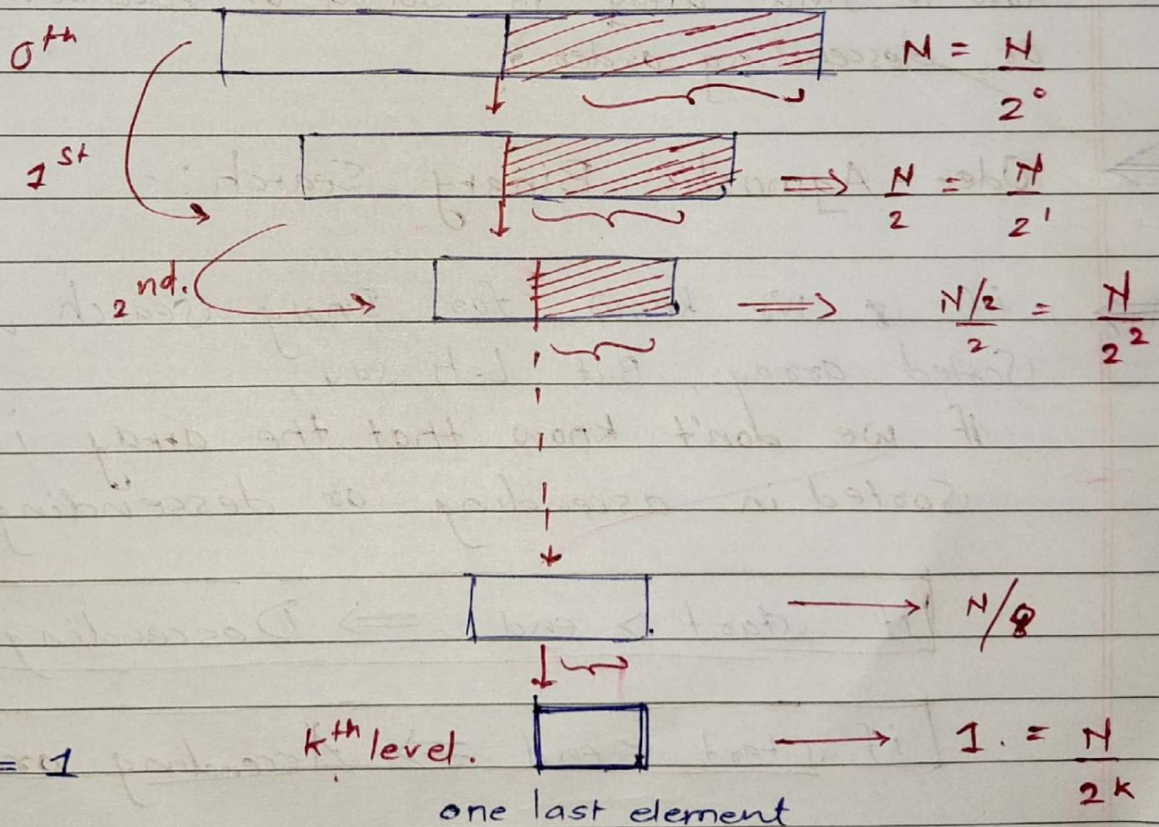
* Worst case:-

$$O(\log N)$$

// $n \rightarrow$ size of array

* Why Binary Search?

Q. Find the maximum numbers of Comparison in Worst case.....



$$\Rightarrow N = 2^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \log N = k \log 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{\log N}{\log 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \log_2 N \rightarrow \text{size of array}$$

there will only one

this is ans.

Total number of Comparisons in worst case.

→ Why Binary Search?

Q. Search an element in an array of size 1,000,000 (1 million).

⇒ In worst case,

Linear search will make 1 million comparisons.

⇒ In worst case for same array,

Binary search will make $\log(1,000,000)$
i.e. 20 comparisons only

→ How to find array is sorted or Ascending order or descending order?

→ Order - Agnostic Binary Search:-

⇒ If we know, for Binary search we need sorted array, But let's say, if we don't know that the array is sorted in ascending or descending order.

if $start > end \Rightarrow$ Descending order

if $start < end \Rightarrow$ Ascending order