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# File: ComparingLinearBinarySearch.py
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# Description of Program: Compare the performance of linear and binary search.
# "Comparing" means seeing on average how many probes (comparisons) are made
# as you search a list.

import random, math

# a list of values between 0 and 999
lst = list(range(0, 999))

# Shuffles the values of 0 to 999 randomly
random.shuffle(lst)

# Randomly chooses an integer between 0 and 999
key = random.randint(0, 999 )

def linearSearch( lst, key ):
    """ Search for key in unsorted list lst. Note that
        the index + 1 is also the number of probes. """
    for i in range( len(lst) ):
        if key == lst[i]:
            return i
    return -1

def binarySearch( lst, key ):
    """ Search for key in sorted list lst. Return
        a pair containing the index (or -low - 1)
        and a count of number of probes. """
    count = 0
    low = 0
    high = len(lst) - 1
    while (high >= low):
        count += 1
        mid = (low + high) // 2
        if key < lst[mid]:
            high = mid - 1
        elif key == lst[mid]:
            return count
        else:
            low = mid + 1
    # Search failed
    return count

def main():
    linearSearchesProbes = []
    averageLinear = []
    print("Linear search:")

    for n in [ 10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000]:
        the list
        for searches in range (n):

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Iterating through
Searches or

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implement the linear search function n times
    key = random.randint(0, 999) # Changes the key
after every search
    linearSearchesProbes.append( linearSearch( lst, key ) + 1)
    averageLinear.append( sum( linearSearchesProbes ) / n )
    print(" Tests: {0:<8} Average probes: {1}".format( n, ''.join(map(str,
averageLinear)))) # Prints/ formats the results
    linearSearchesProbes.clear()
    averageLinear.clear()

test = 0
binarySearchesProbes = []
# Looping through 1000 tests and averaging it
while test < 1000:
    key = random.randint(0, 999 )
    binarySearchesProbes.append( binarySearch( lst, key ) )
    test += 1
averageBinary = sum( binarySearchesProbes ) / 1000
differences = ( math.log ( 1000 , 2 ) ) - averageBinary # Difference
between the log base 2 of 1000 & my average
print("Binary search:")
print(" Average number of probes: " + str(averageBinary) )
print(" Differs from log2(1000) by: " + str(differences) )

main()

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