

SC1007 Data Structures and Algorithms

Lab 6: Searching

Q1 Given an array of n elements. Find two elements in the array such that their sum is equal to K . The two elements can be the same element. Once a pair of elements is found, the program can be terminated. The function prototype is given below:

```
def dual_search(A, size, K, dual_index):  
    #A (list): The input array of integers.  
    #size (int): The size of the array.  
    #K (int): The target sum.  
    #dual_index (list): A list to store the indices of the two elements.
```

An example input is:

$A = [3, 1, 7, 4, 5, 9]$

$K = 8$

The output is:

Pair found at indices: $[0, 4]$

Elements: $3 + 5 = 8$

Q2 Given a sorted array of n elements (you can use merge sort to sort the array). Find two elements in the array such that their sum is equal to K . The two elements can be the same element. Once a pair of elements are found, the program can be terminated. The results may be different from the results of Question 1. The function prototype is given below:

```
def dual_sorted_search(A, size, K, dual_index):  
    #A (list): The input array of integers.  
    #size (int): The size of the array.  
    #K (int): The target sum.  
    #dual_index (list): A list to store the indices of the two elements.
```

An example input is:

$A = [9, 1, 4, 3, 7, 5]$

$K = 8$

The output is:

Pair found at indices: $[0, 4]$

Elements: $1 + 7 = 8$

- Q3** Compare the performance between Q1 and Q2. Try to use a large input file to evaluate their running time. A 500k data and 1 million data file are attached. The first line is a search key and the second line is a data size. The rest are the data.
- Q4** Given two arrays num1 and num2. Both are sorted in an ascending order. The length is m and n, respectively. Please find the median of the two arrays with time complexity being $O(\log(m+n))$. You can apply binary search to partition the arrays. The function prototype is given below:

```
def find_median_sorted_arrays(num1, num2):  
    # num1 (list): First sorted array.  
    # num2 (list): Second sorted array.  
    # Returns:  
    # float: The median of the combined sorted array.
```

An example input is:

num1 = [1, 3, 8]

num2 = [7, 9, 10, 11]

The output is:

Median of the two sorted arrays is: 8