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Course- Design and analysis of algorithms

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1) C source code :

```
#define _POSIX_C_SOURCE 199309L
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>

int binary_search(int *arr, int n, int target) {
 int left =0,right =n-1;
   while (left <= right) {
      int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
      if (arr[mid] == target) return mid;
      else if (arr[mid] < target) left = mid + 1;
      else right = mid - 1;
   }
   return -1;
}
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   return (uint64_t)t->tv_sec * 1000000000ULL + (uint64_t)t->tv_nsec;
}

int main() {
 const int sizes[5]={1000,5000,10000,50000,100000};
   srand(123456789);

   printf("case_type,case_id,n,reps,time_ns\n");

   int case_id = 1;

   for (int category = 0; category < 3; ++category) {
      for (int si = 0; si < 5; ++si) {
         int n = sizes[si];
         int *arr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int)*n);
         if (!arr) {
            fprintf(stderr, "malloc failed for n=%d\n", n);
            return 2;
         }
         for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
            arr[i] = (i/3) - (n/2);
         }

         int target;
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            int idx = (rand() % n);
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         }

         double logn = (n>1) ? log((double)n)/log(2.0) : 1.0;
         long reps = (long)(10000000.0 / (logn + 1.0));
         if (reps < 1) reps = 1;
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         struct timespec t0, t1;
         clock_gettime(CLOCK_MONOTONIC, &t0);
         volatile int sink = 0;
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            int found = binary_search(arr, n, target);
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        const char *catname = (category==0) ? "best" : (category==1) ? "worst" :
"average";
        printf("%s,%d,%d,%ld,%llu\n", catname, case_id, n, reps, (unsigned long
long)dt);

        free(arr);
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2) Summary of the 15 test cases

All arrays are sorted and generated to include negative numbers and duplicates (arr[i] = (i/3) - (n/2)), so duplicates and negative values are present.

Input sizes used: n = {1000, 5000, 10000, 50000, 100000}.

Cases are run in this order:

Best-case (5):

- case 1: best, n=1000 — target at middle index (fastest)
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- case 4: best, n=50000
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Worst-case (5):

- case 6: worst, n=1000 — target **absent** (value less than min), forces full search path
- case 7: worst, n=5000
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Average-case (5):

- case 11: average, n=1000 — target at a random index
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3) Graph & data (what I produced here)

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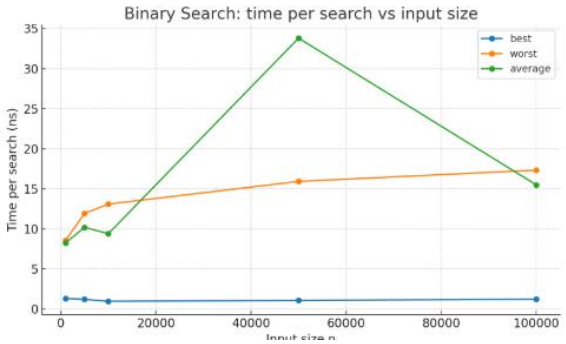

4) Observations & analysis

Short, concrete observations derived from the run and the plotted graph:

- **Algorithmic complexity matches expectation:** Binary search is O(log n). The measured *time per search* increases very slowly with n. In the plotted results the best-case curve is nearly flat because the best case for binary search (target at midpoint) requires just one comparison (constant time), so per-search time is essentially constant regardless of n.
- **Best vs Worst vs Average:**
    - Best-case times are smallest (target at center — found immediately).
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