

BINARY SEARCH

Binary search works only on sorted data stored in arrays .

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In [1]: def BinarySearch(arr, left, right, target):  
        while(left<=right):  
            mid = (left+right)//2  
            if arr[mid] == target :  
                return mid  
            elif arr[mid] < target:  
                left = mid+1  
            elif arr[mid] > target:  
                right = mid-1  
        return -1
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In [5]: arr = [7,6,3,4,8]  
        left = 0  
        right = 4  
        target = 4  
        BinarySearch(arr, left, right, target)  
        # ans 3
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Out[5]: 3

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In [6]: arr = [7,6,3,4,8]  
        left = 0  
        right = 4  
        target = 10  
        BinarySearch(arr, left, right, target)  
        # ans -1
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Out[6]: -1

Time Complexity

Binary Search is also known as half interval search or Logarithmic Search Time complexity $O(\log n)$ - base 2

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