

2.1-3 Linear Search

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1: procedure LINEAR-SEARCH( $A, v$ )
2:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $\text{length}[A]$  do
3:     if  $A[i] == v$  then
4:       return  $i$ 
5:   return NILL
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Proof of correctness To prove linear search is correct, I formulate a *loop invariant* that need to hold true at *initialization*, during *maintainance* and at *termination*.

Loop invariant At the start of loop iteration i , the value v is not in the sub-array $A[1..i-1]$. In formal terms, $v \notin \{A[j] | j \in \{1, \dots, i-1\}\}$

Initialization At initialization $i = 0$, so the sub-array $A[1..i-1]$ is empty. So v is trivially not a member of that array, and the loop invariant holds.

Maintenance Assuming that v is not in the sub-array $A[1..i-1]$ at the start of iteration i , then two outcomes are possible during the iteration. Either, $A[i] == v$ and the loop terminates, or $A[i] \neq v$ and v is not an element of the array $A[1..i]$ which is the loop invariance condition for iteration $i+1$.

Termination The algorithm terminates in two different ways. The first happens when $A[i] == v$, assuming $v \notin A[1..i-1]$ before termination, then the loop invariant still holds. Again, assuming $v \notin A[1..i-1]$ before termination. In the second case we have that $i = n+1$, in that case $v \notin A[1..i-1] = A[1..n]$, which is the entire array, and the procedure returns NILL.

2.2-3 Running time of Linear search

Assuming the index of correct element is uniformly distributed from 1 to n , the expected index is $E[i] = n/2$. So the average case running time must be $c_1 \frac{n}{2} + c_2$, where c_1 is the running time of each comparison $A[i] == v$ and the loop increment, and c_2 is the running time of the return statement. In the worst case the algorithm needs to run through all n elements as well as returning NILL, so the running time is $c_1 n + c_2$. Both the average and worst case running times of linear search are $\Theta(n)$.

2.3-3 Linear Recurrence

To show that the recursion

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 2 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n = 2^k, \text{ for } k > 1 \end{cases}$$

is $T(n) = n \lg n$. Assuming that n is a power of two we have $n = 2^k$ for $k \in 1, 2, \dots$. For $k = 1$ we have that $T(n) = T(2) = 2$ by definition of T .

$$2 \lg(2) = 2 = T(2).$$

Hence the claim holds for $k = 1$.

Next, assuming that $T(2^{k-1}) = 2^{k-1} \lg 2^{k-1} = (k-1)2^{k-1}$ we have that,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \\ &= 2T(2^k/2) + 2^k \\ &= 2T(2^{k-1}) + 2^k \\ &= 2((k-1)2^{k-1}) + 2^k \\ &= k2^k \\ &= 2^k \lg(2^k) = n \lg n \end{aligned}$$

so the claim also holds for k given it holds for $k-1$, at since it holds true for $k=1$ it holds for any $k \geq 1$. \square

2.3-5 Binary search

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1: procedure BINARY-SEARCH(A, p, r, v)
2:   if  $p \leq r$  then
3:      $m = p + \lfloor \frac{r-p}{2} \rfloor$ 
4:     if  $A[m] == v$  then
5:       return m
6:     else if  $A[m] > v$  then
7:       return BINARY-SEARCH(A, p, m - 1, v)
8:     else if  $A[m] < v$  then
9:       return BINARY-SEARCH(A, m + 1, r, v)
10:  return NIL
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In the worst case, binary search needs to split the array in two, until the last split goes from two elements to a single one. A way of assessing the running time is to understand how many possible splits can be made. Assuming the length of the array is $n = 2^k$, the length after the first split is simply $n/2$. Finding the length of the consequent halved arrays, amounts to raising the *half* to the number of splits and multiplying by the initial size, n . So, to find the number of splits which result in the length of 1, we need to solve the following,

$$1 = \frac{n}{2^x} \Leftrightarrow 2^x = n \Leftrightarrow x = \lg n.$$

So we can conclude, that the recursion calls itself at most $\lg n$ times, this is an indication of the worst case running time being $\Theta(\lg n)$.