

Problem Domain

- Write a function called BinarySearch which takes in 2 parameters: a sorted array and the search key. Without utilizing any of the built-in methods available to your language, return the index of the array's element that is equal to the value of the search key, or -1 if the element is not in the array.

Test Cases

- 1. Given [1,2,3,4,5] key = 3, return index(2)
- 2. Given [1,2,2,2,3,4,5] key= 2, return index(1,2,3)
- 3. Given [3,4,5] key =2, return -1

Big O

Big O time $O(n)$ because we are only iterating through list one time
Big O Space $O(1)$ because we will store multiply indexes for the same key (worst case scenario)

Input A LIST, AN KEY

Output Return index of List where Key matches

Visualization

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1 [1, 2,3,4,5] key = 3
2 0 1 2 3 4 are my indexes
3 key is at index 2
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Code

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1 def binary_search(arr, search_key):
2     left = 0
3     right = len(arr) - 1
4     while left <= right:
5         mid = (left + right) // 2
6         if arr[mid] == search_key:
7             return mid
8         elif arr[mid] < search_key:
9             left = mid + 1
10        else:
11            right = mid - 1
12    return -1
13
14 arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11]
15 search_key = 9
16 index = binary_search(arr, search_key)
17 print(index)
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Algorithm

- Write a function that takes in a list and a search key as parameters.
- Iterate through the list
- capture index of key
- return index
- else
- return -1 if list does not contain key

Step Through

[1,	2,	3,	4]	key = 3
0	1	2	3	indexes
return index(2)				