

ELEMENT SEARCH IN A 2D MATRIX

☆ In this problem, we are given a 2D matrix of integers and we are supposed to return the row, column of that number if it exists

Bruteforce solution is obviously to run a $M \times N$ loop and find the element. Time Complexity is $O(MN)$

Better solution is to find which row will have the element and then binary search in that row. Time complexity is $O(M + \log N)$

Optimal solution is to flatten out the entire array as it is fully sorted array and just run a binary search. Time Complexity is $O(\log MN)$

Pseudocode :

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eleSearch(arr, M, N, K) {  
    total = N * M - 1  
    ele = (-1, -1)  
    low = 0  
    while (low <= total)  
        mid = (low + total) / 2  
        i = mid / M
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$j = \text{mid} \% N$

if(arr[i][j] == K) {

 ele = (i, j)

 return ele

} else if(arr[i][j] < K) {

 low = mid + 1

} else {

 high = mid - 1

}

}

return ele

}