

Q. Write a Program to find an element using the binary search algorithm.

Theory: Binary search is a searching algorithm used in a sorted array by repeatedly dividing the search interval in half. The idea of binary search is to use the information that the array is sorted and reduce the time complexity to $O(\log(n))$.

The binary search algorithm applied to our array DATA works as follows. During each stage of our algorithm, our search for ITEM is reduced to a segment of elements of Data:

DATA[BEG], DATA[BEG+1], DATA[BEG+2],
..., DATA[END].

The algorithm compares ITEM with ~~the~~ the middle element DATA[MID] of the segment.

$$MID = \text{INT}((BEG + END) / 2)$$

If $DATA[MID] = ITEM$, then the search is successful and we set $LOC = MID$. Otherwise a new segment of DATA is obtained as follows:

(a) If $ITEM < DATA[MID]$, then ITEM can appear only in the left half of the segment:

$DATA[BEG], DATA[BEG+1], \dots, DATA[MID-1]$
So we reset $END = MID - 1$

(b) If $ITEM > DATA[MID]$ then ITEM can appear only in the right half of the segment:

$DATA[MID+1], DATA[MID+2], \dots, DATA[END]$

So we reset $BEG = MID + 1$

Here generally the ~~Bot~~ $BEG = LB$ (Lower Bound), $END = UB$ (Upper Bound).

Example:

DATA: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12

SUPPOSE $ITEM = 5$. The search for ITEM in the array data.

1. Here $BEG = 1$ and $END = 8$ Hence,

$$MID = \text{INT}((1+8)/2) = 4 \text{ so } DATA[MID] = 6$$

2. Since $5 < 6$, END has its value changed by $END = MID - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$. Hence,

$$MID = \text{INT}((1+3)/2) = 2 \text{ and } DATA[MID] = 3$$

3. Since $5 > 3$, BEG has changed its value.

$$BEG = MID + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$MID = \text{INT}((3+3)/2) = 3, \text{ so}$$

$$DATA[MID] = 5$$

We have found ITEM in location

$$LOC = MID = 3$$

Algorithm:

(Binary search) $BINARY(DATA, LB, UB, ITEM, LOC)$

Here, DATA is sorted array which lower bound LB, upper bound UB, searching item is item. Find location is LOC.

1. Set $BEG = LB, END = UB$ and $MID = INT\left(\frac{BEG + END}{2}\right)$
2. Repeat step 3 and 4 while $BEG \leq END$ and $DATA[MID] \neq ITEM$.
3. If $ITEM < DATA[MID]$, then
 set $END = MID - 1$
 else $BEG = MID + 1$
4. set $MID = INT\left(\frac{BEG + END}{2}\right)$
5. If $DATA[MID] = ITEM$, then,
 set $LOC = MID$
 else
 set $LOC = NULL$
6. Exit.

Source code: C++

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int DATA[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
    int N = 10, LB = 0, UB = N - 1, LOC;
    int BEG = LB, END = UB, MID = int((BEG + END) / 2);
    int ITEM = 5;

    while (BEG <= END && DATA[MID] != ITEM)
    {
        if (ITEM < DATA[MID])
            END = MID - 1;
        else
            BEG = MID + 1;

        MID = int((BEG + END) / 2);
    }

    if (DATA[MID] == ITEM)
        LOC = MID;
    else
        LOC = "NULL";

    cout << "The searching element is:" <<
        DATA[LOC] << endl;
    cout << "The searching element location is:"
        << LOC << endl;
}
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Input:

Data elements are.

$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

searching element / ITEM = 5

Output: ~~on~~

~~The searching~~

The searching element is : 5

The searching elements location is : 4