

# Geeks Man

## Algorithms

### Lesson 4

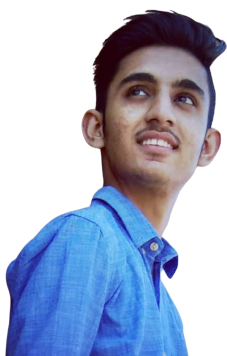




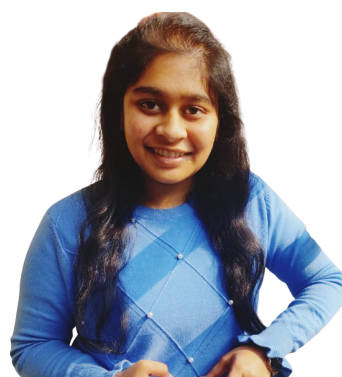
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# Topic:- Searching ( Part-II )

## 2. Binary Search :-

### Characteristics :

- It is also known as half-interval Search or logarithmic Search.
- It is more efficient than Linear Search if **Data is sorted** and Data is stored in Array.
- This Searching Technique doesn't work on unsorted sets of Data .
- In most of the cases Binary Search Algorithm is used.

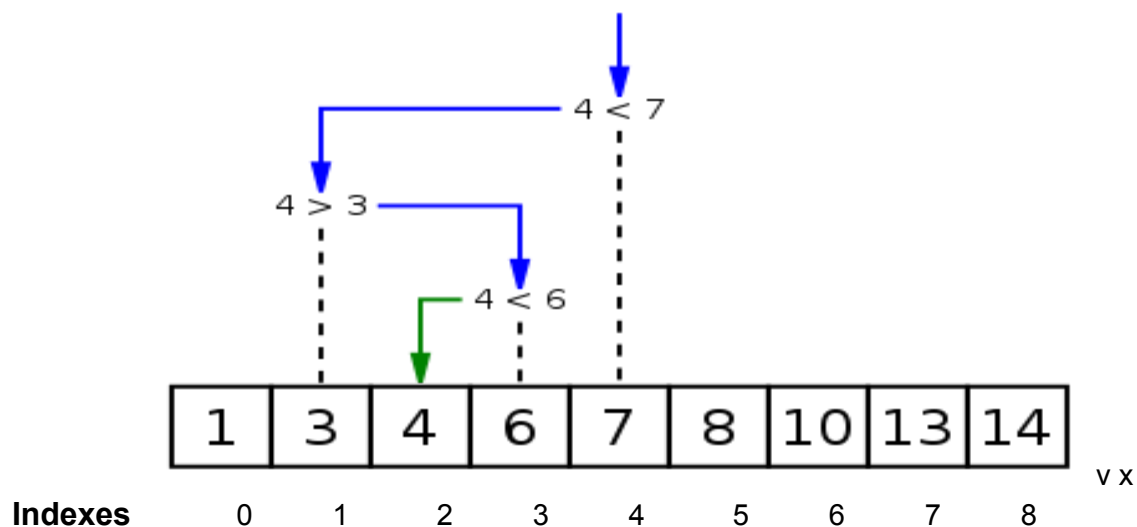
### → Binary Search using Array :

#### ❑ Iterative Approach :-

### Algorithm :

1. Set  $beg=0$  ;  $end= n-1$ ;
2. Set  $mid=(beg+end)/2$ ;      //Begins by calculating the middle element of the array.

3. If Target value == middle element : **return mid;**  
 // If matches with the middle element , its position is returned.
4. If Target value < middle element : search begins in left half by changing **end** to mid-1;
5. If Target value > middle element : Search begins in right half by changing **beg** by mid+1;
6. If beg > end : Search is unsuccessful and terminates,since we have traversed the whole array and didn't find the target value.



Search Element = 4

**Code :**

```

1. // input - input array
2. // n - size of array
3. int binarySearch(int *input, int n, int val)
4. {

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5.   int start=0,end=n-1;
6.   while(start<=end)
7.   {
8.       int mid=(start+end)/2;
9.       if(input[mid]==val)
10.          return mid;//found the target element
11.   else
12.       if(input[mid]<val)
13.          start=mid+1;//search in right half of array
14.       else
15.          end=mid-1;//search in left half of array
16.   }
17.   return -1;//unsuccessful search
18. }

```

Here is the link for the complete code of binary search  
<https://sapphireengine.com/@/j8fpcs>

## ❑ Recursive Approach :

### Algorithm :

1. Find the Mid element from beg to end of the array and compare with the target element !
2. If target element gets matched with middle element return mid element
3. If target element > mid element return function call for the array from mid+1 to end
4. If target element < mid element return function call for the array from beg to mid-1
5. If beg>end : return -1                      // Unsuccessful Search

### Code :

```

1. // arr - user input sorted array
2. // n - size of array
3. // key - element to be searched
4.
5. //helper function for binary search taking start, end ,
   key ,array as input
6.
7. int helper(int *arr,int start,int end,int key){
8.     if(start>end)return -1;//unsuccessful search
9.     int mid=(start+end)/2;
10.    if(arr[mid]==key){
11.        return mid;
12.    }
13.    else if(arr[mid]<key){
14.        return helper(arr,mid+1,end,key);
15.    }
16.    else return helper(arr,start,mid-1,key);
17. }
18.
19. //original binary search function taking parameters
   array, n, key & calls helper function which return the
   index of key
20.
21. int binarySearch(int *arr,int n,int key){
22.     return helper(arr,0,n-1,key);
23. }

```

Here is the link for the complete code of binary search using recursion

<https://sapphireengine.com/@/n7dvvu>

## → Binary Search using LinkedList :

- To perform Binary Search determination of the Middle element is important. In LinkedList , memory allocation for the singly linked list is dynamic and non-contiguous, which makes finding the middle element difficult.
- Still , Binary Search can be implemented using the 2 pointers approach which would cause Time Complexity of  $O(n)$  in searching the middle element while in Array time Complexity would be  $O(\log n)$ .
- Similarly, Space Complexity also increases as the linked list is not only holding the Data but also the Address of the next node .

## → Different Searching Techniques :

With the help of sorted Data we can perform other Searching Techniques also like :

### 1. Ternary Search :

Code :

```
2. // Function to perform Ternary Search
3. int ternarySearch(int l, int r, int key, int ar[])
4.
5. {
6.     while (r >= l) {
7.
```

```
8.         // Find the mid1 and mid2
9.         int mid1 = 1 + (r - 1) / 3;
10.        int mid2 = r - (r - 1) / 3;
11.
12.        // Check if key is present at any mid
13.        if (ar[mid1] == key) {
14.            return mid1;
15.        }
16.        if (ar[mid2] == key) {
17.            return mid2;
18.        }
19.
20.        // Since key is not present at mid,
21.        // check in which region it is present
22.        // then repeat the Search operation
23.        // in that region
24.
25.        if (key < ar[mid1]) {
26.
27.            // The key lies in between l and mid1
28.            r = mid1 - 1;
29.        }
30.        else if (key > ar[mid2]) {
31.
32.            // The key lies in between mid2 and r
33.            l = mid2 + 1;
34.        }
35.        else {
36.
37.            // The key lies in between mid1 and mid2
38.            l = mid1 + 1;
39.            r = mid2 - 1;
40.        }
41.    }
42.
```



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43.      // Key not found
44.      return -1;
45.  }

```

**From the first look, it seems the ternary search does less number of comparisons as it makes  $\log_3 n$  recursive calls, but binary search makes  $\log_2 n$  recursive calls.**

Worst case of Binary Search :

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 2, \quad T(1) = 1$$

worst case of Ternary Search :

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + 4, \quad T(1) = 1$$

In binary search, there are  $2\log_2 n + 1$  comparisons in the worst case. In ternary search, there are  $4\log_3 n + 1$  comparisons in the worst case.

Time Complexity for Binary search =  $2\log_2 n + O(1)$

Time Complexity for Ternary search =  $4\log_3 n + O(1)$

The value of  $2\log_3 n$  can be written as  $(2 / \log_2 3) * \log_2 n$ . Since the value of  $(2 / \log_2 3)$  is more than one, Ternary Search does more comparisons than Binary Search in the worst case.

## 2. Jump Search :

Jump Search is a searching algorithm for sorted arrays( like Binary Search ). The basic idea is to check fewer elements (than **linear search**) by jumping ahead by fixed steps or skipping some elements in place of searching all elements.

### **Algorithm :**

1. Sort the Array
2. Initialize the variable jump and mention the size of jump as m
3. Start from index 0 and jump until the key element gets smaller than the jumped element.
4. If Key element > arr[ jump ] then go back to previous jump state and start linear Search from arr[jump-m] to arr [ jump ]
5. If element found return index else return -1;

**What is the optimal block size to be skipped?**

**n= Size of array**

**m= block size to be jumped**

In the worst case, we have to do  **$n/m$  jumps** and if the last checked value is greater than the element to be searched for, we perform  **$m-1$  comparisons more for linear search.**

Therefore the **total number of comparisons in the worst case will be  $((n/m) + m-1)$** . The value of the function  $((n/m) + m-1)$  will be minimum when  **$m = \sqrt{n}$** .

Therefore, **the best step size is  $m = \sqrt{n}$** .

### **3. Exponential Search :**

Just like Jump Search , Exponential search also works in this criteria by jumping the element exponentially rather than fixed size which reduces the comparisons in the previous algorithm.

### **Algorithm :**

1. The idea is to start with subarray size 1
2. compare its last element with x,
3. then try size 2, then 4 and so on until the last element of a subarray is not greater.

4. Once we find an index  $i$  (after repeated doubling of  $i$ ), we know that the element must be present between  $i/2$  and  $i$  because we could not find a greater value in previous iteration

Time Complexity :-  **$O(\log n)$**

## Questions

**Ques1 :-** Consider a sorted array of  $n$  numbers. What would be the time complexity of the best known algorithm to find a pair 'a' and 'b' such that  $|a-b| = k$ ,  $k$  being a positive integer.

**(A)  $O(n)$**

(B)  $O(n \log n)$

(C)  $O(n^2)$

(D)  $O(\log n)$

**Ques2 :-** Consider the following C program that attempts to locate an element  $x$  in an array  $Y[]$  using binary search. The program is erroneous.

```
1.  f(int Y[10], int x) {
2.      int i, j, k;
3.      i = 0; j = 9;
4.      do {
5.          k = (i + j) / 2;
6.          if( Y[k] < x)  i = k; else j = k;
7.      } while(Y[k] != x && i < j);
8.      if(Y[k] == x) printf ("x is in the array ") ;
9.      else printf (" x is not in the array ") ;
10. }
```

On which of the following contents of  $Y$  and  $x$  does the program fail?

(A)  $Y$  is [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10] and  $x < 10$

(B)  $Y$  is [1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19] and  $x < 1$

**(C)  $Y$  is [2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2] and  $x > 2$**

(D) Y is [2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20] and  $2 < x < 20$  and x is even

**Ques3 :-** Given a sorted array of integers, what can be the minimum worst case time complexity to find ceiling of a number x in given array? Ceiling of an element x is the smallest element present in array which is greater than or equal to x. Ceiling is not present if x is greater than the maximum element present in array. For example, if the given array is {12, 67, 90, 100, 300, 399} and  $x = 95$ , then output should be 100.

(A)  $O(\text{LogLog}n)$

(B)  $O(n)$

(C)  $O(\text{Log}n)$

(D)  $O(\text{Log}n * \text{Log}n)$

**Ques4 :-** Which of the following is the correct recurrence for the worst case of Binary Search?

(A)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(1)$  and  $T(1) = T(0) = O(1)$

(B)  $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$  and  $T(1) = T(0) = O(1)$

(C)  $T(n) = T(n/2) + O(1)$  and  $T(1) = T(0) = O(1)$

(D)  $T(n) = T(n-2) + O(1)$  and  $T(1) = T(0) = O(1)$

**Ques5 :-** Consider a sorted array of n numbers and a number x. What would be the time complexity of the best known algorithm to find a triplet with sum equal to x. For example,  $\text{arr}[] = \{1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30\}$ ,  $x = 40$ . Then there is a triplet {5, 15, 20} with sum 40.

(A)  $O(n)$

(B)  $O(n^2)$

(C)  $O(n \text{ Log } n)$

(D)  $O(n^3)$