

## Binary Search in Python

I/P:  $L = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60]$

$x = 20$

O/P: 1

I/P:  $L = [5, 15, 25]$

$x = 25$

O/P: 2

I/P:  $L = [5, 10, 15, 25, 35]$

$x = 20$

O/P: -1

I/P:  $L = [10, 10]$

$x = 10$

O/P: 0 OR 1

10	20	30	40	50	60	70
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low

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high

$$\text{mid} = (\text{low} + \text{high}) // 2$$

case 1: ( $L[\text{mid}] == x$ )      $x = 40 \rightarrow \text{return mid}$

case 2: ( $L[\text{mid}] > x$ )      $x = 10 \rightarrow \text{high} = \text{mid} - 1$

case 3: ( $L[\text{mid}] < x$ )      $x = 60 \rightarrow \text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$

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def bSearch(L, x):
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    low = 0
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    high = len(L) - 1
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    while low <= high:
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        mid = (low + high) // 2
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        if L[mid] == x:
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            return mid
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        elif L[mid] < x:
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            low = mid + 1
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        else:
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            high = mid - 1
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    return -1
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