

Binary Search

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Binary search should be used to search **large** (sorted) lists.

2. Trace the steps of the binary search algorithm to search the following list:


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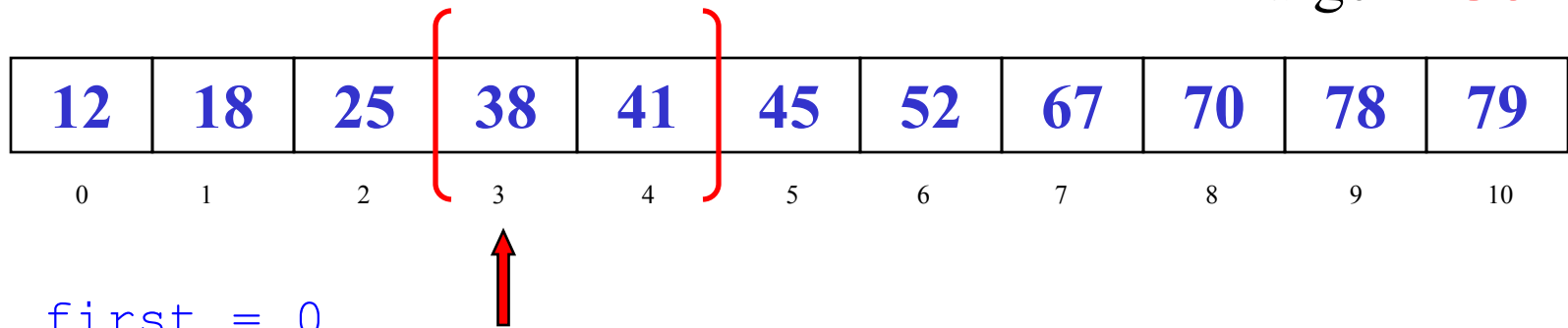
mid = (0 + 4) / 2 = 2

38 > list[2] => *search the upper half;*

first = mid + 1 = 3

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`38 == list[3] STOP: target found at index 3!`

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60 < list[8] => search the lower half:
    last = mid - 1 = 7

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mid = (6 + 7) / 2 = 6
60 > list[6] => search the upper half
    first = mid + 1 = 7
```

target = 60

Diagram illustrating an array structure with 11 elements. The elements are: 12, 18, 25, 38, 41, 45, 52, 67, 70, 78, 79. The element 67 is highlighted with a red bracket, indicating it is the current element being processed. A red arrow points to the index 7, which corresponds to the value 67. The text `first = 0` is shown below the first element (index 0).

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$$\text{mid} = (7 + 7) / 2 = 7$$

60 < list[7] => search the lower half

```
last = mid - 1 = 6
```

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first = 7 > 6 = last => STOP: target not found!
```

4. Binary Search – Function Definition

```
int binarySearch(const int array[], int size, int value)
{
    int first = 0,           // First array element
        last = size - 1,    // First array element
        middle,             // Mid point of search
        position = -1;      // Position of search value

    while (position == -1 && first <= last)
    {
        middle = (first + last) / 2;    // Calculate mid point
        if (array[middle] == value)     // If value is found at mid
            position = middle;
        else if (array[middle] > value) // If value is in lower half
            last = middle - 1;
        else
            first = middle + 1;         // If value is in upper half
    }
    return position;
}
```

5*. Show how a sorted array of unique numbers can be searched for a certain number using binary search. Code a calling statement for binary search and print appropriate messages.

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int binarySearch(double array[], int size, float value);

int main( void )
{
    double list[100] = {2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 50, 90};
    int     length    = 10;
    double  target     = 8;
    int     index;

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    index = binarySearch( list, length, target);
    if ( index != -1 )
        cout << target << " found at index " << index;
    else
        cout << target << " not found!";
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
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    index = binarySearch( list, length, target);
    if ( index != -1 )
        // here we should print a range: from index 2 to 7, inclusive
    else
        cout << target << " not found.\n";

    return 0;
}
```

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z = index + 1;
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while( z < length && list[z] == list[index] )
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    z++;
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z--;
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z = index + 1;
while( z < length && list[z] == list[index] )
    z++;
z--;

a = index - 1;
while( a >= 0 && list[a] == list[index] )
    a--;
a++;

cout << target << " found from index "
    << a << " to " << z << endl;
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