Search Test Lab Report

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**1. Linear Search**

We know from class that the theoretical time complexity of linear search over *unordered lists* is:

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| **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| *1* | *N* | *N/2* |

**Q1:** Increasing the number of trials and the value of N

1. Run experiments with an increasing value of N (from 1000 to 10,000). Does increasing N affect how many trials you have to run to get accurate results? Explain.

No, because the time complexity will not change when N is increasing.

1. Write down the number of trials that seem to have worked well for N=10,000.

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| **Number of Trials** |
| 1000 |

**Q2:** Linear Search Time Complexity Plot (Unordered List)

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| *Linear SearchInsert plot here* |

**Q3:** Does the order of the data in the list affect the number of comparisons? In the table below, guess the time complexity of Linear Search on an *Ordered List.*

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| **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| 1 | N | N/2 |

Linear Search Time Complexity Plot (Ordered List)

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| *Linear Search(sorted)Insert plot here* |

**Conclusion:**

There is no obvious differences in time complexity between ordered list and unordered list if we use linear search

**2. Binary Search**

We know from class that the theoretical time complexity of binary search over *ordered lists* are:

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| **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| *1* | *log\_2(N)* | *log\_2(N)* |

**Q4:** Binary Search Time Complexity Plot

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| *Insert plot here* |

**Conclusion:** What do your results tell you about the average-case complexity of Binary Search?

Same as the worst case time complexity

**3. Median**

Q5: We hypothesize that the time complexity of find\_median is:

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| **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| N | N^2 | N^2/2 |

**Justification:**

1. Best case scenario:

*Happens when...the first element is the median*

1. Worst case scenario:

*Happens when...the last element is the median*

1. Average case scenario: the element in the middle of the list is the median

Find\_median Time Complexity Plot

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| *Insert plot here* |

**Conclusion:** Did your results support your hypothesis? If not, why not, and how does it change your original hypothesis?

Yes