


Binary Search

Searching



Search Space

+



Target

Word in Newspaper
Word in Dictionary
or name in Contact List

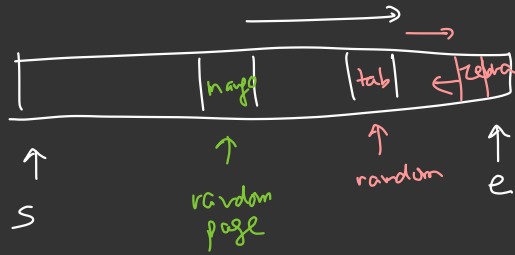
(unsorted)
[Newspaper]

[Dictionary]
(sorted)

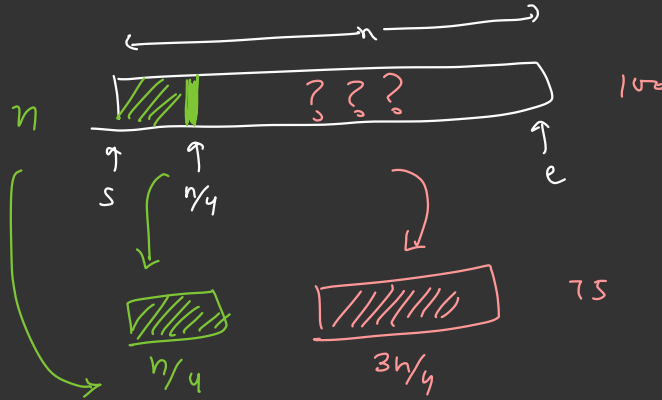
+ [word]

+ [word]

Better
= Yes



(tree)



Better → Divide at the middle

Sorted
Array

3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25
0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Target = 15

3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
↑ ↑ ↑
s m e

① $10 < 15$

$a[mid] < T$

↳ $s = mid + 1$

3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
 ↑ ↑ ↑
 s mid e

② $a[mid] > T$

$20 > 15$

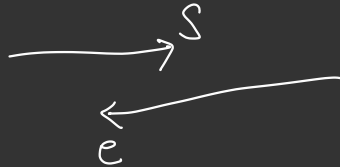
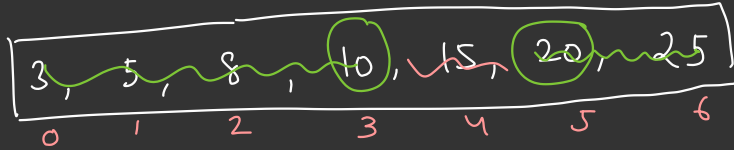
↳ $e = mid - 1$

3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
 ↑ ↑ ↑
 s e mid

$s = 4$

Element is not present

$T = 14$



$e = 4$

$mid = 4$

③ $\left[\begin{array}{l} arr[mid] == T \\ \Rightarrow \text{return mid} \end{array} \right.$

$10 < 15$ Right $s = mid + 1$

~~20~~

$20 > 14$

$e = mid - 1$

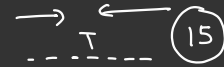
$15 > 14 \Rightarrow e = mid - 1$

$\rightarrow \text{if}(s > e)$
 $\text{return } -1;$

Pseudocode:

int binarySearch (int arr[], int T) {

int s = 0 ,
int e = arr.length - 1 ;



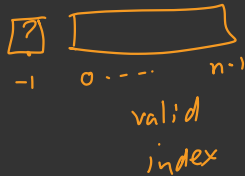
T = 10

while (s <= e) {
mid = (s + e) / 2
if (arr[mid] == T) { return mid ; }
else if (arr[mid] > T) { e = mid - 1 ; }
else { s = mid + 1 ; }
}

loop will
stop
if s > e

log N

O(1)

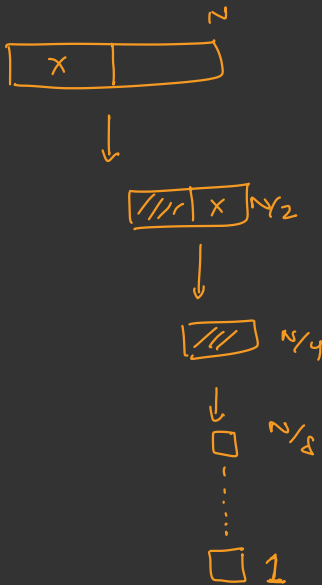


⇒ return -1,

= O(Log N)

Visual way \Rightarrow

Complexity



Step

0

①

②

③

⋮
 K

Size

N

$$N/2 = \frac{N}{2^1}$$

$$N/4 = \frac{N}{2^2}$$

$$N/8 = \frac{N}{2^3}$$

$$1 = \frac{N}{2^K}$$

Searching

Linear Search
(Both)

$$O(N)$$

Binary Search
(sorted)

$$O(\underline{\log N})$$

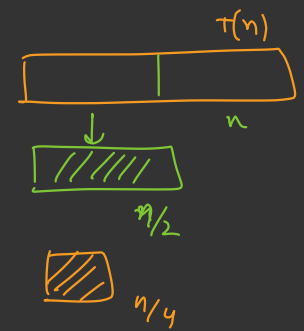
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow N &= 2^K \\ \Rightarrow \log_2 N &= \log_2 2^K \\ \Rightarrow K(\log_2 2) &= \log_2 N \\ \Rightarrow K &= \log_2 N \end{aligned}$$

Substitution
Method

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Rightarrow T(n) = K + T(n/2) \\
 & \Rightarrow T(n/2) = K + T(n/4) \\
 & \Rightarrow T(n/4) = K + T(n/8) \\
 & \quad \vdots \\
 & T(1) = K
 \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \underbrace{K + K + K + \dots + K}_{\log_2 n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= K \cdot \log_2 n \\
 &= O(\log_2 n) \quad \text{Time} \\
 &= O(1) \quad \text{Space}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$n \rightarrow n/2 \rightarrow n/4 \rightarrow n/8 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\log_2 n}$

Doubt

Binary Search in Dictionary

Largest word : 100 chars

A diagram illustrating a variable pointing to a memory location. A pink circle containing the letter 'c' has two vertical lines extending upwards from it, which then branch out to point at a yellow oval containing the word 'Constant'. An arrow points down to the 'Constant' oval from above.

T = "mango"

$$O(\cancel{N} \log N)$$

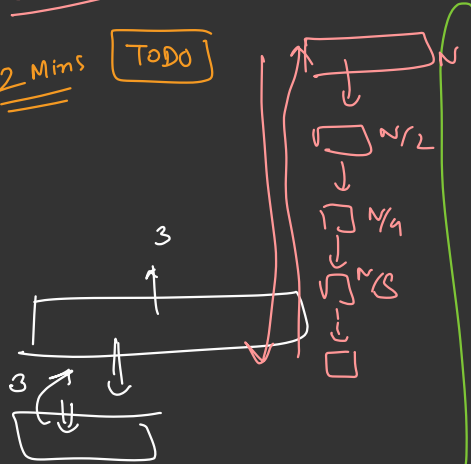
$$\downarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow O(\log N)$$

Recursive
Binary
Search

2 Mins

TODO



Time $\rightarrow O(\log N)$

Space $\rightarrow O(\log N)$

stack
memory

int

binarySearch(arr, T, s, e) {

// Base Case

if (s > e) {
 return -1;
}

$\rightarrow s$
 $\leftarrow e$

// Rec Case

mid = (s + e) / 2

if (arr[mid] > T) {

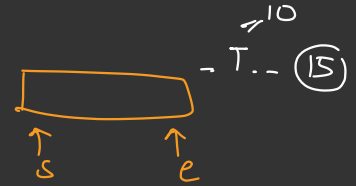
\Rightarrow return binarySearch(arr, T, s, mid - 1);

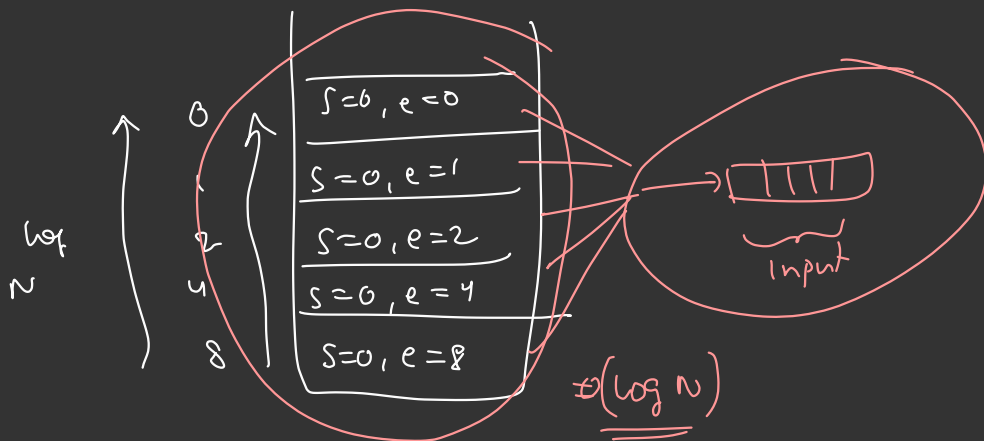
else if (arr[mid] < T) {
 return mid;

else {

return binarySearch(arr, T, mid + 1, e);

}





Binary Search on an array with duplicates

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	<u>3</u>	3	3	3	3	4	5	8	10	10

$T=3$

⇒ first occ

• → ~~Make linearly~~ $O(N)$
 → Apply Binary Search in left
 & save element mid

$S=0$

$e=12$

mid = $\boxed{6}$

Binary Search on an array with duplicates

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	<u>3</u>	3	3	3	3	4	5	8	10	10

$S=0, e=12$

mid ans
6 6

$S=0, e=5$

2 6

↑
 ↑
 mid e

ans = 6

$s=3$ $e=5$ 4 4 $e=mid-1$

$s=3$ $e=3$ 3 3 $e=mid-1$

$s=3$ $e=2$ [Stop]

$e=mid-1$

first occurrence

int

binarySearch (int arr[] , int T) {

int s = 0 ,

int e = arr.length - 1 ;

int ans = -1 ;

while ($s \leq e$) {

mid = (s+e)/2

if (arr[mid] == T) { $ans = mid$, $e = mid - 1$ }

else if (arr[mid] > T) { $e = mid - 1$; }

else $s = mid + 1$; }

}

\Rightarrow return ans ;

}

=> Amazon online Coding Round
Interview Prob

(time) ↑ (Accuracy)

0 1 2 3 4 5
1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12
↑ ↑
first last
2 5

$T=3$
⇒ frequency of T

• Linear Search → $O(N)$, $O(1)$ space

• Hashmap →
1-2
3-4
5-1
7-1
8-1
10-1
12-1
} $O(N)$ time
 $O(N)$ space

} Unsorted array + 1 query

Multiple queries
 $O(N + Q)$

$Q \rightarrow$ No of
queries

• Binary search $\frac{\text{last} - \text{first} + 1}{2} = \boxed{4}$ } $O(\log N)$
 $O(1)$ space

→ 1 query

→ $O(\underline{\underline{Q \log N}})$

int lastOcc
binarySearch(int arr[], int T) {

int s = 0 ,

int e = arr.length - 1 ;

int ans = -1;

while (s <= e) {

mid = (s + e) / 2

if (arr[mid] == T) { ans = mid; s = mid + 1 ; }

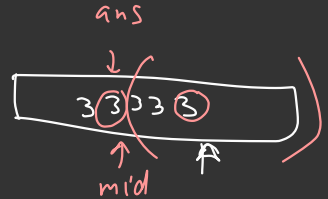
else if (arr[mid] > T) { e = mid - 1 ; }

else { s = mid + 1 ; }

}

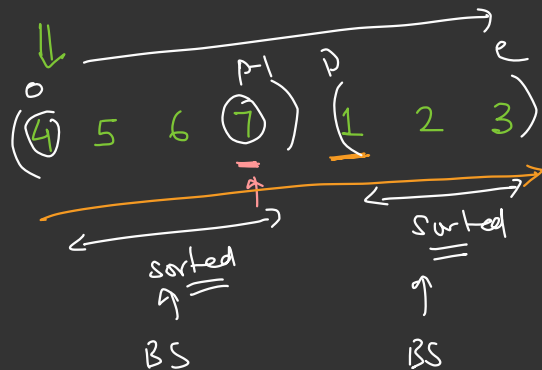
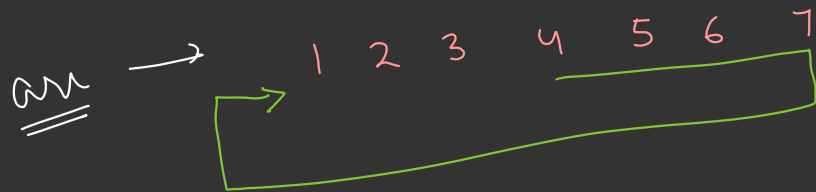
=> return ans;

}



10.3)

Q) Sorted array which is K rotated, where K is not known.



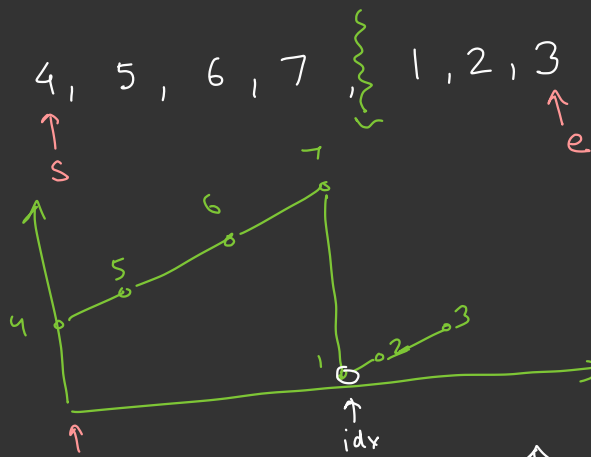
Linear Search
(largest/smallest)
 $O(N)$

log N i) Find out the pivot element

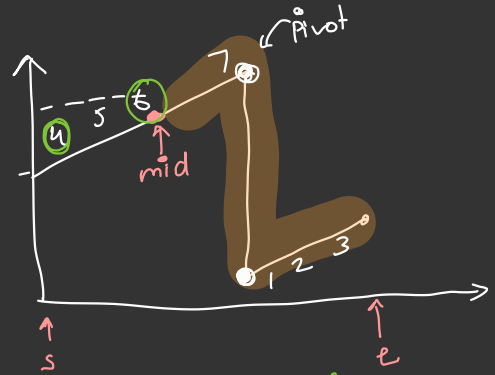
log N ii) Find out index of any element.

$O(2 \log N)$
 $= O(\log N)$

BS (0 — p-1)
BS (p — e)

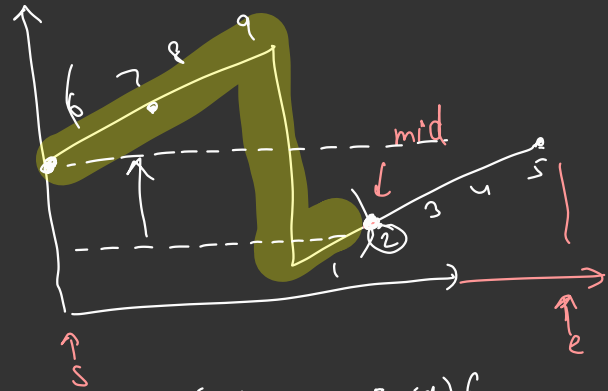


$\log N$ time



Case-I

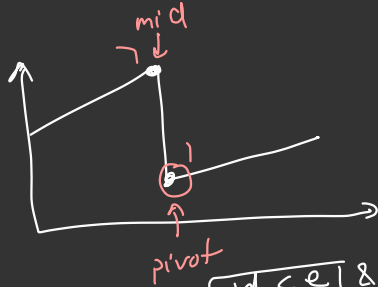
if ($a[s] < a[mid]$) {
 binarySearch (mid+1, e)
 }



Case II if ($a[s] > a[mid]$) {
 binarySearch (s, mid-1)
 }

Rec Case

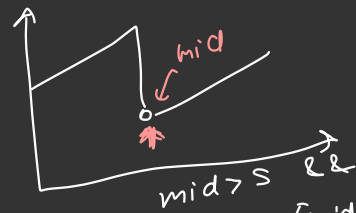
Case-III



$\boxed{mid < e} \&\&$
 if ($arr[mid] > arr[mid+1]$) {
 return mid+1;
 }

}

Case-IV

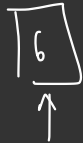
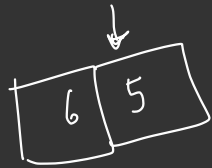
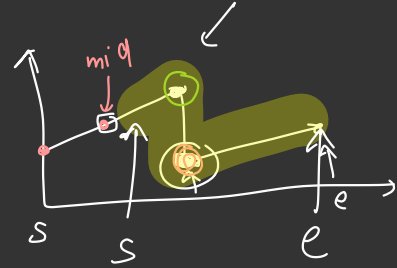


$mid > s \&\&$
 if ($arr[mid] < arr[mid-1]$)
 return mid;

Spl case

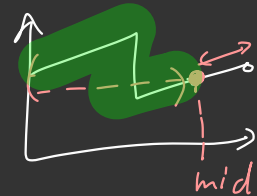
$s = 0$
 $e = n - 1$

while ($s \leq e$) {
 $mid = (s + e) / 2$;



out of bounds

if ($mid < e$ & $a[mid] > a[mid + 1]$)
 return $mid + 1$
 else if ($mid > s$ & $a[mid] < a[mid - 1]$)
 return mid ;
 else if ($arr[mid] > arr[s]$) {
 $s = mid + 1$;
 }



else {

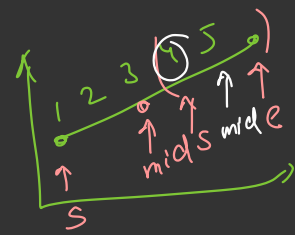
$e = mid - 1$,

}

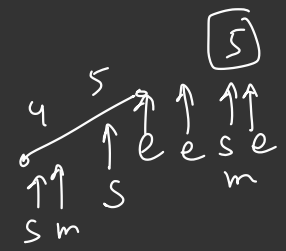
}

return (1);

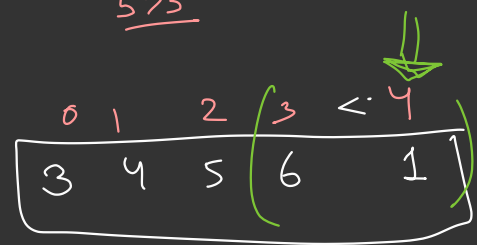
}



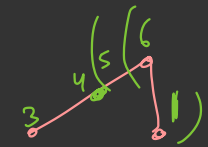
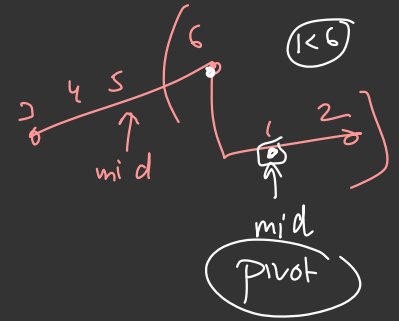
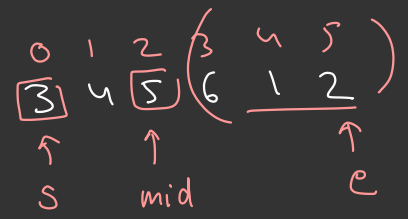
1 2 3 4 5



5 > 3



$s = 3$
 $mid = 4$
 $e = 4$



Physics

Pivot a point of rotation

