

Q2 Define Binary search in details with example.

Ans Binary search is a fast search algorithm with run-time complexity  $O(\log n)$ . This search algorithm works on the principle of divide and conquer.

How Binary search works?

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

Let see an example.

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def binarySearch(arr, l, r, x):
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    while l <= r:
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        mid = l + (r - l) // 2;
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        if arr[mid] == x:
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            return mid
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        else if
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            arr[mid] < x;
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                l = mid + 1
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        else
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            r = mid - 1
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result = binarySearch(arr, 0, len(arr)-1,
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x)
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if result != -1:
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    print(x, " is present at index", result)
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else
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    print("Element is not present in array");
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