Binary Search



Introduction to Recurrent Algorithms BINARY-SEARCH

• for an ordered array A, finds if x is in the array A[lo...hi]

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Alg.: BINARY-SEARCH (A, Io, hi, x)
                                               3
                                                                 7
                                          2
                                                   4
                                                        5
                                                                      8
                                                            6
    if (lo > hi)
                                          3
                                     2
                                              5
                                                                     12
                                                       9
                                                           10
                                                                11
        return FALSE
    mid \leftarrow \lfloor (lo+hi)/2 \rfloor
                                                         mid
                                     lo
                                                                     hi
    if x = A[mid]
        return TRUE
    if ( x < A[mid] )
        BINARY-SEARCH (A, Io, mid-1, x)
    if (x > A[mid])
        BINARY-SEARCH (A, mid+1, hi, x)
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Example

•
$$A[8] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11\}$$

 $- lo = 1$ $hi = 8$ $x = 7$
 $1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8$
 $1 2 3 4 5 7 9 11$ $mid = 4, lo = 5, hi = 8$
 $5 6 7 8$
 $1 2 3 4 5 7 9 11$ $mid = 6, A[mid] = x$
Found!

Another Example



Analysis of BINARY-SEARCH

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Alg.: BINARY-SEARCH (A, Io, hi, x)
    if (lo > hi)
                                                    constant time: c<sub>1</sub>
        return FALSE
     mid \leftarrow \lfloor (lo+hi)/2 \rfloor
                                                    constant time: c_2
    if x = A[mid]
                                                    constant time: c_3
        return TRUE
    if ( x < A[mid] )
        BINARY-SEARCH (A, lo, mid-1, x) - same problem of size n/2
     if (x > A[mid])
        BINARY-SEARCH (A, mid+1, hi, x) \leftarrow same problem of size n/2
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- T(n) = c + T(n/2)
 - T(n) running time for an array of size n

The Iteration Method

- Convert the recurrence into a summation and try to bound it using known series
 - Iterate the recurrence until the initial condition is reached.
 - Use back-substitution to express the recurrence in terms of *n* and the initial (boundary) condition.

Using Iteration Method

$$T(n) = c + T(n/2)$$

$$T(n) = c + T(n/2) = c + T(n/4)$$

$$= c + c + T(n/4) = c + T(n/8)$$

$$= c + c + c + T(n/8)$$
Assume n = 2^k

$$T(n) = c + c + ... + c + T(1)$$

$$k \text{ times}$$

$$= clgn + T(1)$$

$$= \Theta(lgn)$$

Application

- Number Guessing Game
- Word list

Scope of Research

Tree Traversal

Assignment

- Q.1)What is Binary search?
- Q.2)What is best ,worst & Average case analysis of Binary search when search element is not present in the list?
- Q.3)Explain Binary search using Divide and conquer method.