

BINARY SEARCH IN SCHEME by MARCEL GOM

(ON SORTED LIST)

(w/o mem a)

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START: 18:49

END: 19:33

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(DEFINE (BINARY ITEM LIST) ; RETURNS INDEX OF ITEM IN LIST
(DEFINE (NTH N LIST) ; RETURNS ELEMENT OF LIST AT INDEX N
(IF (= N 0) (CAR LIST) (NTH (-N 1) (CDR LIST))))
(DEFINE (BEFORE N LIST) ; RETURNS SUBLIST BEFORE INDEX N
(IF (= N 0) '() (CONS (CAR LIST) (BEFORE (-N 1) (CDR LIST)))))
(DEFINE (AFTER N LIST) ; RETURNS SUBLIST AFTER INDEX N
(IF (= N 0) (CDR LIST) (AFTER (-N 1) (CDR LIST))))
(DEFINE (SEARCH ITEM LIST ADD) ; ADD IS OFFSET FROM START OF
(LET ((MID (FLOOR (/ (LENGTH LIST) 2)))) ; ORIGINAL LIST
(COND ((NULL? LIST) FALSE)
((= ITEM (NTH MID LIST))
(+ ADD MID))
(< ITEM (NTH MID LIST))
(SEARCH ITEM (BEFORE MID LIST) ADD))
(> ITEM (NTH MID LIST))
(SEARCH ITEM (AFTER MID LIST) (+ ADD MID 1))))))
(SEARCH ITEM LIST 0))
    
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test: list (0 1 2 3 4 5 6) length = 7

find 5.

(SEARCH 5 LIST 0)

5 > 5/2 mid = 2

length = 3

(SEARCH 5 (4 5 6) (+ ADD MID 1))

MID: INDEX 1: 5

(= 5 5)

(+ ADD MID)

+ 4 1

= 5

(0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) length = 8