

## DAY-21

### Searching Algorithms

→ designed to check for an element or retrieve an element from any data structure where it is stored. There are two types.

#### 1. Sequential Search

→ the list or array is traversed sequentially and every element is checked.

example:- \* Linear Search.

#### 2. Interval Search:-

→ specially designed for searching in sorted data-structures.

→ More efficient than Linear search; as it divides the search space in half.

\* Example:- Binary Search.

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#### Linear search:-

to find '60'

10	30	30	70	80	60	20
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Time complexity

Best Case: -  $O(1)$

Worst Case: -  $O(n)$ .

Implementation: -

```
def linearSearch(arr, n):  
    for i in range(0, len(arr)):  
        if arr[i] == n:  
            return "found at", i  
    return "not found"
```

Binary Search:

→ Search a sorted array by repeatedly dividing the search interval in half.

→ Begin with an interval covering the whole array.

→ if the value of the search key is less than the item in the middle of the interval, narrow the interval to the lower half.

→ Otherwise narrow it to the upper half.

→ Repeatedly check until the value is found or the interval is empty.

\* The idea of binary search is to use the information that the array is sorted and reduce the time complexity to  $O(\log n)$ .



## Implementation :-

```
def binarySearch(arr, l, r, x):  
    if r >= 1:  
        mid = (l + (r - 1)) // 2  
        if arr[mid] == x:  
            return mid  
        elif arr[mid] > x:  
            return binarySearch(arr, l, mid - 1, x)  
        else:  
            return binarySearch(arr, mid + 1, r, x)  
    else:  
        return "Not found"
```

Here  
result = binarySearch(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1, x)

\* Can be implemented also  
~~also~~ "Without recursion"