

# LINEAR SEARCH:-

## PSEUDO CODE:-

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1- def linear search(x, y):
2-     count = 0
3-     flag = 0
4-     for i in range(len(x)):
5-         count = count + 1
6-         if x[i] == y:
7-             flag = 1
8-     return flag
  
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## • DRY RUNNING:-

$x = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$  → worst case when key is not present in list  
 $y = 9$

2- count = 0

3- flag = 0

4- 1<sup>ST</sup> iteration of for:

$i = 0$

5- count = 1 → 0

6- if  $x[0] == 9$ :

7-

2<sup>nd</sup> iteration of for:-

4-  $i = 1$

5- count = 2 → 0

6- if  $x[1] == 9$ :

7-



• 3rd iteration of for:

4.  $i = 2$

5.  $\text{count} = 3$

6. If  $4 == 9$ :

7. \_\_\_\_\_

• 4th iteration of for:

4.  $i = 3$

5.  $\text{count} = 4$

6. If  $5 == 9$ :

7. \_\_\_\_\_

• 5th iteration of for:-

4.  $i = 4$

5.  $\text{count} = 5$

6. If  $6 == 9$ :

7. \_\_\_\_\_

• 6th iteration of for:-

4.  $i = 5$

— x — x — loop terminates

8. return 0



Lines of code	Time/ instruction	frequency	
		(worst case)	(Best case)
1	c	1	1
2	c	1	1
3	c	1	1
4	c	$n+1$	$n+1$
5	c	$n$	$n$
6	c	$n$	1 → best case mai only 1 comparison hota hai
7	c	0	1
8	c	1	1

$$T(n) = c[1+1+1+n+1+n+n+1]$$

$$T(n) = c[3n+5]$$

## DISCUSSION:-

- Worst case complexity of linear search is  $O(n)$
- linear search in worst case grows linearly.



## $T(n)$ AT BEST CASE:-

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

$$T(n) = 7 + 2n$$

## • DISCUSSION:-

- In best case, search terminates in success with just one comparison
- In best case, complexity of linear search is  $O(1)$ .
- The element being searched may be found at the first position.