

# LINEAR SEARCH ALGORITHM

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**Searching:-** It is a process of finding a given value position in a list of values.

## \* Linear Search:-

- It is basic & simple search algorithm
- In sequential search, we compare the ~~max~~ target value with all the other elements given in the list.

• eg:- arr =  $[18, 12, 19, 77, 29, 50]$  (unsorted array)  
start  $\rightarrow$  target = 77

## • Time Complexity:-

① **BEST :-  $O(1)$**   $\Rightarrow$  CONSTANT

$\Rightarrow$  How many check will the loop make in best case, i.e. the element is found at 0<sup>th</sup> index  $\Rightarrow$  thus only one comparison will be made for best case.

② **WORST CASE :-  $O(n)$**

$\Rightarrow$  Worst case, here it will go through every element and then it says element not found.

$\Rightarrow$

size of array	No of comparisons	time (ms)
100	100	100ms
200	200	200ms
$n$	$n$	$n$ ms.

