

# Searching in Primary Memory

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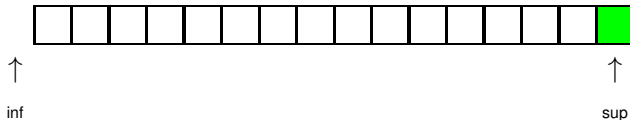
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## Sequential Search

SequentialSearch(*key*, *V*)

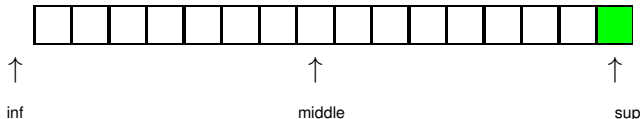
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1:  $i \leftarrow 1$ ;  
2: while ( $i \leq n$ ) and ( $V[i] \neq key$ ) do  
3:    $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;  
4: if  $i > n$  then "Success!"  
5:   else "Element not found!"
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4: while inf < sup - 1 do
5:   middle  $\leftarrow$   $\lfloor \frac{inf+sup}{2} \rfloor$ 
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initialization

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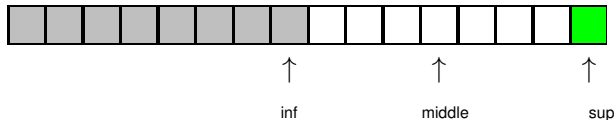


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*inf*

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2nd  
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4th iter.

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5th iter.

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