

Ex 6: Library Management System

Linear Search:

- Traverses each element in a list one-by-one until the desired value is found.
- **Time Complexity:**
 - Best Case: $O(1)$ (first element)
 - Worst Case: $O(n)$ (last or not found)

Binary Search:

- Efficient search on a sorted list by repeatedly dividing the search interval in half.
- **Time Complexity:**
 - Best Case: $O(1)$
 - Worst Case: $O(\log n)$

Time Complexity:

Linear Search:

- **Best Case:** $O(1)$ – when the item is at the beginning.
- **Worst Case:** $O(n)$ – when the item is at the end or not found.

Binary Search:

- **Best Case:** $O(1)$ – when the item is in the middle.
- **Worst Case:** $O(\log n)$ – divides the list in half each step.

When to Use:

Linear Search:

Use when the list is small or unsorted.

Binary Search:

Use when the list is large and sorted.

Must sort the list first if not already sorted ($O(n \log n)$).