

First application of an array is Searching under which we will study different searching approaches

Searching → Linear Search & Binary Search

arr = [20, 40, 70, 10, 12, 11, 29, 75, 46]
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

n = 9

x = 47

Linear Search

x = 11

n = len(arr)

0 to n-1

Time complexity

for i in range(n):
 if arr[i] == x:
 return i

return -1

when element to be searched is present in the last index

↳ worst

case scenario :-

O(n)

Element is

present almost at the

last

index.

Best case scenario :- O(1)

↳ Element is present at initial index.

↳ Element is not present in an array

Average case scenario :-

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ... + n

n

Sum of n

natural

numbers

$$\frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n} = \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$$

Space complexity → O(1)

Since we are not using any extra space that's why Space complexity is O(1).

Note that Temp variable are not considered as extra space. But if we are introducing a completely new list, stack, queue (Abstract data types) in our problem statement then it will definitely be counted under space complexity.

O(1) means constant space or no change in the space required during the runtime of the program.