

the size is created & data is copied to this & so on.

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## \* Linear Search Algorithm \*

- An algorithm used to search (very basic)
- iterates till it finds the element it's looking for linearly. (In sequence, one after another).
- "-1" (return -1) is used to indicate the value is not found or doesn't exist.
- Time Complexity → Best  $O(1)$  // constant  
worst  $O(N)$  // size of array.

• Linear Search can be performed on unsorted/sorted arrays.

Best case? Finding the element in 1<sup>st</sup> first index  
worst case? Not finding the element i.e. Go through all indexes but not find or at last index.

• Space complexity is also constant.

Pseudo Code :

function (arr, element)

if (length == 0) { return -1 }

for (i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) { if (element == target) {  
return i;  
}  
}

\* for int. array length  $\Rightarrow$  arr.length  
 for string array / vector  $\Rightarrow$  str.length()  
 $\downarrow$   
 var-name  $\rightarrow$  function call

\* var-name.toCharArray() // syntax

Eg:  
 sarr(Arrays.toString(v-n.toCharArray()))  
 $\rightarrow$  used to convert a string into a char array.

\* Always write all edge cases or Assumptions like  
 Array is empty or negative number.

If negative, convert

Eg:  $\text{if } (x < 0) \{$

$x = -x$

\* one way to find no. of digits in a number  
 $\Rightarrow (\text{int}) (\text{Math.log}_{10}(\text{num})) + 1$

base