

Searching in a List (Q)

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- Start at index 0, keep checking *until* you find it or *until no more element to check*

	0	1	...	k	...
v	12	35	33	15	42
x	14				

Linear search

Suppose another list is twice as long as v . The expected “effort” required to do a linear search is

- A. Squared
- B. Doubled
- C. The same
- D. Halved
- E. I don't know

See search.py 7

Searching in a List (A)

- Search for a target x in a list v
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	0	1	...	k	...
v	12	35	33	15	42
x	14				

Linear search

Suppose another list is twice as long as v . The expected “effort” required to do a linear search is

- A. Squared
- B. Doubled **CORRECT**
- C. The same
- D. Halved
- E. I don't know

Effort is *linearly* proportional to list size. Needs n comparisons for list of size n (at worst case).⁸