

Data Structures & Algorithms

Q.1 Let A be a two dimensional array declared as follows: [GATE 1998]
A: array [1...10] [1...15] of integer; $\rightarrow 100 + (15 \times (i-1) + (j-1)) = 15i + j + 89$

Assuming that each integer takes one memory location, the array is stored in row-major order and the first element of the array is stored at location 100, what is the address of the element A[i][j]?

- (A) $15i+j+84$ (B) $15j+i+84$ (C) $10i+j+89$ (D) $10j+i+89$

Q.2 Consider the following declaration of a two-dimensional array in C:

char a[100][100]; $\rightarrow 0 + (100 \times 10 + 50) = 4050$

Assuming that the main memory is byte-addressable and that the array is stored starting from memory address 0, the address of a[40][50] is: [GATE 2002]

- (A) 4040 (B) 4050 (C) 5040 (D) 5050

Q.3 In a compact one dimensional array representation for lower triangular matrix (all elements above diagonal are zero) of size $n \times n$, non zero elements of each row are stored one after another, starting from first row, the index of $(i,j)^{th}$ element in this new representation is

- (A) $i+j$ (B) $(j-1) + (i(i-1)/2)$ (C) $i+j-1$ (D) $i + (j(j-1)/2)$

[GATE 1994]

Q.4 An $n \times n$ array v is defined as follows:

$v[i, j] = i - j$ for all $i, j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n$

The sum of the elements of the array v is

- (A) 0 (B) $n-1$ (C) $n^2 - 3n + 2$ (D) $n^2 (n+1)/2$

[GATE 2000]

Q.5 What does the following function do for a given Linked List with first node as head?

```
void fun1(struct node* head)
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{
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    if(head == NULL)
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        return;
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    fun1(head->next);
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    printf("%d ", head->data);
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}

- (A) Prints all nodes of linked lists
- ✓ (B) Prints all nodes of linked list in reverse order
- (C) Prints alternate nodes of Linked List
- (D) Prints alternate nodes in reverse order

Q.6 Which of the following points is/are true about Linked List data structure when it is compared with array

- ✓ (A) Arrays have better cache locality that can make them better in terms of performance.
- ✓ (B) It is easy to insert and delete elements in Linked List
- ✓ (C) Random access is not allowed in a typical implementation of Linked Lists
- ✓ (D) The size of array has to be pre-decided, linked lists can change their size any time.

Q.7 What is the output of following function for start pointing to first node of following linked list? $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6$

```
void fun(struct node* start)
{
    if(start == NULL)
        return;
    printf("%d ", start->data);

    if(start->next != NULL )
        fun(start->next->next);
    printf("%d ", start->data);
}
```

- (A) 1 4 6 6 4 1
- (B) 1 3 5 1 3 5
- (C) 1 2 3 5
- ✓ (D) 1 3 5 5 3 1

Q.8 What is the worst case time complexity of inserting n elements into an empty linked list, if the linked list needs to be maintained in sorted order ?

- (A) $\Theta(n)$
- (B) $\Theta(n \log n)$
- ✓ (C) $\Theta(n^2)$
- (D) $\Theta(1)$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (n-1) \text{ element} \\ \text{Total Sum} = 1+2+\dots+(n-1) = \frac{n(n-1+1)}{2} \\ \equiv \pi^2 \end{array} \right.$

[GATE 2020]

Q.9 The following C function takes a single-linked list of integers as a parameter and rearranges the elements of the list. The function is called with the list containing the integers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in the given order. What will be the contents of the list after the function completes execution?

struct node


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{
    int value;
    struct node *next;
};

void rearrange(struct node *list)
{
    struct node *p, *q;
    int temp;
    if ((!list) || !list->next)
        return;
    p = list;
    q = list->next;
    while(q)
    {
        temp = p->value;
        p->value = q->value;
        q->value = temp;
        p = q->next;
        q = p?p->next:0;
    }
}

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(A) 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

✓ (B) 2,1,4,3,6,5,7

(C) 1,3,2,5,4,7,6

(D) 2,3,4,5,6,7,1

[GATE 2008]

Q.10 In the worst case, the number of comparisons needed to search a singly linked list of length n for a given element is:

(A) $\log_2 n$

(B) $n/2$

(C) $\log_2 n - 1$

✓ (D) n

[GATE 2002]

Q.11 Consider the function f defined below.

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struct item
{
    int data;
    struct item * next;
};

int f(struct item *p)

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{
    return (
        (p == NULL) ||
        (p->next == NULL) ||
        (( P->data <= p->next->data) && f(p->next))
    );
}

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For a given linked list p, the function f returns 1 if and only if

- (A) not all elements in the list have the same data value.
- ☒ (B) the elements in the list are sorted in non-decreasing order of data value
- (C) the elements in the list are sorted in non-increasing order of data value
- (D) None of them

[GATE 2003]

Q.12 What are the time complexities of finding 10th element from beginning and 10th element from end in a singly linked list? Let n be the number of nodes in linked list, you may assume that $n > 10$.

- ☒ (A) $O(1)$ and $O(n)$
- (B) $O(1)$ and $O(1)$
- (C) $O(n)$ and $O(1)$
- (D) $O(n)$ and $O(n)$

Q.13 You are given pointers to first and last nodes of a singly linked list, which of the following operations are dependent on the length of the linked list?

- (A) Delete the first element
- (B) Insert a new element as a first element
- ☒ (C) Delete the last element of the list
- (D) Add a new element at the end of the list

Q.14 What is the minimum number of stacks of size n required to implement a queue of size n?

- (A) One
- ☒ (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four

[GATE 2001]

Q.15 Consider the following operation along with Enqueue and Dequeue operations on queues, where k is a global parameter.

MultiDequeue(Q){

$m = k$

 while (Q is not empty and $m > 0$) {

 Dequeue(Q)

$m = m - 1$

 }

}

What is the worst case time complexity of a sequence of n MultiDeque() operations on an initially empty queue? [GATE 2013]

- (A) $\Theta(n)$ (B) $\Theta(n+k)$ (C) $\Theta(nk)$ (D) $\Theta(n^2)$

Q.16 Which of the following permutations can be obtained in the output (in the same order) using a stack assuming that the input is the sequence 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in that order?

- (A) 3, 4, 5, 1, 2 (B) 3, 4, 5, 2, 1 (C) 1, 5, 2, 3, 4 (D) 5, 4, 3, 1, 2

[GATE 1994]

Q.17 Let S be a stack of size $n \geq 1$. Starting with the empty stack, suppose we push the first n natural numbers in sequence, and then perform n pop operations. Assume that Push and pop operation take X seconds each, and Y seconds elapse between the end of one such stack operation and the start of the next operation. For $m \geq 1$, define the stack-life of m as the time elapsed from the end of Push(m) to the start of the pop operation that removes m from S . The average stack-life of an element of this stack is

- (A) $n(X + Y)$ (B) $3Y + 2X$ (C) $n(X + Y) - X$ (D) $Y + 2X$

[GATE 2003]

Q.18 Assume that the operators $+$, $-$, \times are left associative and $^$ is right associative. The order of precedence (from highest to lowest) is $^$, \times , $+$, $-$. The postfix expression corresponding to the infix expression $a + b \times c - d \wedge e \wedge f$ is

- (A) $abc \times + def \wedge \wedge -$ (B) $abc \times + de \wedge f \wedge -$
(C) $ab + c \times d - e \wedge f \wedge$ (D) $- + a \times bc \wedge \wedge def$

[GATE 2004, ISRO - 2009]

Q.19 The result evaluating the postfix expression $10 \ 5 + 60 \ 6 / * 8 -$ is

- (A) 284 (B) 213 (C) 142 (D) 71

[GATE 2015]

Q.20 A binary search tree is used to locate the number 43. Which of the following probe sequences are possible and which are not? Explain

- (A) 61 52 14 17 40 43
(B) 2 3 50 40 60 43
(C) 10 65 31 48 37 43
(D) 81 61 52 14 41 43
(E) 17 77 27 66 18 43

[GATE 1996]

Q.21 Suppose the numbers 7, 5, 1, 8, 3, 6, 0, 9, 4, 2 are inserted in that order into an initially empty binary search tree. The binary search tree uses the usual ordering on natural numbers. What is the in-order traversal sequence of the resultant tree? Sorted

- (A) 7 5 1 0 3 2 4 6 8 9 (B) 0 2 4 3 1 6 5 9 8 7
(C) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (D) 9 8 6 4 2 3 0 1 5 7

[GATE 2003, ISRO 2009]

Q.22 Let $T(n)$ be the number of different binary search trees on n distinct elements.

Then $T(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n T(k-1)T(x)$, where x is

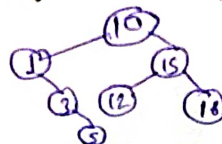
- (A) $n-k+1$ (B) $n-k$ (C) $n-k-1$ (D) $n-k-2$

[GATE 2003]

Q.23 The following numbers are inserted into an empty binary search tree in the given order: 10, 1, 3, 5, 15, 12, 16. What is the height of the binary search tree (the height is the maximum distance of a leaf node from the root)?

(A) 2

(B) 3



(C) 4

(D) 6

[GATE 2004]

Q.24 The numbers 1, 2, ..., n are inserted in a binary search tree in some order. In the resulting tree, the right subtree of the root contains p nodes. The first number to be inserted in the tree must be

(A) p

(B) $p+1$

(C) $n-p$

(D) $n-p+1$

[GATE 2005]

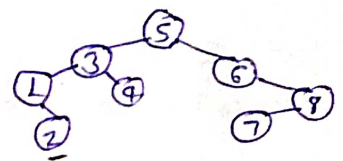
Q.25 A binary search tree contains the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. When the tree is traversed in pre-order and the values in each node printed out, the sequence of values obtained is 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 7. If the tree is traversed in post-order, the sequence obtained would be

(A) 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

(B) 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 7, 6, 5

(C) 2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8, 5

(D) 2, 1, 4, 3, 7, 8, 6, 5



[GATE 2005]