INTRODUCTION TO DATA STRUCTURE

Topics To Be Discussed.....

✓ Meaning of Data Structure

✓ Classification of Data Structure

✓ Data Structure Operations

DATA STRUCTURE

A data structure is <u>a class of data</u> that can be characterized by its organization and the operations that are defined on it.

Data Structure = Organized Data + Allowed Operations

In other words, the organized <u>collection of data</u> is called data structure. A Data structure is a set of values along with the set of operations permitted on them.

Data Structure Linear **Non-Linear** Tree **Array** LinkList Graphs Table Stack Sets Queue

Classification of Data Structure

There are various ways to classify data structure:

Primitive and Non-Primitive Data Structure

Linear and Non-Linear Data Structure

Homogenous and Non-Homogeneous Data Structure

Static and Dynamic Data Structure

Primitive and Non-Primitive Data Structure

- *The data structure that are <u>atomic (indivisible)</u> are called *primitive*.
 - *Example are integer, real, Boolean and characters.

- *The data structure that are <u>not atomic</u> are called <u>non-primitive</u> or composite.
 - *Example are records, array and string.

Linear and Non-Linear Data Structure

In a linear data structure, the data items are arranged in a linear <u>sequence</u>.

Example is array.

In a non-Linear data structure, the data items <u>are not in a</u> <u>sequence.</u>

Example is tree.

Homogeneous and Non- Homogenous Data Structure

*In Homogeneous Structure, *all the elements are of same type*.

Example is arrays.

*In Non-homogeneous structure, the elements may or <u>may not be</u> of same type.

*Example is records.

Static and Dynamic Data Structure

*Static structures are ones whose sizes and structures, associated memory location are *fixed at compile time*.

*Dynamic structures are ones which <u>expand(big) or</u> <u>decrease(small)</u> as required during the program execution and there associated memory location change.



Data Structure Operations

There are six basic operations that can be performed on data structure:-

- a) Traversing
- b) Searching
- c) Sorting
- d) Inserting
- e) Deleting
- f) Merging

(a) Traversing

Traversing means accessing and processing each element in the data structure exactly once.

This operation is used for <u>counting the number of elements</u>, <u>printing the contents of the elements</u> etc.

b) Searching

Searching is *finding* out the location of a given element from a set of numbers.

c) Sorting

Sorting is the process of arranging a list of elements in a <u>sequential</u> <u>order.</u>

The sequential order may be descending order or an ascending order according to the requirements of the data structure.

(d) Inserting

Inserting an element is <u>adding an element</u> in the data structure at any position. After insert operation the number of elements are increased by one.

e) Deleting

Deleting an element is <u>removing an element</u> in the data structure at any position. After deletion operation the number of elements are decreased by one.

(f) Merging

The process of <u>combining the elements of two data structures</u> into a <u>single data structure is called merging.</u>

