

## 1. What is Data Structure? Explain any 4 to 5 data structure operation.

A Data Structure is a particular way of organizing and storing data in a computer's memory so that it can be accessed and used efficiently<sup>1</sup>.

Here are 5 common operations that can be performed on data structures:

1. **Traversing:** This involves visiting each element of the data structure to perform some operation, such as printing all the elements<sup>2</sup>.
2. **Searching:** This operation is used to find a specific element within a data structure. The process varies depending on the type of data structure, but the goal is to locate the desired element<sup>2</sup>.
3. **Insertion:** Adding a new element to a data structure is known as insertion. The location where the new element is added depends on the specific rules of the data structure<sup>2</sup>.
4. **Deletion:** This operation involves removing an existing element from the data structure. The rules for deletion vary depending on the type of data structure and its implementation<sup>2</sup>.
5. **Sorting:** Many data structures support sorting operations, which organize the elements in a specific order, typically in ascending or descending value<sup>3</sup>.

Each of these operations plays a crucial role in manipulating and managing the data within different types of data structures, such as arrays, linked lists, stacks, queues, trees, and graphs.

## 2. What is an algorithm? Define space and trade-off and time complexity of an algorithm.

An algorithm is a step-by-step procedure or set of rules designed to solve a specific problem or accomplish a particular task. **In the context of computer science, an algorithm is a sequence of instructions that a computer must perform to solve a well-defined problem**

**Space Complexity:** Space complexity refers to the amount of memory or storage space required by an algorithm to execute a given task. **It includes both the space used by the input and any additional space used by the algorithm during its execution.** Space complexity helps in understanding how efficiently an algorithm utilizes memory resources. Algorithms with lower space complexity are generally preferred.

**Time Complexity:** Time complexity refers to the amount of time an algorithm takes to run as a function of the length of the input. It provides an estimate of the maximum time an algorithm will take to complete its execution, based on the size of the input data.

In algorithms, a trade-off is a situation where you have to give up one benefit in order to gain another. It's about balancing different factors, such as time and space

complexity, to optimize the performance of an algorithm based on the specific requirements and constraints of the task.

### **3. Advantages And Disadvantages Of Linear Search And Binary Search Algorithm.**

**Linear Search:**

**Advantages:-**

- 1. Simple To Implement**
- 2. Works On Any Data Structure**
- 3. No Additional Space Is Required**
- 4. Work Well For Small Datasets Or Unsorted Arrays.**

**Disadvantages:-**

- 1. Not Suitable For Sorted Array .**
- 2. Not Useful For Large Datasets As Its Has Time Complexity Of  $O(N)$ .**

**Binary Search:- Advantages:-**

- 1. Efficient**
- 2. Easy To Implement.**
- 3. Suitable For Large Sorted Datasets.**
- 4. Fast Search Time .**

**Disadvantages:-**

**Requires The Array To Be Sorted Beforehand.**

**Not Suitable For Unsorted Data Or Array .**

**More Complex To Implement As Compared To Linear Search.**

**Give the formula to calculate location/ address of any element of linear array in memory.**

$$A[I] = B + W * (I - LB)$$

**HERE I IS THE ADDRESS OF LOCATION**

**B IS BASE ADDRESS**

**LB IS LOWER BOUND**

**W IS THE WORD PER MEMORY CELL.**

Give the formula to calculate address of any element of a two dimensional array in memory.

**FOR COLUMN MATRIX :-**

**ADDRESS= BASE ADDRESS+W[M(J-1)+(I-1)]**

**W IS WORD PER CELL**

**I = ROWS J= COLUMN**

**FOR ROW MATRIX:-**

**ADDRESS= BASE ADDRESS+W[N(J-1)+(I-1)]**

**N IS THE NUMBER OF ROWS IN THE MATRIX**

**Write a note a Memory allocation and Garbage collection.**

**Memory allocation refers to the process of assigning portions of memory to programs or processes for their execution. There are generally two types of memory allocation:**

**Static Memory Allocation: Memory size is determined during compile time and cannot be changed at runtime.**

**Dynamic Memory Allocation: Memory size can be determined during runtime, allowing for more flexibility.**

**Garbage Collection:**

**Garbage collection is the process of automatically reclaiming memory occupied by objects that are no longer in use by the program. It's a mechanism provided by modern programming languages to relieve developers from manually managing memory deallocation. Garbage collection typically involves the following steps:**

**Detection: The garbage collector identifies objects in memory that are no longer reachable or referenced by the program. This is often done using reference S**

**Reclamation: Once unreachable objects are identified, the garbage collector frees up their memory for reuse by the program. This involves deallocating memory and updating data structures to reflect the changes.**

**6. Explain the process of inserting an element into a linked list.**

**Inserting An Element Into A Linked List Involves A Few Steps, Depending On Where In The List You Want To Insert The New Element.**

**Inserting At The Beginning:**

**Create A New Node With The Desired Value.**

**Set The New Node's Next Pointer To Point To The Current Head Of The List.**

**Update The Head Of The List To Be The New Node.**

**Inserting At The End:**

**Create A New Node With The Desired Value.**

**Traverse The List Until You Reach The Last Node.**

**Set The Last Node's Next Pointer To Point To The New Node.**

**The New Node's Next Pointer Should Be Null, Indicating The End Of The List.**

**If You're Inserting At A Specific Position In The Middle Of The List:**

**Traverse The List Until You Reach The Node Before The Position Where You Want To Insert.**

**Adjust The Pointers To Link The New Node Appropriately.**

**7.explain the process of deletion of element in linked list.**

**The process of deleting an element from a linked list involves the following steps:**

- 1. Find the Previous Node:**
  - Traverse the linked list until you find the node that precedes the one you want to delete. Let's call this node "prev\_node".
- 2. Update Pointers:**
  - Change the "next" pointer of prev\_node to point to the node after the one you want to delete.
  - Update the "next" pointer of the node to be deleted (let's call it "target\_node") to NULL.
- 3. Free Memory:**
  - Deallocate the memory occupied by target\_node (using the free() function in C/C++ or a similar mechanism in other languages).