Data Structures & Algorithms

- It is a way to organize data.
- After organizing data it becomes easy to process it.

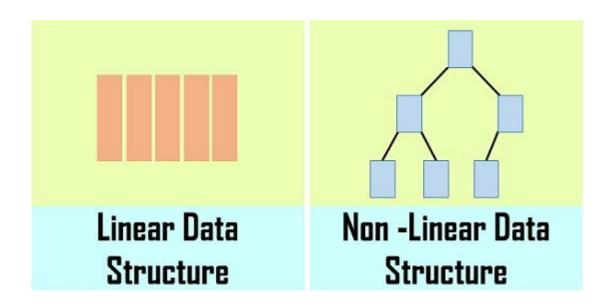
Data Structures Types:

Linear:

- They have data elements arranged in a sequential manner.
- Each member is connected to its previous and next element.
- Because they are connected sequentially it becomes easy to traverse them.
- Array, Linked List, Stack, Queue are linear data structures.
- They are single level.

• Non-Linear:

- Data elements inside these data structures are not in sequence.
- They are basically connected to one another through different paths.
- They are basically stored in multi-level so in order to traverse each and every element in that non-linear data structure takes some amount of time.
- Tree and Graph are non-linear data structures.



Algorithms:

 An algorithm is a set of instructions to perform a task or solve a given problem.

Analysis of Algorithms:

- There are several different algorithms to solve a given problem.
- Analysis of algorithm deals in finding the best algorithm which runs fast and takes in less memory.
- We should check <u>time complexity</u> and <u>space complexity</u> to find the best algorithm.

Time Complexity:

- Its amount of time taken by algorithm to run.
- The input processed by an algorithm helps in determining the time complexity.

Space Complexity:

- Its amount of memory or space taken by an algorithm to run.
- The memory required to process the input by an algorithm helps in determining the space complexity.

Asymptotic Analysis of an Algorithm:

- Asymptotic analysis helps in evaluating performance of an algorithm in terms of input size and its increase.
- Using asymptotic analysis we don't measure actual running time of the algorithm.
- It helps in determining how time and space taken by an algorithm increases with input size.

Asymptotic Notations:

- Asymptotic Notations are the mathematical tools used to describe the running time of an algorithm in terms of input size.

Types of Asymptotic Notations:

- There are three notations for performing runtime analysis of an algorithm.

- 1. Omega (Ω) Notation
- 2. Big O (O) Notation
- 3. Theta (θ) Notation

Omega (Ω) Notation:

- It is a formal way to express the lower bound of an algorithm's running time.
- Lower bound means for any given input this notation determines the best amount of time an algorithm can take to complete.

Big O (O) Notation:

- It is the formal way to express the upper bound of an algorithm's running time.
- Upper bound means for any given input this notation determines the longest amount of time an algorithm can take to complete.

Rules:

- It's a Single Processor
- It performs Sequential Execution of statements
- Assignment operation takes 1 unit of time
- Return statement takes in 1 unit of time
- Arithmetical operation takes 1 unit of time
- Logical operation takes 1 unit of time
- Other small/single operations takes 1 unit of time
- Drop lower order terms \rightarrow T = n² + 3n + 1 \rightarrow O(n²)
- Drop constant multipliers \rightarrow T = 3n² + 6n + 1 \rightarrow O(n²)

Theta (θ) Notation:

- It is the formal way to express both the upper and lower bound of an algorithm's running time.

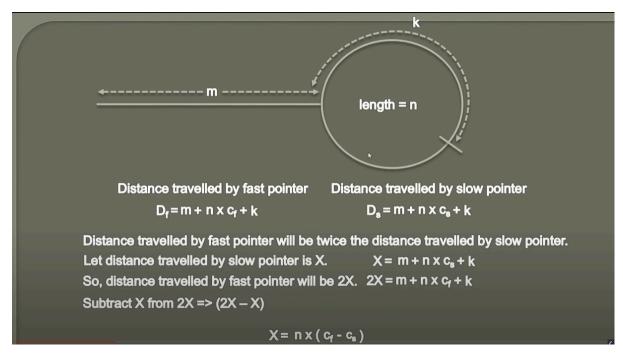
- By Lower and Upper bound means for any given input this notation determines the average amount of time an algorithm can take to complete.

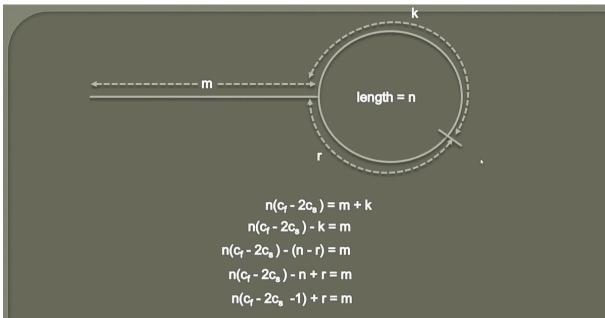
Array Data Structure:

- Array is the collection(box) of data elements of specified type.
- All members holding partitions are adjacent or contiguous.
- Each partition has two neighbors except the first and last one.
- Size of the array is fixed and cannot be modified.
- Being adjacent each partition is indexed and can be determined by its position.
- All data holding the partitions have contiguous memory locations.
- Index starts at 0 and for (one dimensional array) ends at length 1

Linked List:

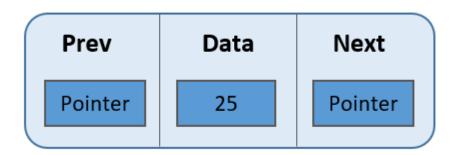
Floyd's Cycle Detection Algorithm:





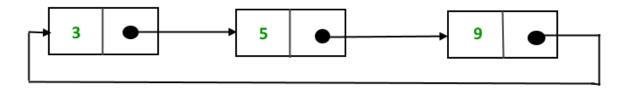
Doubly Linked List:

- It is called a two way linked list.
- Given a node, we can navigate lists in both forward and backward direction, which is not possible in a Singly Linked List.
- A node in a Singly Linked List can only be deleted if we have a
 pointer to its previous node. But in the Doubly Linked List we can
 delete the node even if we don't have a pointer to its previous
 node.



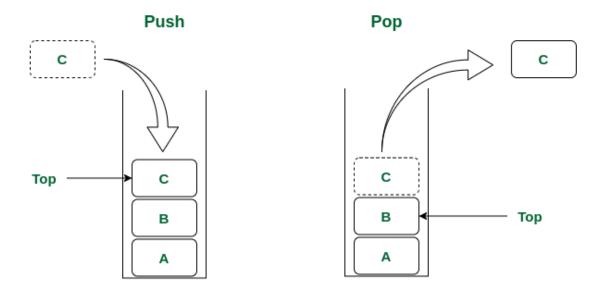
Circular Singly Linked List:

- It's similar to Singly Linked List, with a difference that in Circular Linked List the last node points to the first node and not null.
- Instead of head, we keep track of the last node in the Circular Singly List.



Stack:

- It is a linear data structure used for storing the data.
- It's an ordered list in which insertion and deletion are done at one end, called the top.
- The last element inserted is the first one to be deleted. Hence, it is called the Last In First Out (LIFO) list.



Stack Data Structure