34. What is Linked List? State different types of Linked Lists.

Linked List:

A *Linked List* is a dynamic data structure in which elements (called **nodes**) are connected using **pointers**.

Each node has two parts:

1. **Data field** → stores the actual data.
2. **Pointer field** → stores the address of the next (or previous) node.

Unlike arrays, linked lists do not require contiguous memory, and size can grow or shrink at runtime.

Types of Linked Lists:

1. **Singly Linked List** – Each node has data and a pointer to the next node.
2. **Doubly Linked List** – Each node has data, a pointer to the next node, and a pointer to the previous node.
3. **Circular Linked List** – The last node is connected back to the first node, forming a circle.
    - Can be singly circular or doubly circular.

35. Explain advantages of Linked List over Array.

Advantages of Linked List over Array:

1. **Dynamic Size** – Linked list can grow or shrink at runtime, while array size is fixed.
2. **Efficient Insertion/Deletion** – Adding or removing elements is easier in linked lists (just change pointers) compared to shifting elements in arrays.
3. **Better Memory Utilization** – No need for contiguous memory allocation, unlike arrays.

4. **Implementation of Complex Structures** – Useful for implementing advanced data structures like stacks, queues, graphs, and hash tables.
5. **No Wastage of Memory** – Memory is allocated as needed for each node, while arrays may waste memory if not fully used.

36. Consider an information management system that maintains data of students (fields - Roll No.

and Name). Apply suitable concepts of linked lists and write an algorithm to insert a data

record at the end of this list.

Step 1: Create a new node NEW.

Step 2: Set NEW.RollNo = given RollNo, NEW.Name = given Name.

Step 3: Set NEW.Next = NULL.

Step 4: IF HEAD = NULL (list is empty) THEN

Set HEAD = NEW

ELSE

Set TEMP = HEAD

WHILE TEMP.Next ≠ NULL

TEMP = TEMP.Next

END WHILE

Set TEMP.Next = NEW

END IF

Step 5: EXIT

37. Write an algorithm to implement insertion, deletion, traversal in Singly Linked List.

(a) Insertion at End

Step 1: Create a new node NEW.

Step 2: Set NEW.DATA = value, NEW.NEXT = NULL.

Step 3: IF HEAD = NULL THEN

HEAD = NEW

ELSE

TEMP = HEAD

WHILE TEMP.NEXT ≠ NULL

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

TEMP.NEXT = NEW

END IF

Step 4: EXIT

(b) Deletion (of KEY)

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL THEN PRINT "List empty", EXIT

Step 2: IF HEAD.DATA = KEY THEN

HEAD = HEAD.NEXT, FREE old HEAD, EXIT

Step 3: TEMP = HEAD

WHILE TEMP.NEXT ≠ NULL AND TEMP.NEXT.DATA ≠ KEY

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

Step 4: IF TEMP.NEXT = NULL THEN PRINT "Not found"

ELSE

DEL = TEMP.NEXT

TEMP.NEXT = TEMP.NEXT.NEXT

FREE DEL

Step 5: EXIT

(c) Traversal

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL THEN PRINT "List empty", EXIT

Step 2: TEMP = HEAD

Step 3: WHILE TEMP ≠ NULL

PRINT TEMP.DATA

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

Step 4: EXIT

38. Write an algorithm to implement insertion, deletion, traversal in Doubly Linked List.

(a) Insertion at End

Step 1: Create a new node NEW, NEW.DATA = value, NEW.NEXT = NULL.

Step 2: IF HEAD = NULL THEN

NEW.PREV = NULL, HEAD = NEW

ELSE

TEMP = HEAD

WHILE TEMP.NEXT ≠ NULL

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

TEMP.NEXT = NEW

NEW.PREV = TEMP

END IF

Step 3: EXIT

(b) Deletion (of KEY)

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL THEN PRINT "List empty", EXIT

Step 2: TEMP = HEAD

WHILE TEMP ≠ NULL AND TEMP.DATA ≠ KEY

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

Step 3: IF TEMP = NULL THEN PRINT "Not found", EXIT

Step 4: IF TEMP.PREV ≠ NULL THEN TEMP.PREV.NEXT = TEMP.NEXT

ELSE HEAD = TEMP.NEXT

Step 5: IF TEMP.NEXT ≠ NULL THEN TEMP.NEXT.PREV = TEMP.PREV

Step 6: FREE TEMP

Step 7: EXIT

(c) Traversal (Forward)

Step 1: TEMP = HEAD

Step 2: WHILE TEMP ≠ NULL

PRINT TEMP.DATA

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

Step 3: EXIT

39. Explain the data structure that is capable to efficiently utilize holes in memory while loading data.

The data structure that efficiently utilizes *holes in memory* while loading data is the Linked List.

Explanation:

- **In arrays, memory must be allocated in a contiguous block, which may not always be available due to fragmentation (holes in memory).**
- **A linked list, however, does not require contiguous memory. Each node can be stored in any available memory location (hole), and nodes are connected using pointers.**
- **This allows efficient utilization of scattered free memory (holes).**

Example:
If memory has small free blocks at different locations, we can store each node of a linked list in those blocks and link them together, thus avoiding wastage.

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40. Sketch the process of insertion at middle in a Singly Linked List.

Algorithm: InsertAtMiddle(DATA, POS)

Step 1: Create NEW node, NEW.DATA = DATA

Step 2: TEMP = HEAD

Step 3: Repeat (POS-1) times → TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

Step 4: NEW.NEXT = TEMP.NEXT

Step 5: TEMP.NEXT = NEW

Step 6: EXIT

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41. Write an algorithm to implement insertion, deletion, traversal in Circular Linked List.

(a) Insertion at End

Step 1: Create NEW, NEW.DATA = value

Step 2: IF HEAD = NULL THEN

HEAD = NEW, NEW.NEXT = HEAD

ELSE

TEMP = HEAD

WHILE TEMP.NEXT ≠ HEAD

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

TEMP.NEXT = NEW

NEW.NEXT = HEAD

END IF

Step 3: EXIT

(b) Deletion (KEY)

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL THEN PRINT "List empty", EXIT

Step 2: TEMP = HEAD, PREV = NULL

Step 3: WHILE TEMP.DATA ≠ KEY

IF TEMP.NEXT = HEAD THEN PRINT "Not found", EXIT

PREV = TEMP, TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

Step 4: IF TEMP = HEAD AND TEMP.NEXT = HEAD THEN HEAD = NULL

ELSE IF TEMP = HEAD THEN

LAST = HEAD

WHILE LAST.NEXT ≠ HEAD

LAST = LAST.NEXT

END WHILE

HEAD = HEAD.NEXT

LAST.NEXT = HEAD

ELSE PREV.NEXT = TEMP.NEXT

Step 5: FREE TEMP

Step 6: EXIT

(c) Traversal

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL THEN PRINT "List empty", EXIT

Step 2: TEMP = HEAD

Step 3: REPEAT

PRINT TEMP.DATA

TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

UNTIL TEMP = HEAD

Step 4: EXIT

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42. Consider the real-life application of Personal Computers, where multiple applications are

running. All the running applications are kept in the memory and the OS gives a fixed time

slot to all for running. Apply suitable concepts of linked lists and write an algorithm to delete

an application that the user closes. Applications can be represented as with application IDs.

Algorithm: DeleteApplication(AppID)

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL THEN PRINT "No applications", EXIT

Step 2: TEMP = HEAD, PREV = NULL

Step 3: WHILE TEMP.AppID ≠ AppID

IF TEMP.NEXT = HEAD THEN PRINT "Not found", EXIT

PREV = TEMP, TEMP = TEMP.NEXT

END WHILE

Step 4: IF TEMP = HEAD AND TEMP.NEXT = HEAD THEN HEAD = NULL

ELSE IF TEMP = HEAD THEN

LAST = HEAD

WHILE LAST.NEXT ≠ HEAD

LAST = LAST.NEXT

END WHILE

HEAD = HEAD.NEXT

LAST.NEXT = HEAD

ELSE PREV.NEXT = TEMP.NEXT

Step 5: FREE TEMP

Step 6: PRINT "Application closed"

Step 7: EXIT