

## 1. Define Data Structures and Abstract Data Types.

### **Data Structures:**

A *data structure* is a systematic way of organizing, managing, and storing data in a computer so that it can be accessed and modified efficiently. Examples include arrays, linked lists, stacks, queues, trees, and graphs.

### **Abstract Data Types (ADTs):**

An *abstract data type* is a logical description of how data is viewed and the operations allowed on it, without specifying how these operations will be implemented. Examples are Stack, Queue, List, and Deque.

## 2. Explain Linear and Non-Linear Data Structure with example.

### **Linear Data Structure:**

A linear data structure is one in which data elements are arranged sequentially, and each element is connected to its previous and next element.

- Examples: **Array, Linked List, Stack, Queue**

### **Non-Linear Data Structure:**

A non-linear data structure is one in which data elements are not arranged in a sequence. Instead, they are arranged hierarchically or in a network structure, where one element can be connected to multiple elements.

- Examples: **Tree, Graph**

## 3. Explain the classification diagram representing various types of data structures.

## Classification of Data Structures:

Data structures are broadly classified into two categories:

1. **Primitive Data Structures** – These are the basic structures supported directly by the programming language.
  - Examples: Integer, Float, Character, Boolean.
2. **Non-Primitive Data Structures** – These are more complex and are derived from primitive data types. They are further classified into:
  - **Linear Data Structures:** Elements are arranged in a sequential manner.
    - Examples: Array, Linked List, Stack, Queue.
  - **Non-Linear Data Structures:** Elements are arranged hierarchically or graph-like.
    - Examples: Trees, Graphs.

4. Explain Static and Dynamic Data Structures with example.

### Static Data Structure:

- A static data structure has a fixed size, decided at compile time.
- Memory is allocated once and cannot be changed during program execution.
- Example: **Array** → `int arr[10];` (size fixed as 10).

## Dynamic Data Structure:

- A dynamic data structure can change size during program execution.
- Memory is allocated and deallocated as needed (using pointers).
- Example: **Linked List** → nodes can be created or deleted at runtime.

5. Explain the necessary characteristics of an algorithm.

## Necessary Characteristics of an Algorithm:

1. **Finiteness** – An algorithm must always terminate after a finite number of steps.
2. **Definiteness** – Each step must be clear, well-defined, and unambiguous.
3. **Input** – An algorithm should have zero or more inputs.
4. **Output** – An algorithm must produce at least one output (result).
5. **Effectiveness** – Each step must be simple, basic, and can be performed in a finite time.
6. **Generality** – An algorithm should be applicable to a broad set of problems, not just one specific case.

6. Describe the Asymptotic Notations  $\Omega$ ,  $\theta$  and  $O$ .

**Asymptotic Notations** are used to describe the efficiency of an algorithm in terms of time or space complexity as the input size grows.

## 1. Big-O Notation (O):

- Describes the **upper bound** of an algorithm's growth rate.
- Represents the *worst-case* performance.
- Example: If an algorithm takes at most  $c \cdot n^2$  steps, it is  $O(n^2)$ .

## 2. Theta Notation ( $\theta$ ):

- Describes the **tight bound** (average case).
- Represents both *upper and lower* bounds.
- Example: If an algorithm always takes  $c_1 \cdot n^2$  to  $c_2 \cdot n^2$  steps, it is  $\theta(n^2)$ .

## 3. Omega Notation ( $\Omega$ ):

- Describes the **lower bound** of an algorithm's growth rate.
- Represents the *best-case* performance.
- Example: If an algorithm takes at least  $c \cdot n^2$  steps, it is  $\Omega(n^2)$ .

## 7. Compare static and dynamic data structures.

| Feature           | Static Data Structure          | Dynamic Data Structure         |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Memory Allocation | Fixed, decided at compile time | Flexible, allocated at runtime |

| Feature            | Static Data Structure              | Dynamic Data Structure                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Size               | Cannot be changed during execution | Can grow or shrink during execution         |
| Implementation     | Simple and easy (e.g., Arrays)     | Complex (uses pointers, e.g., Linked List)  |
| Memory Utilization | May waste memory if not fully used | Efficient memory use, allocated as required |
| Speed              | Faster access (direct indexing)    | Slower (extra pointer management)           |
| Examples           | Array, Static Stack                | Linked List, Dynamic Queue, Tree            |

8. Compare Linear and Non-linear data structures.

| Feature     | Linear Data Structure                             | Non-Linear Data Structure                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Arrangement | Elements stored sequentially (one after another). | Elements stored hierarchically or network-like. |
| Traversal   | Traversed in a single run (one by one).           | May require multiple runs                       |

| Feature            | Linear Data Structure                                 | Non-Linear Data Structure                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                    |                                                       | (parent–child, edges).                     |
| Memory Utilization | Memory may be wasted if size is fixed (e.g., arrays). | Memory is used efficiently using pointers. |
| Complexity         | Simple to implement and use.                          | More complex to implement and manage.      |
| Examples           | Array, Linked List, Stack, Queue.                     | Tree, Graph.                               |