

Q.1) Concept of Algorithm Efficiency & how it is measured (3 marks)

Algo Efficiency refers to how well an algorithm uses time & memory resources to solve a problem.

It helps determine which algo performs better for large inputs.

⇒ Measured using -

(1) Time Efficiency (2) Space Efficiency

⇒ Measurement method -

Efficiency is measured using Big O notation, $O(n)$, which shows how the algo's performance scales with input size n .

Q.2)

Time Complexity

Amount of time taken by an algorithm to run

Number of basic operations

Linear Search
 $\rightarrow O(n)$

Minimize execution time

Space Complexity

Amount of memory used during execution

Number of variables or storage locations used
 using an extra array
 $\rightarrow O(n)$

Minimize memory usage

Q.3)

Index formula for Accessing Elements in a 3-D Array (Column Major Array)

Let the array be $A [L_1 \dots U_1, L_2 \dots U_2, L_3 \dots U_3]$

L_1, L_2, L_3 = lower bounds of dimensions
 U_1, U_2, U_3 = upper

$$N_1 = U_1 - L_1 + 1, \quad N_2 = U_2 - L_2 + 1, \quad N_3 = U_3 - L_3 + 1$$

Base address = Base (A)

$$\text{LOC}(A[i][j][k]) = \text{Base}(A) + (i - L_1) + (j - L_2) \times N_1 + (k - L_3) \times N_1 \times N_2$$

Ex $\rightarrow A[0 \dots 2][0 \dots 2][0 \dots 2]$ let $\text{Base}(A) = 100$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LOC}(A[1][1][1]) &= 100 + (1 - 0) + (1 - 0) \times (2 - 0 + 1) \\ &\quad + (1 - 0) \times (2 - 0 + 1) \times (2 - 0 + 1) \\ &= 100 + 1 + 1(3) + (1) \times (3) \times (3) \\ &= 100 + 1 + 3 + 9 \\ &= 113 \end{aligned}$$

Q. 4) Binary Search Algorithm
 works on sorted array & repeatedly divides the search interval in half to find the target element efficiently

ALGORITHM

(1) Start with low index = 0 & upper index high = n-1

(2) Find mid index

$$\text{mid} = (\text{low} + \text{high}) / 2$$

(3) Compare the mid element arr[mid] with target.

- if arr[mid] == key, element found, return mid
- if arr[mid] > key, search left, high = mid-1
- if arr[mid] < key, search right, low = mid+1

(4) Repeats steps 2-3 until (low > high)

(5) If not found, return -1.

Time Complexity :-

Best/ Avg/ Worst — $O(\log n)$

Condition - Array must be sorted before apply Binary Search.

Q.5) Bubble Sort

simple comparison-based sorting algorithm that repeatedly steps through the lists, compares adjacent elements & swap them if they are in the wrong order.

After each pass, the largest element "bubbles up" to its correct position.

Algorithm Steps -

- (1) Start from first element & compare with the next one.
- (2) If the current element isn't in the correct position, swap them.
- (3) Continue this for entire array — one pass.
- (4) Repeat until no swaps are needed.

Example : Sort the array [5, 3, 4, 1, 2]

Pass Compare & Swap

1 [3, 5, 4, 1, 2] \leftrightarrow [3, 4, 1, 2, 5]

2 [3, 1, 2, 4, 5]

3 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

4 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] Sorted.

Time Complexity —

Best $\rightarrow O(n)$

Avg / Worst $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

Space Complexity — $O(1)$

Type \rightarrow In-place, stable sorting algorithm

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void bubbleSort (int arr[]) {
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    int n = arr.length;
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) {
            if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1]) {
                int temp = arr[j];
                arr[j] = arr[j + 1];
                arr[j + 1] = temp;
            }
        }
    }
}
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DRY RUN

[0 1 2 3
2, 3, 1, 0]

pass 1

i = 0 → 3
j = 0 → 3 - i

j = 0 → 3 - i = 0

arr[0] > arr[1]

temp = 2,

arr[0] = arr[1] ≠ 3

arr[1] = 3

2 < 3

Not Swap

3 > 1

Swap

3 > 0

Swap

[2, 1, 0, 3]

pass 2

2 < 3

Yes
Swap

2 > 0

Swap

2 > 3?

No Swap

[1, 0, 2, 3]

pass 3

1 > 0

swap

1 < 2

No Swap

2 < 3

No Swap

[0, 1, 2, 3]

Sorted

(Q.6) Recursive method (Factorial of a number)

Algo steps -

- (1) Base case: if $n=0$ or $n \geq 1$
- (2) Recursive case: Multiply n by factorial of $n-1$

int factorial (int n) {

if ($n==0$ || $n==1$) {

return 1;

}

return $n * \text{factorial}(n-1);$

}

Call factorial (5)

$5 * \text{factorial}(4)$

$5 * 4 * \text{factorial}(3)$

$5 * 4 * 3 * \text{factorial}(2)$

$5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * \text{factorial}(1)$

$5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1$ base case

C & S.C both = O(n)

fact(5)

5

fact(4)

4

fact(3)

3

fact(2)

2

fact(1)

1

1.7) Circular Linked List (CLL)

A variation of a linked list where the last node points back to the first node.

→ Can be singly circular (last node → first node)
→ or doubly circular (last node → first node and first node → last node)

→ Advantage over regular linked list :-

- Can traverse the list starting from any node.
- Useful for buffered systems, round-robin scheduling and repeated tasks.

Structure (Singly CLL Node)

Class Node {

 int data;

 Node next;

 Node (int data){

 this.data = data;

 this.next = null;

} // constructor

→ ALGORITHM to traverse a CLL

Objective - Print all nodes in the CLL.

Steps -

(1) Start with the head node.

(2) Use a temp pointer and move through the list → Print temp. data

→ Move temp = temp.next.

(3) Stop when temp becomes equal to head again.

pseudo code

void traverse (Node head){

 if (head == null) return;

 Node temp = head;

 do { SOP(temp.data + " "); }

 while (temp != head);

}

(Q.8) (a) Trade-offs between Recursion & Iteration
 (Memory usage)

Recursion	Iteration
★ Each recursive call adds a new stack frame in memory $\rightarrow O(n)$ space for n calls.	★ Iterative loops use constant memory $\rightarrow O(1)$ space (no stack overhead).
★ Often simpler & more intuitive for problems.	★ Complex to implement.
★ May cause stack overflow for large inputs.	★ Iteration is safe for large inputs.

(b) Recursive Algorithm for Fibonacci Series

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...



Algo steps

Base case \Rightarrow if $n=0$, return 0

\Rightarrow if $n=1$, return 1

Recursive case \Rightarrow return $\text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$

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int fib(int n) {
  if (n == 0) return 0;
  if (n == 1) return 1;
  return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
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Q.9) Merge Sort on an Unsorted Array
 divide-and-conquer sorting algorithm
 split the array into two halves
 Recursively sort both halves
 Merge those two sorted halves into a single sorted array.

Time Complexity $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$ (even in worst case)
Space Complexity $\rightarrow O(n)$
Type \rightarrow Stable & suitable for large datasets & linked list

Real-World Applications:

① External Sorting

Sorting data too large to fit in memory

② DBMS

Sorting records for merge-joins & query optimization.

③ Large-Scale Analytics

Used in big data frameworks like Hadoop to sort massive datasets.

④ Linked Lists Sorting

Merge sort works well because it does not require random access.

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OR Singly Linked List for Polynomial Expression

A polynomial is an expression -

$$P(x) = 5x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 7$$

coefficient (5, 4, 2, 7)

Exponent (3, 2, 1, 0)

⇒ SLL are ideal for storing polynomials because -

- * Number of terms may vary dynamic
- * Terms can be inserted or deleted easily

⇒ Node Structure for polynomial terms

class PolyNode

int coeff, exp;

PolyNode next;

PolyNode (int C, int E) {

coeff = C; exp = E; next = null;

}

⇒ Implementation

Step 1 Create a Polynomial

each node stores one term.

Terms are linked in descending orders of exp

Head → [5, 3] → [4, 2] → [2, 1] → [7, 0] → null

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Traverse Polynomial

void display (PolyNode head) {

PolyNode temp = head;

while (temp != null) {

SOP(temp.coeff + "x^{" + temp.exp + "}");

if (temp.next != null) {

SOP(" + ");

temp = temp.next;

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Step -3 Add Two Polynomials

→ Traverse both lists simultaneously

→ Compare exponents

* if equal → sum coefficients

* if one exponent is larger → insert that term

⇒ Advantage of Using SLL

Dynamic size

Efficient insertion/deletion

Memory Efficient.

⇒ Real-world Application

① Symbolic Mathematics → Storing and manipulating algebraic expressions.

② Computer Algebra Systems (CAS) → Mathematica, Maple, MATLAB.

③ Graphics & Engineering Computations → polynomials for curves, trajectories and simulations.