

Differentiate b/w data type and data structure:

Data type:

- Refers to a kind of value or variable can hold and the operations that can be performed on it.
- Built-in or primitive type in programming languages like integers, floats, chars, and booleans.
- Example in python, int, float, str, and bool are data type.
- Purpose to store individual values with specific properties.

Data structure:

- A way of organizing and storing multiple data elements to perform complex operation efficiently.
- Data structures can built using data type and essential for creating diff algorithms.
- Examples include : array, linkedlist, stacks, queues, trees and graphs.
- To perform operation like insertion, deletions, and searching efficiently.

Q2 Operation on Array, linked list → Stack
(queue (with pros and cons)).

① Array.

- Operation:

Access → Insertion → Deletion,
Traversal, Searching.

- Pros:

- constant time access to elements using an index.
- simple and efficient for sequential data storage.

- Cons:

- fixed size if (static) makes resizing difficult
- Insertion / deletion can be slow if elements need to shift positions.

② Linked List:

- Operation:

Insertion/deletion, traversal, searching.

- Pros:

- Dynamic size allowing easy add/remove of elements.
- Efficient memory usage for sparse data.

- Cons:

- Slower access to elements (no direct index access)
- Require extra memory for storing pointers

③ Stack:

• Operations:

Push (insert), pop (remove), peek (retrieve top element).

• Pros:

- LIFO (last in first out) structure is useful for function calls, backtracking and undo operations.
- Simple to implement.

• Cons:

- Limited access to only the top element.
- fixed size (if implemented using an array) can lead to stack overflow.

④ Queue:

• Operation:

Enqueue (insert), Dequeue (remove), Peek (view front element).

• Pros:

- FIFO (first in first out) structure is useful for scheduling tasks and buffering.
- efficient in managing order-based operations.

• Cons:

- limited access to only the front element.
- fixed size (if array-based), which can lead to overflow or underflow.

Q3 steps for writing an efficient algorithm

① Define Problem Clearly:

- understand the problem requirement and constraints.
- Define inputs, output, and any edge cases.

② Identify Key Requirements:

- consider the resources required (time and space).
- Decide which requirements (e.g.; speed > memory) to prioritize based on constraints -

③ Design a High-level Solution:

- Break down the problem into smaller sub-problems.
- Use Pseudocode or flowcharts to outline the solution.

④ Choose the Right Data Structures:

- Select data structure that optimize performance.
- Align data structures with operations needed.

Optimize for Time Space complexity:

- Aim to reduce Big-O time and space complexity.
- Implement shortcuts or heuristics if applicable.