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Q1. Define data structures. Write down and briefly explain types of the data structures that used to store data in computer memory. Q2. What is algorithm? Why Big O notation is used in algorithm? Give example and briefly describe. Q3. With a suitable example(c++), briefly describe the commonly performed operations in data structures.

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Definition of Data Structures:
Data structures are specialized formats for organizing, storing, and managing data in a computer's memory so that it can be accessed and modified efficiently. They provide a way to handle data in a structured manner, enabling efficient algorithms and operations.

Types of Data Structures:

1. **Primitive Data Structures:**

    - These are basic data structures provided by programming languages.
    - Examples: `int`, `float`, `char`, `bool`.

2. **Non-Primitive Data Structures:**
    - These are more complex and are derived from primitive data structures.
    - They are further divided into:
        - **Linear Data Structures:** Elements are arranged sequentially.
            - **Arrays:** A collection of elements of the same type stored in contiguous memory locations.
            - **Linked Lists:** A sequence of nodes where each node contains data and a pointer to the next node.
            - **Stacks:** A Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) structure where elements are added and removed from the top.
            - **Queues:** A First-In-First-Out (FIFO) structure where elements are added at the rear and removed from the front.
        - **Non-Linear Data Structures:** Elements are not arranged sequentially.
            - **Trees:** A hierarchical structure with a root node and child nodes (e.g., Binary Tree, Binary Search Tree).
            - **Graphs:** A collection of nodes (vertices) connected by edges (e.g., Directed Graph, Undirected Graph).

Q2. What is an Algorithm? Why is Big O Notation Used in Algorithms? Give an Example and Briefly Describe.

Definition of Algorithm:
An algorithm is a step-by-step procedure or set of rules to solve a specific problem or perform a computation. It is a finite sequence of well-defined instructions that take an input and produce an output.

Why Big O Notation is Used:
Big O notation is used to describe the performance or complexity of an algorithm, specifically its time and space requirements. It provides an upper bound on the growth rate of an algorithm's running time or space usage as the input size increases. This helps in comparing the efficiency of different algorithms.

Example:
Consider a simple algorithm to find the maximum element in an array:

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int findMax(int arr[], int n) {
    int max = arr[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        if (arr[i] > max) {
            max = arr[i];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```

- **Time Complexity:** O(n) because the algorithm iterates through the array once.
- **Space Complexity:** O(1) because it uses a constant amount of extra space.

Explanation:

> Big O notation helps us understand that the time taken by this algorithm grows linearly with the input size `n`. This is useful for predicting how the algorithm will perform with larger inputs.

Q3. With a Suitable Example (C++), Briefly Describe the Commonly Performed Operations in Data Structures.

Common Operations in Data Structures:

1. **Traversal:** Accessing each element of the data structure.
2. **Insertion:** Adding an element to the data structure.
3. **Deletion:** Removing an element from the data structure.
4. **Searching:** Finding the location of an element.
5. **Sorting:** Arranging elements in a specific order.
6. **Merging:** Combining two data structures into one.

Example in C++ (Using an Array):

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int arr[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50}; // Initialization
    int n = 5;

    // Traversal
    cout << "Array elements: ";
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        cout << arr[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;

    // Insertion (Insert 25 at index 2)
    for (int i = n; i > 2; i--) {
        arr[i] = arr[i - 1];
    }
    arr[2] = 25;
    n++; // Increase size
    cout << "After insertion: ";
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        cout << arr[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;

    // Deletion (Remove element at index 3)
    for (int i = 3; i < n - 1; i++) {
        arr[i] = arr[i + 1];
    }
    n--; // Decrease size
    cout << "After deletion: ";
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        cout << arr[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;

    // Searching (Find index of 30)
    int key = 30;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if (arr[i] == key) {
            cout << "Element " << key << " found at index " << i << endl;
            break;
        }
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Explanation:

- **Traversal:** The `for` loop prints all elements of the array.
- **Insertion:** The element `25` is inserted at index `2`, and the array is shifted to accommodate it.

- **Deletion:** The element at index `3` is removed, and the array is shifted to fill the gap.
- **Searching:** The program searches for the element `30` and prints its index.

This example demonstrates how common operations are performed on an array, a fundamental linear data structure.