

SOFE 3950U: Tutorial 8 Activity
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Conceptual Questions

Question 1

Abstract Data Types (ADT) are data types that are defined by its behavior from users point of view. Examples for abstract data types will be arrays, lists, trees, stacks and so on. These data types implementation is independent of the type of data stored in each unit of the data type.

Question 2

In a queue data added first is taken out of the queue first, in order. It can be visualized as if data is being added from the back and is being used and taken if from the front. In a stack data added first will be taken out last. It can be visualized as if books are being piled on top of each other. The book on top which is added last will be taken out first.

Question 3

3 different types of Data structures could be the following :-

- Trees Trees are data structures with parent child relationships where each unit
 of data is branched of from another unit. There can be binary trees where each
 unit will have a left-branch and right-branch or trees with more than 2 branches.
 Binary trees are more common and easy to implement.
- Linked List Linked lists are data structures that are comprised of nodes and linked/pointing to each other using pointers. Linked lists can be singly linked lists or double linked lists. In singly linked lists the current node points to the next node only whereas in doubly linked lists, one node will point to the next and previous nodes. Linked lists also have special nodes called the head and tail nodes which marks the start and end. A linked list cannot be indexed, but iterated.
- Stacks Stacks are LIFO data structure where the data added last will be popped out first. Stacks are pretty easy to implement and even used in lower levels of computing. When using a stack push method is implemented to add data to the top of the stack and pop method is implemented to remove data from the top of the stack.

Question 4

A binary tree is a tree that contains only two children for each node. Some of the common operations of this tree includes inserting a node to the tree, deleting a node from the tree and searching for a node.

Question 5

A hash table is used to store data to a table based on the results of a function. For example, the data to be interested into the hash table is 25 and the hash function is h(x). The data is inputted into the hash function (i.e. h(25)) and the result of it is 5. The data is then stored into the table next to it's result of the hash function. If there is more than one data that produces the same results of the hash function the table will store the results in a link list.

Some of the common operations of this data structure includes searching an element in the hash table, inserting it into the hash table and deleting it from the hash table.