# **Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA)**

## ****🔹 What is DSA?****

DSA stands for **Data Structures and Algorithms**. It is a foundational concept in computer science that helps in organizing, managing, and processing data efficiently.

✅ **Data Structures (DS)**: A way to organize and store data.  
✅ **Algorithms (A)**: A step-by-step procedure to solve a problem.

DSA is crucial for:

* **Efficient problem-solving**
* **Optimizing time and space complexity**
* **Handling large-scale data processing**
* **Building scalable and robust applications**

## ****🔹 Why is DSA Important?****

| **Aspect** | **Importance** |
| --- | --- |
| **Optimized Performance** | Efficient algorithms improve speed and reduce memory usage. |
| **Scalability** | Helps handle large datasets and complex systems. |
| **Competitive Programming** | Essential for coding competitions and technical interviews. |
| **Software Development** | Used in databases, networking, AI, and system design. |
| **Logical Thinking** | Enhances problem-solving skills and coding efficiency. |

📌 **Example:**

* Google Search uses **Graph Algorithms** for ranking web pages.
* Facebook uses **Hash Tables** for quick profile searches.
* E-commerce sites use **Sorting Algorithms** for product recommendations.

## ****🔹 Differences Between Data Structures and Algorithms****

| **Feature** | **Data Structures (DS)** | **Algorithms (A)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Definition** | Organizes and stores data efficiently | A step-by-step process to solve problems |
| **Purpose** | Helps in storing and managing data | Helps in processing and manipulating data |
| **Examples** | Arrays, Linked Lists, Stacks, Trees, Graphs | Sorting, Searching, Dynamic Programming, Recursion |
| **Used In** | Memory management, databases, system design | Problem-solving, AI, optimization problems |

📌 **Analogy:**

* **Data Structure = Bookshelf** (organizes books neatly).
* **Algorithm = Finding a Book** (efficient way to locate the book).

## ****🔹 Role of DSA in Programming & Problem Solving****

🔹 **Improves Code Efficiency** – Optimized algorithms reduce execution time.  
🔹 **Enhances Logical Thinking** – Helps in tackling complex problems effectively.  
🔹 **Essential for Interviews** – Top tech companies like Google, Amazon, and Microsoft focus on DSA skills.  
🔹 **Forms the Backbone of Programming** – Used in AI, ML, OS, Databases, and Web Development.

💡 **Example Problem:**  
**Find the largest number in an array**

✅ **Using Brute Force Approach (O(n))**

def find\_max(arr):

max\_num = arr[0] # Assume first element is max

for num in arr:

if num > max\_num:

max\_num = num # Update max if a larger number is found

return max\_num

print(find\_max([10, 24, 35, 89, 2])) # Output: 89

✅ **Using Sorting Approach (O(n log n))**

def find\_max(arr):

return sorted(arr)[-1] # Sort and return last element

print(find\_max([10, 24, 35, 89, 2])) # Output: 89

## ****🔹 Common Data Structures and Algorithms****

### ****📌 Data Structures****

1. **Linear Data Structures** (Data stored sequentially)
   * **Array** 🟦 – Fixed-size collection of elements.
   * **Linked List** 🔗 – Dynamic memory allocation, faster insertion/deletion.
   * **Stack** 📚 – LIFO (Last In, First Out), used in recursion, undo operations.
   * **Queue** 🎟️ – FIFO (First In, First Out), used in scheduling, real-time systems.
2. **Non-Linear Data Structures** (Data stored hierarchically)
   * **Tree** 🌳 – Used in databases, file systems, AI decision-making.
   * **Graph** 🔗 – Used in social networks, Google Maps, shortest path algorithms.

### ****📌 Algorithms****

1. **Sorting Algorithms** 🗂️ – Bubble Sort, Merge Sort, Quick Sort.
2. **Searching Algorithms** 🔍 – Linear Search, Binary Search.
3. **Graph Algorithms** 🕸️ – Dijkstra’s Algorithm, BFS, DFS.
4. **Recursion & Dynamic Programming** ♻️ – Fibonacci series, Knapsack problem.

## ****🔹 Summary****

✅ **DSA = Efficient storage + Fast problem-solving**  
✅ **Essential for interviews, programming, and real-world applications**  
✅ **Learning DSA = Becoming a better problem solver & developer**

# **Types of Data Structures**

Data structures are broadly classified based on **organization, behavior, and storage**. Let's explore the key types:

## ****🔹 1. Linear vs. Non-Linear Data Structures****

### ****📌 Linear Data Structures****

Linear data structures organize elements sequentially (one after another).

* **Each element has a unique predecessor and successor.**
* **Operations like traversal, insertion, and deletion are simpler.**

✅ **Examples:**

| **Data Structure** | **Description** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Array** 🟦 | Fixed-size collection of elements stored contiguously | Used in databases, CPU registers |
| **Linked List** 🔗 | Dynamic collection of nodes linked together | Used in dynamic memory allocation |
| **Stack** 📚 | LIFO (Last In, First Out) | Undo operations, function calls |
| **Queue** 🎟️ | FIFO (First In, First Out) | Scheduling tasks, printer queues |

**Example (Array in Python):**

arr = [10, 20, 30, 40]

print(arr[2]) # Output: 30

### ****📌 Non-Linear Data Structures****

Non-linear data structures organize elements **hierarchically** rather than sequentially.

* **Each element can be connected to multiple elements.**
* **Used for representing complex relationships.**

✅ **Examples:**

| **Data Structure** | **Description** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Tree** 🌳 | Hierarchical structure with nodes | Used in file systems, databases |
| **Graph** 🔗 | Collection of nodes and edges | Used in social networks, routing algorithms |
| **Heap** ⛰️ | Special tree-based structure | Used in priority queues, heap sort |

**Example (Tree Representation in Python):**

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, key):

self.left = None

self.right = None

self.val = key

root = Node(10)

root.left = Node(20)

root.right = Node(30)

print(root.left.val) # Output: 20

## ****🔹 2. Primitive vs. Non-Primitive Data Structures****

### ****📌 Primitive Data Structures****

Primitive data structures are basic data types that **store single values**.  
✅ **Examples:**

* **Integer (int) →** a = 10
* **Float (float) →** b = 3.14
* **Character (char) →** c = 'A'
* **Boolean (bool) →** is\_valid = True

🔹 **These are the building blocks of non-primitive data structures.**

### ****📌 Non-Primitive Data Structures****

Non-primitive data structures **store multiple values** and can be linear or non-linear.

✅ **Examples:**

| **Type** | **Examples** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Linear** | Array, List, Stack, Queue | Stores elements in sequence |
| **Non-Linear** | Trees, Graphs, Heaps | Stores elements hierarchically |
| **Abstract Data Type (ADT)** | Hash Table, Dictionary | Logical models of data representation |

## ****🔹 3. Hierarchical Data Structures****

Hierarchical data structures **organize elements in a parent-child relationship** rather than sequentially.

✅ **Examples:**

| **Structure** | **Description** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Trees** 🌳 | Data arranged in a branching structure | File systems, XML parsing |
| **Tries** 🔠 | Special tree for string storage | Auto-complete suggestions |
| **Heaps** ⛰️ | Specialized trees for priority storage | Memory management, priority queues |
| **Graphs** 🔗 | Nodes connected by edges | Social networks, navigation systems |

📌 **Example (Tree Structure in Python)**

class TreeNode:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, value):

self.value = value

self.children = []

root = TreeNode("Root")

child1 = TreeNode("Child 1")

child2 = TreeNode("Child 2")

root.children.append(child1)

root.children.append(child2)

print(root.children[0].value) # Output: Child 1

## ****🔹 Summary****

✅ **Linear Data Structures →** Arrays, Linked Lists, Stacks, Queues  
✅ **Non-Linear Data Structures →** Trees, Graphs, Heaps  
✅ **Primitive Data Structures →** int, float, char, boolean  
✅ **Non-Primitive Data Structures →** Arrays, Lists, Trees, Graphs  
✅ **Hierarchical Data Structures →** Trees, Graphs

🔹 **Understanding different data structures helps in selecting the right one for problem-solving.**

# **Concept of Complexity Analysis**

### ****1️⃣ Why Complexity Analysis is Important?****

Complexity analysis helps us measure the efficiency of an algorithm in terms of **time and space usage**. It allows us to:

✅ **Compare algorithms** – Find the best approach for a problem.  
✅ **Predict performance** – Understand how an algorithm scales with input size.  
✅ **Optimize code** – Improve execution time and memory usage.

### ****Example Scenario****

Imagine sorting **1 million numbers**. Should you use **Bubble Sort (O(n²))** or **Merge Sort (O(n log n))**?  
🔹 **Bubble Sort:** 1,000,000² = **1 trillion operations** 😨  
🔹 **Merge Sort:** 1,000,000 log₂(1,000,000) ≈ **20 million operations** ✅

Clearly, Merge Sort is much faster! 🚀

### ****2️⃣ Time Complexity vs. Space Complexity****

| **Complexity Type** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Time Complexity** | Measures how **execution time** grows with input size (n). | Sorting a list of n numbers. |
| **Space Complexity** | Measures how **memory usage** grows with input size (n). | Storing an adjacency matrix of a graph. |

### ****🔹 Time Complexity Notation****

Time complexity is expressed using **Big-O notation**, which describes the worst-case growth rate.

| **Complexity** | **Notation** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Constant** | O(1) | Accessing an array element arr[i] |
| **Logarithmic** | O(log n) | Binary Search |
| **Linear** | O(n) | Linear Search |
| **Linearithmic** | O(n log n) | Merge Sort, Quick Sort (average case) |
| **Quadratic** | O(n²) | Bubble Sort, Selection Sort |
| **Exponential** | O(2ⁿ) | Recursion-heavy algorithms (Fibonacci) |

### ****🔹 Space Complexity Notation****

Space complexity considers **input size + extra memory** used by the algorithm.

| **Complexity** | **Example** |
| --- | --- |
| **O(1) – Constant** | Using a few variables (e.g., swapping two numbers). |
| **O(n) – Linear** | Storing an array of n elements. |
| **O(n²) – Quadratic** | Creating an n × n matrix (e.g., Floyd-Warshall algorithm). |

### ****3️⃣ Understanding Algorithm Efficiency****

#### ✅ ****Best, Worst, and Average Case****

* **Best Case (Ω)** – Minimum operations (fastest scenario).
* **Worst Case (O)** – Maximum operations (slowest scenario).
* **Average Case (Θ)** – Expected performance in general.

| **Algorithm** | **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Linear Search** | O(1) | O(n) | O(n) |
| **Binary Search** | O(1) | O(log n) | O(log n) |
| **Quick Sort** | O(n log n) | O(n²) | O(n log n) |
| **Bubble Sort** | O(n) | O(n²) | O(n²) |

### ****💡 Example 1: Analyzing Complexity of Simple Code****

#### ****🔹 O(1) – Constant Time Complexity****

def get\_first\_element(arr):

return arr[0] # Always takes 1 step (constant time)

📌 **Doesn’t depend on input size (n), so it’s O(1).**

#### ****🔹 O(n) – Linear Time Complexity****

def print\_all(arr):

for item in arr:

print(item)

📌 **Loop runs n times, so complexity is O(n).**

#### ****🔹 O(n²) – Quadratic Time Complexity****

def print\_pairs(arr):

for i in range(len(arr)):

for j in range(len(arr)):

print(arr[i], arr[j])

📌 **Nested loop → O(n²) complexity.**

### ****🎯 Real-World Applications of Complexity Analysis****

| **Scenario** | **Time Complexity Consideration** |
| --- | --- |
| **Searching in a database** | Prefer O(log n) (Binary Search) over O(n) (Linear Search). |
| **Pathfinding in maps (Google Maps)** | Graph algorithms like Dijkstra’s Algorithm (O(n log n)). |
| **Sorting large datasets (Big Data)** | Use Merge Sort (O(n log n)) instead of Bubble Sort (O(n²)). |

### ****🔹 Summary Table****

| **Concept** | **Definition** |
| --- | --- |
| **Why Complexity Matters?** | Helps optimize performance and choose the best algorithm. |
| **Time Complexity** | Measures execution time as input size grows. |
| **Space Complexity** | Measures memory usage of an algorithm. |
| **Big-O Notation** | Expresses worst-case time complexity. |
| **Best, Worst, Average Case** | Helps understand different execution scenarios. |

# Asymptotic Analysis in DSA

Asymptotic analysis helps us evaluate the efficiency of an algorithm by analyzing how its running time grows with input size nn. Instead of measuring exact execution time, it gives an approximation of performance in terms of input size.

**1. Asymptotic Notations**

Asymptotic notations describe the upper, lower, and tight bounds of an algorithm’s time complexity.

**1.1 Big-O Notation (O) — Upper Bound**

* Represents the **worst-case** complexity.
* It gives the **maximum time an algorithm** takes for an input size nn.
* Example: If an algorithm runs in O(n2)O(n^2), it means that in the worst case, its execution time won’t exceed c⋅n2c \cdot n^2.

**Example in Python (O(n)):**

def linear\_search(arr, target):

for i in range(len(arr)): # O(n)

if arr[i] == target:

return i

return -1

✅ **Why O(n)?** — Because in the worst case, we might have to check all elements.

**1.2 Big-Theta Notation (Θ) — Tight Bound**

* Represents the **average-case** complexity.
* It defines the **exact growth rate** of an algorithm.
* Example: If an algorithm runs in Θ(n2)Θ(n^2), it means that its execution time is always proportional to n2n^2 for large nn.

**Example (Θ(n^2)):**

def bubble\_sort(arr):

n = len(arr)

for i in range(n):

for j in range(n - i - 1): # O(n^2)

if arr[j] > arr[j + 1]:

arr[j], arr[j + 1] = arr[j + 1], arr[j]

✅ **Why Θ(n²)?** — Because we always perform n(n−1)/2n(n-1)/2 comparisons.

**1.3 Big-Omega Notation (Ω) — Lower Bound**

* Represents the **best-case** complexity.
* It defines the **minimum time required** for an algorithm to execute.
* Example: If an algorithm runs in Ω(n)Ω(n), it means that for some best-case inputs, its execution time is at least proportional to nn.

**Example (Ω(n)):**

def find\_first(arr):

return arr[0] # O(1) in best case, O(n) in worst case

✅ **Why Ω(1)?** — Because in the best case, we return the first element immediately.

**2. Best, Worst, and Average Case Analysis**

| **Case** | **Meaning** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Best Case (Ω)** | Minimum time taken | Searching for the first element in a list |
| **Worst Case (O)** | Maximum time taken | Searching for an element not in the list |
| **Average Case (Θ)** | Expected time over multiple inputs | Searching for a random element |

**Example: Binary Search**

def binary\_search(arr, left, right, target):

while left <= right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] < target:

left = mid + 1

else:

right = mid - 1

return -1

| **Case** | **Complexity** |
| --- | --- |
| Best Case | Ω(1)Ω(1) (First guess is correct) |
| Worst Case | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) (Keep dividing search space) |
| Average Case | Θ(log⁡n)Θ(\log n) |

**3. Time Complexity of Common Algorithms**

| **Algorithm** | **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Linear Search** | Ω(1)Ω(1) | O(n)O(n) | Θ(n)Θ(n) |
| **Binary Search** | Ω(1)Ω(1) | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) | Θ(log⁡n)Θ(\log n) |
| **Bubble Sort** | Ω(n)Ω(n) | O(n2)O(n^2) | Θ(n2)Θ(n^2) |
| **Merge Sort** | Ω(nlog⁡n)Ω(n \log n) | O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n) | Θ(nlog⁡n)Θ(n \log n) |
| **Quick Sort** | Ω(nlog⁡n)Ω(n \log n) | O(n2)O(n^2) | Θ(nlog⁡n)Θ(n \log n) |

**Summary**

* **Big-O** = Worst-case performance (upper bound).
* **Big-Theta** = Average-case performance (tight bound).
* **Big-Omega** = Best-case performance (lower bound).
* Understanding these complexities helps in choosing efficient algorithms for large datasets.

# **Concepts of Arrays in Python**

## ****1️⃣ Single-Dimensional and Multi-Dimensional Arrays****

### ****🔹 Single-Dimensional Arrays (1D)****

A **single-dimensional array** (1D array) is a **list of elements stored in a linear sequence**.

📌 **Example:**

arr = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50] # 1D array

print(arr[2]) # Output: 30

✅ **Uses:** Storing lists of numbers, strings, or other data.

### ****🔹 Multi-Dimensional Arrays (2D and 3D)****

A **multi-dimensional array** contains more than one row/column.

📌 **2D Array (Matrix Example):**

matrix = [

[1, 2, 3],

[4, 5, 6],

[7, 8, 9]

]

print(matrix[1][2]) # Output: 6

📌 **3D Array (Cube Example):**

cube = [

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

[[5, 6], [7, 8]]

]

print(cube[1][0][1]) # Output: 6

✅ **Uses:** Image processing (pixels as matrices), game development (3D arrays for coordinates).

## ****2️⃣ Jagged Arrays and Sparse Arrays****

### ****🔹 Jagged Arrays****

A **jagged array** is an **array of arrays where each sub-array has a different length**.

📌 **Example:**

jagged = [

[1, 2, 3],

[4, 5],

[6, 7, 8, 9]

]

print(jagged[2][3]) # Output: 9

✅ **Uses:** Storing variable-length data, like rows with different numbers of columns in a table.

### ****🔹 Sparse Arrays****

A **sparse array** is an array **where most elements are zero**.  
🔹 Instead of storing **zeros explicitly**, we store only **non-zero values with their positions**.

📌 **Example (Dictionary Representation of a Sparse Matrix):**

sparse\_matrix = {

(0, 2): 5,

(1, 1): 8,

(3, 0): 3

}

print(sparse\_matrix.get((1, 1), 0)) # Output: 8

print(sparse\_matrix.get((2, 2), 0)) # Output: 0 (default)

✅ **Uses:** Memory-efficient representation of large datasets (e.g., graphs, machine learning models).

## ****3️⃣ Operations on Arrays****

### ****🔹 Insertion****

Adding an element at a specific position.

📌 **Example: Insert at index 2**

arr = [10, 20, 30, 40]

arr.insert(2, 25) # Inserts 25 at index 2

print(arr) # Output: [10, 20, 25, 30, 40]

🔹 **Time Complexity:**

* **Best Case:** O(1) (inserting at the end).
* **Worst Case:** O(n) (shifting elements if inserting in the middle).

### ****🔹 Deletion****

Removing an element from an array.

📌 **Example: Remove by Value**

arr = [10, 20, 30, 40]

arr.remove(20) # Removes the first occurrence of 20

print(arr) # Output: [10, 30, 40]

📌 **Example: Remove by Index**

arr.pop(1) # Removes element at index 1

print(arr) # Output: [10, 30, 40]

🔹 **Time Complexity:**

* **Best Case:** O(1) (removing from the end).
* **Worst Case:** O(n) (shifting elements when removing from the beginning/middle).

### ****🔹 Traversal****

Accessing each element in an array.

📌 **Example: Iterating Over an Array**

arr = [10, 20, 30, 40]

for num in arr:

print(num)

🔹 **Time Complexity:** **O(n)**

## ****🎯 Summary Table****

| **Concept** | **Explanation** | **Time Complexity** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Single-Dimensional Array** | Linear list of elements | O(1) (access), O(n) (insert/delete) |
| **Multi-Dimensional Array** | Rows & columns (matrices) | O(1) (access), O(n²) (traversal) |
| **Jagged Array** | Arrays with varying lengths | O(n) (traversal) |
| **Sparse Array** | Stores only non-zero values | O(1) (access with hash map) |
| **Insertion** | Adds element to the array | O(1) (end), O(n) (middle) |
| **Deletion** | Removes element from the array | O(1) (end), O(n) (middle) |
| **Traversal** | Iterating through elements | O(n) |

# **Concept of Strings in Python**

## ****1️⃣ How Strings are Stored in Memory****

### ****🔹 Immutable Nature of Strings****

* In Python, **strings are immutable**, meaning once created, they **cannot be modified** in memory.
* Any modification to a string creates **a new string object** instead of altering the original one.

📌 **Example:**

s1 = "hello"

s2 = s1 # Both reference the same memory initially

s1 = "world" # A new string object is created for s1

print(s1) # Output: world

print(s2) # Output: hello

✅ **Key Takeaway:** Since s1 was modified, Python created a new string object instead of changing "hello".

### ****🔹 Memory Optimization with Interning****

Python optimizes memory usage by **string interning**, meaning some small strings are **stored only once** in memory.

📌 **Example:**

s1 = "hello"

s2 = "hello"

print(s1 is s2) # Output: True (Same memory location)

🔹 But for dynamically created strings, interning does not happen:

s1 = "hello world"

s2 = "hello world"

print(s1 is s2) # Output: False (Different memory locations)

## ****2️⃣ String Operations****

**🔹 1. Reversing a String**

📌 **Using Slicing:**

s = "hello"

print(s[::-1]) # Output: "olleh"

📌 **Using Recursion:**

def reverse(s):

if len(s) == 0:

return s

return s[-1] + reverse(s[:-1])

print(reverse("hello")) # Output: "olleh"

### ****🔹 2. Concatenation****

📌 **Using + Operator:**

s1 = "hello"

s2 = "world"

print(s1 + " " + s2) # Output: "hello world"

📌 **Using join():** (Efficient for large strings)

words = ["hello", "world"]

print(" ".join(words)) # Output: "hello world"

✅ join() is **faster** than + because it avoids creating multiple new string objects.

### ****🔹 3. Searching in a String****

📌 **Using in Operator (Fastest Way):**

s = "hello world"

print("world" in s) # Output: True

📌 **Using find() and index():**

s = "hello world"

print(s.find("world")) # Output: 6 (Index where "world" starts)

print(s.find("python")) # Output: -1 (Not found)

📌 **Using Regular Expressions (re Module):**

import re

s = "hello world"

match = re.search(r"world", s)

print(match.start() if match else "Not Found") # Output: 6

## ****3️⃣ Common String Algorithms****

### ****🔹 1. Anagram Check****

**An anagram** is when two words have the same characters in a different order.  
📌 **Example:**

def is\_anagram(s1, s2):

return sorted(s1) == sorted(s2)

print(is\_anagram("listen", "silent")) # Output: True

✅ **Use Case:** Plagiarism checkers, password verification.

### ****🔹 2. Palindrome Check****

A **palindrome** is a string that reads the same forward and backward.  
📌 **Example:**

def is\_palindrome(s):

return s == s[::-1]

print(is\_palindrome("radar")) # Output: True

✅ **Use Case:** DNA sequence analysis, text validation.

### ****🔹 3. Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)****

Finds the longest subsequence present in two strings.  
📌 **Example (Using Recursion):**

def lcs(s1, s2, m, n):

if m == 0 or n == 0:

return 0

elif s1[m-1] == s2[n-1]:

return 1 + lcs(s1, s2, m-1, n-1)

else:

return max(lcs(s1, s2, m-1, n), lcs(s1, s2, m, n-1))

print(lcs("abcde", "ace", len("abcde"), len("ace"))) # Output: 3

✅ **Use Case:** DNA sequence matching.

### ****🔹 4. KMP Algorithm (Pattern Matching)****

📌 **Efficient string matching algorithm using precomputed pattern shifts.**

def kmp\_table(pattern):

table = [0] \* len(pattern)

j = 0

for i in range(1, len(pattern)):

if pattern[i] == pattern[j]:

j += 1

table[i] = j

else:

j = table[j - 1] if j > 0 else 0

return table

def kmp\_search(text, pattern):

table = kmp\_table(pattern)

i = j = 0

while i < len(text):

if text[i] == pattern[j]:

i, j = i + 1, j + 1

if j == len(pattern):

return i - j

else:

j = table[j - 1] if j > 0 else 0

i += 1 if j == 0 else 0

return -1

print(kmp\_search("hello world", "world")) # Output: 6

✅ **Use Case:** Search engines, bioinformatics.

## ****🎯 Summary Table****

| **Operation** | **Example Code** | **Time Complexity** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Reversal** | s[::-1] | O(n) |
| **Concatenation** | "".join(list\_of\_strings) | O(n) |
| **Searching** | s.find(substring) | O(n) |
| **Palindrome Check** | s == s[::-1] | O(n) |
| **Anagram Check** | sorted(s1) == sorted(s2) | O(n log n) |
| **LCS** | lcs(s1, s2, m, n) | O(2^n) (Exponential) |
| **KMP Search** | kmp\_search(text, pattern) | O(n + m) |

## ****🔹 Key Takeaways****

✅ **Python Strings are Immutable:** Any modification creates a new object.  
✅ **String Operations Include:** Reversal, Concatenation, Searching.  
✅ **Common Algorithms:** Anagram Check, Palindrome Check, Pattern Matching.  
✅ **Efficient Searching with KMP:** Avoids unnecessary comparisons.

# **Concept of Linked Lists in Python**

## ****1️⃣ Understanding Linked Lists****

A **Linked List** is a data structure where elements (**nodes**) are connected via **pointers** instead of being stored in contiguous memory locations like arrays.

Each **node** contains:

* **Data** (value of the node)
* **Pointer (next)** (reference to the next node)

### ****🔹 Types of Linked Lists****

1. **Singly Linked List (SLL)** - Each node points to the next node.
2. **Doubly Linked List (DLL)** - Each node has pointers to both next and previous nodes.
3. **Circular Linked List (CLL)** - The last node points back to the first node, forming a loop.

## ****2️⃣ Singly Linked List (SLL)****

📌 **Structure:** Each node points to the next node.  
📌 **Operations:** Insert, Delete, Search, Traverse.

### ****🔹 Implementation of SLL in Python****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data # Store data

self.next = None # Pointer to the next node

class SinglyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None # Initialize an empty list

def insert\_at\_end(self, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node # Insert at the end

def delete\_node(self, key):

temp = self.head

if temp and temp.data == key:

self.head = temp.next # If the head is to be deleted

temp = None

return

prev = None

while temp and temp.data != key:

prev = temp

temp = temp.next

if temp is None:

return

prev.next = temp.next

temp = None

def display(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Example Usage

sll = SinglyLinkedList()

sll.insert\_at\_end(10)

sll.insert\_at\_end(20)

sll.insert\_at\_end(30)

sll.display() # Output: 10 -> 20 -> 30 -> None

sll.delete\_node(20)

sll.display() # Output: 10 -> 30 -> None

✅ **Time Complexity:**

* **Insertion (End):** O(n)
* **Deletion (Middle/End):** O(n)
* **Traversal:** O(n)

## ****3️⃣ Doubly Linked List (DLL)****

📌 **Structure:** Each node has two pointers:

* prev (points to previous node)
* next (points to next node)

### ****🔹 Implementation of DLL****

class DNode:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

self.prev = None # Pointer to the previous node

class DoublyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

def insert\_at\_end(self, data):

new\_node = DNode(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

new\_node.prev = temp # Set previous pointer

def delete\_node(self, key):

temp = self.head

if temp and temp.data == key:

self.head = temp.next

if self.head:

self.head.prev = None

temp = None

return

while temp and temp.data != key:

temp = temp.next

if temp is None:

return

temp.prev.next = temp.next

if temp.next:

temp.next.prev = temp.prev

temp = None

def display\_forward(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" <-> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Example Usage

dll = DoublyLinkedList()

dll.insert\_at\_end(10)

dll.insert\_at\_end(20)

dll.insert\_at\_end(30)

dll.display\_forward() # Output: 10 <-> 20 <-> 30 <-> None

dll.delete\_node(20)

dll.display\_forward() # Output: 10 <-> 30 <-> None

✅ **Time Complexity:**

* **Insertion (End):** O(n)
* **Deletion (Middle/End):** O(n)
* **Traversal:** O(n)

📌 **Advantages over SLL:**

* **Bi-Directional Traversal:** Can move forward and backward.
* **Efficient Deletion:** No need to traverse back to update previous pointer.

## ****4️⃣ Circular Linked List (CLL)****

📌 **Structure:** Last node points to the first node (forms a loop).  
📌 **Types:**

* **Singly Circular Linked List** (Tail's next points to head).
* **Doubly Circular Linked List** (Head's prev points to tail and tail's next points to head).

### ****🔹 Implementation of CLL****

class CNode:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

class CircularLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

def insert\_at\_end(self, data):

new\_node = CNode(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

new\_node.next = self.head # Point to itself

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next != self.head:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

new\_node.next = self.head # Maintain circular connection

def display(self):

temp = self.head

if not temp:

return

while True:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

if temp == self.head:

break

print("(back to head)")

# Example Usage

cll = CircularLinkedList()

cll.insert\_at\_end(10)

cll.insert\_at\_end(20)

cll.insert\_at\_end(30)

cll.display() # Output: 10 -> 20 -> 30 -> (back to head)

✅ **Time Complexity:**

* **Insertion (End):** O(n)
* **Traversal:** O(n)

📌 **Advantages over SLL:**

* **Efficient for Circular Processes:** Used in scheduling (Round-Robin CPU Scheduling).
* **No NULL Values:** Always points to another node.

## ****5️⃣ Applications and Advantages of Linked Lists****

| **Data Structure** | **Applications** |
| --- | --- |
| **Singly Linked List (SLL)** | Dynamic memory allocation, Undo functionality in text editors |
| **Doubly Linked List (DLL)** | Browser history, Undo-Redo operations, Music playlist navigation |
| **Circular Linked List (CLL)** | Operating system task scheduling, Multiplayer gaming |

✅ **Advantages of Linked Lists Over Arrays**

| **Feature** | **Linked List** | **Array** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Memory Allocation | Dynamic | Static |
| Insertion/Deletion | O(1) at the head | O(n) (Shifting needed) |
| Random Access | No | Yes (O(1)) |

## ****6️⃣ Common Linked List Problems****

1. **Reverse a Linked List**

def reverse(head):

prev, curr = None, head

while curr:

next\_node = curr.next

curr.next = prev

prev, curr = curr, next\_node

return prev

1. **Detect Cycle in a Linked List (Floyd’s Cycle Detection Algorithm)**

def detect\_cycle(head):

slow, fast = head, head

while fast and fast.next:

slow, fast = slow.next, fast.next.next

if slow == fast:

return True # Cycle detected

return False

1. **Find Middle of a Linked List** (Tortoise & Hare)

def find\_middle(head):

slow, fast = head, head

while fast and fast.next:

slow, fast = slow.next, fast.next.next

return slow

## ****🔹 Summary****

✅ **Singly, Doubly, and Circular Linked Lists** - Different variations for different use cases.  
✅ **Common Operations** - Insertion, Deletion, Traversal, Searching.  
✅ **Used in** - Memory management, Undo operations, Scheduling.

# Linear Search vs. Binary Search

Linear and Binary Search are fundamental searching algorithms, but they differ in terms of efficiency and use cases.

**1. Difference Between Linear and Binary Search**

| **Feature** | **Linear Search** | **Binary Search** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Approach** | Sequential search (checks one by one) | Divide-and-conquer (checks the middle first) |
| **Data Requirement** | Works on **unsorted** and **sorted** data | Works only on **sorted** data |
| **Best Case** | O(1)O(1) (first element is the target) | O(1)O(1) (middle element is the target) |
| **Worst Case** | O(n)O(n) (element not found or last position) | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) (keeps dividing search space) |
| **Use Case** | Small or unsorted datasets | Large sorted datasets |

**2. Time Complexity of Both Algorithms**

| **Algorithm** | **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Linear Search** | O(1)O(1) | O(n)O(n) | O(n)O(n) |
| **Binary Search** | O(1)O(1) | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) |

**3. Recursive and Iterative Implementations**

**3.1 Linear Search Implementations**

**🔹 Iterative Linear Search (Using a Loop)**

def linear\_search(arr, target):

for i in range(len(arr)): # O(n)

if arr[i] == target:

return i

return -1

# Example Usage

arr = [3, 1, 4, 7, 9, 2]

print(linear\_search(arr, 7)) # Output: 3

✅ **Why O(n)?** → In the worst case, we check every element.

**3.2 Binary Search Implementations**

**🔹 Iterative Binary Search**

def binary\_search\_iterative(arr, target):

left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1

while left <= right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] < target:

left = mid + 1

else:

right = mid - 1

return -1

# Example Usage

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11]

print(binary\_search\_iterative(arr, 7)) # Output: 3

✅ **Why O(log n)?** → The array size is divided by 2 in each step.

**🔹 Recursive Binary Search**

def binary\_search\_recursive(arr, left, right, target):

if left > right:

return -1

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] < target:

return binary\_search\_recursive(arr, mid + 1, right, target)

else:

return binary\_search\_recursive(arr, left, mid - 1, target)

# Example Usage

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11]

print(binary\_search\_recursive(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1, 7)) # Output: 3

✅ **Recursive Approach Drawback:** Uses extra space for recursive calls (stack memory).

**4. Applications in Real-World Scenarios**

**🔹 Where is Linear Search Used?**

1. **Searching in small datasets** (e.g., searching a student in a class list).
2. **Finding an element in an unsorted list** (e.g., finding an item in a random list of names).
3. **Checking if an item exists in an inventory** (e.g., warehouse stock).

**🔹 Where is Binary Search Used?**

1. **Searching in large datasets efficiently** (e.g., finding a word in a dictionary).
2. **Database indexing** (e.g., searching records in a sorted database).
3. **Finding the correct page in an eBook or document**.
4. **Computer networking** (e.g., routing table lookups).

**5. When to Use Which?**

* **Use Linear Search** when the data is small or unsorted.
* **Use Binary Search** when the data is sorted and large.

# **Concepts of Recursion in Python**

## ****1️⃣ What is Recursion?****

**Recursion** is a method where a function calls itself to solve smaller instances of a problem. It **breaks down a problem into subproblems** until reaching a base case.

📌 **Example: Factorial Using Recursion**

def factorial(n):

if n == 0 or n == 1: # Base case

return 1

return n \* factorial(n - 1) # Recursive call

print(factorial(5)) # Output: 120

🔹 **Components of Recursion:**

* **Base Case:** Stops recursion (e.g., if n == 0:).
* **Recursive Case:** Function calls itself with a smaller problem.

## ****2️⃣ Direct and Indirect Recursion****

### ****🔹 Direct Recursion****

A function **directly calls itself**.

📌 **Example: Sum of N Natural Numbers**

def sum\_n(n):

if n == 0: # Base case

return 0

return n + sum\_n(n - 1) # Recursive call

print(sum\_n(5)) # Output: 15 (5+4+3+2+1)

### ****🔹 Indirect Recursion****

A function **calls another function**, which in turn calls the first function.

📌 **Example: Indirect Recursion**

def funcA(n):

if n > 0:

print(n, end=" ")

funcB(n - 1)

def funcB(n):

if n > 1:

print(n, end=" ")

funcA(n // 2)

funcA(10)

# Output: 10 9 4 3 1

✅ **Use Case:** Mutual dependency (e.g., **parity checks** in number series).

## ****3️⃣ Applications of Recursion in Problem Solving****

### ****🔹 1. Fibonacci Series****

📌 **Example:**

def fibonacci(n):

if n == 0: return 0

if n == 1: return 1

return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)

print(fibonacci(6)) # Output: 8

✅ **Use Case:** Dynamic Programming, sequence generation.

### ****🔹 2. Tower of Hanoi****

📌 **Example:**

def hanoi(n, source, auxiliary, target):

if n == 1:

print(f"Move disk {n} from {source} to {target}")

return

hanoi(n - 1, source, target, auxiliary)

print(f"Move disk {n} from {source} to {target}")

hanoi(n - 1, auxiliary, source, target)

hanoi(3, 'A', 'B', 'C')

✅ **Use Case:** Stack-based problems, algorithmic puzzles.

### ****🔹 3. Backtracking (Maze Solver, N-Queens)****

📌 **Example: N-Queens Problem (Recursive Approach)**

def solve\_n\_queens(n, board=[], col=0):

if col >= n:

print(board)

return

for row in range(n):

if all(board[c] != row and abs(board[c] - row) != col - c for c in range(col)):

solve\_n\_queens(n, board + [row], col + 1)

solve\_n\_queens(4)

✅ **Use Case:** Chess problems, AI-based decision making.

### ****🔹 4. Tree Traversals (DFS - Depth First Search)****

📌 **Example: Binary Tree Traversal (Preorder)**

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, value):

self.value = value

self.left = None

self.right = None

def preorder(root):

if root:

print(root.value, end=" ")

preorder(root.left)

preorder(root.right)

root = Node(1)

root.left = Node(2)

root.right = Node(3)

preorder(root) # Output: 1 2 3

✅ **Use Case:** Searching, AI, pathfinding.

## ****🎯 Summary Table****

| **Concept** | **Explanation** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Direct Recursion** | Function calls itself | factorial(n) |
| **Indirect Recursion** | Function A calls Function B, and vice versa | funcA → funcB → funcA |
| **Fibonacci Series** | Recursive sum of previous two numbers | fibonacci(n) |
| **Tower of Hanoi** | Moving disks in a stack-based system | hanoi(n, A, B, C) |
| **Backtracking** | Recursive trial-and-error | N-Queens |
| **Tree Traversals** | Recursive DFS-like traversal | preorder(root) |

# **Applications of All Data Structures**

Different data structures are optimized for different types of operations. Here's a breakdown of the most commonly used data structures, their **use cases**, and **real-world applications**.

## ****1. Arrays**** 📊

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Fixed-size** collections of elements of the same type, stored **contiguously in memory**.
* **Fast random access** using index (O(1)O(1) time complexity).
* **Slow insertions and deletions** due to shifting elements (O(n)O(n)).

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **Game development:** Storing player positions, inventory items.
* **Databases:** Used in **hash tables** for fast lookups.
* **Image Processing:** Representing **pixels** as a 2D array.
* **Scheduling Algorithms:** CPU scheduling in OS.
* **Machine Learning:** Representing **feature vectors** in AI models.

## ****2. Linked Lists**** 🔗

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Dynamic memory allocation** (does not require a fixed size like arrays).
* **Efficient insertions and deletions** (O(1)O(1) for head/tail operations).
* **Slow random access** (O(n)O(n), unlike arrays).

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **Undo/Redo functionality** in text editors (MS Word, Photoshop).
* **Memory Management in OS** (linked allocation of memory blocks).
* **Blockchain:** Transactions are stored in **linked blocks**.
* **Music Playlists:** Forward and backward navigation.
* **Navigation Systems:** Browser history (Doubly Linked List).

## ****3. Stacks (LIFO: Last-In, First-Out)**** 📚

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Fast access to the last added element** (O(1)O(1)).
* **Ideal for recursion, backtracking, and parsing expressions**.

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **Function call stack** in programming (e.g., recursion).
* **Undo/Redo feature** in applications.
* **Backtracking algorithms** (e.g., solving mazes, DFS in graphs).
* **Expression Evaluation:** Converting infix to postfix notation.
* **Syntax Parsing:** Used in compilers to check balanced parentheses.

## ****4. Queues (FIFO: First-In, First-Out)**** 🚦

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Used in scheduling and buffering** where first-come-first-served logic is needed.
* **Supports efficient enqueue and dequeue operations** (O(1)O(1)).

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **CPU Scheduling in OS:** Round-robin scheduling.
* **Printer Queue:** Printing jobs follow FIFO order.
* **Call Center Systems:** Calls are answered in order of arrival.
* **Breadth-First Search (BFS) in Graphs:** Used in AI pathfinding (Google Maps).
* **Messaging Systems:** Kafka, RabbitMQ use **queues** for processing messages.

## ****5. Trees 🌳****

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Hierarchical data representation** (fast searching, insertion, and deletion).
* **Efficient in searching compared to arrays and linked lists** (O(log⁡n)O(\log n)).

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **File System Management:** Directory structures in OS.
* **Database Indexing:** B-Trees and B+ Trees in relational databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL).
* **Machine Learning:** Decision Trees (Random Forest, Gradient Boosting).
* **Autocorrect and Dictionary Search:** Trie (prefix tree) for efficient word searches.
* **Computer Graphics:** Scene rendering using **quad-trees and oct-trees**.

## ****6. Graphs**** 🔗

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Used to represent relationships** between entities (nodes connected by edges).
* **Efficient traversal using BFS/DFS algorithms**.

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **Social Networks:** Facebook, LinkedIn connections are represented as graphs.
* **Google Maps & GPS Systems:** Shortest path calculations (Dijkstra's Algorithm).
* **Web Crawlers:** Search engines like Google use graphs to index web pages.
* **Computer Networks:** Routing algorithms (OSPF, BGP).
* **AI & Machine Learning:** Neural networks are represented as graphs.

## ****7. Hash Tables (Hash Maps) 🔑****

### ✅ ****Where and Why to Use?****

* **Key-value storage** with average O(1)O(1) lookup time.
* **Efficient for quick data retrieval**.

### 🎯 ****Real-World Applications****

* **Databases:** Used in **caching** and indexing.
* **Compilers:** Symbol table implementation.
* **Blockchain:** Hash functions in cryptography.
* **Load Balancers:** Distributing traffic across multiple servers.

## ****Choosing the Right Data Structure****

| **Use Case** | **Best Data Structure** |
| --- | --- |
| **Fast Search and Lookup** | Hash Table, Binary Search Tree |
| **Dynamic Memory Allocation** | Linked List |
| **Hierarchical Data** | Tree (Trie, BST, B-Trees) |
| **Graph-Based Problems** | Graph (Adjacency List/Matrix) |
| **LIFO Operations (Last-In-First-Out)** | Stack |
| **FIFO Operations (First-In-First-Out)** | Queue |
| **Shortest Path Problems** | Graph (Dijkstra's Algorithm) |
| **Sorting and Searching** | Arrays, BST |

# **Memory Allocation and Memory Leaks**

Efficient memory management is crucial in programming, especially when working with large datasets or constrained environments. This section covers **static vs. dynamic memory allocation**, how memory leaks occur, and the difference between **stack and heap memory**.

## ****1. Static vs. Dynamic Memory Allocation****

### ✅ ****Static Memory Allocation****

* Memory is **allocated at compile-time**.
* The size of memory must be **known beforehand** and cannot change during execution.
* Stored in the **stack** (for local variables) or **data segment** (for global/static variables).
* **Fast execution** because memory is allocated once and managed automatically.

### 📌 ****Example (C-style static allocation)****

int arr[100]; // Allocates memory for 100 integers at compile-time

### 🎯 ****Use Cases:****

* When memory requirements are **fixed and known in advance**.
* Used for **global/static variables and function-local variables**.
* Example: **Fixed-size arrays in embedded systems**.

### ✅ ****Dynamic Memory Allocation****

* Memory is **allocated at runtime** using functions like malloc() (C), new (C++), or dynamically created objects in Python.
* Size **can change during execution**.
* Stored in the **heap** (not automatically deallocated, must be managed manually).
* **Slower execution** due to memory allocation overhead.

### 📌 ****Example (C-style dynamic allocation)****

int \*arr = (int\*)malloc(100 \* sizeof(int)); // Allocates memory for 100 integers at runtime

free(arr); // Must be manually freed to prevent memory leaks

### 🎯 ****Use Cases:****

* When memory requirements **are not known in advance**.
* Used in **linked lists, trees, and dynamically growing data structures**.
* Example: **Allocating memory for a user-defined list in a database**.

## ****2. Stack vs. Heap Memory****

| **Feature** | **Stack** | **Heap** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Definition** | Stores function-local variables and control flow data. | Stores dynamically allocated memory. |
| **Memory Allocation** | **Automatic** (handled by compiler). | **Manual** (explicit malloc() or new). |
| **Speed** | **Faster** (allocation and deallocation are automatic). | **Slower** (requires searching for free memory). |
| **Size** | **Limited** (usually small, fixed per thread). | **Large** (depends on system memory). |
| **Lifetime** | Exists **only during function execution**. | Persists until manually deallocated. |
| **Risk** | Stack Overflow (too many recursive calls). | Memory Leaks (if not freed properly). |

### 📌 ****Example (Stack Allocation in C)****

void func() {

int x = 10; // Allocated on stack, deallocated when function exits

}

### 📌 ****Example (Heap Allocation in C)****

void func() {

int \*x = (int\*)malloc(sizeof(int)); // Allocated on heap

\*x = 10;

free(x); // Must be manually freed

}

## ****3. Memory Leaks: Causes and Prevention****

### ❌ ****How Memory Leaks Happen?****

A **memory leak** occurs when memory is allocated dynamically but **not deallocated properly**, causing **unused memory to accumulate**.

#### ****Common Causes of Memory Leaks****

1. **Forgetting to free memory** (in languages like C, C++).
2. int \*ptr = (int\*)malloc(10 \* sizeof(int));
3. // Forgot to call free(ptr) -> memory leak
4. **Dangling Pointers** (accessing memory after freeing).
5. int \*ptr = (int\*)malloc(sizeof(int));
6. free(ptr);
7. \*ptr = 10; // Undefined behavior (use-after-free)
8. **Cyclic References in Garbage-Collected Languages (Python, Java)**.
9. class A:
10. def \_\_init\_\_(self):
11. self.ref = None
12. obj1 = A()
13. obj2 = A()
14. obj1.ref = obj2
15. obj2.ref = obj1 # Circular reference (not freed in some cases)

### ✅ ****How to Prevent Memory Leaks?****

#### ****C & C++****

* Always use free() (C) or delete (C++) when done.
* Use **smart pointers** (std::unique\_ptr, std::shared\_ptr) in C++.

#### ****Python & Java****

* Python's **Garbage Collector (GC)** handles most cases, but avoid **circular references**.
* Use **weak references** (weakref module in Python).

#### ****Tools for Detecting Memory Leaks****

* **Valgrind (C, C++)** – Detects memory leaks.
* **GDB Debugger** – Checks for use-after-free issues.
* **Python’s gc Module** – Manages circular references.

### 🎯 ****Real-World Examples of Memory Leaks****

* **Web browsers** (Chrome/Firefox): High RAM usage due to unfreed objects.
* **Gaming engines**: Unoptimized memory handling causes performance drops.
* **Mobile apps**: Poor memory management leads to app crashes.

## ****Conclusion****

| **Concept** | **Summary** |
| --- | --- |
| **Static vs Dynamic Allocation** | Static is **compile-time**, Dynamic is **runtime** (requires manual deallocation). |
| **Stack vs Heap** | Stack is **faster but limited**, Heap is **larger but requires manual management**. |
| **Memory Leaks** | Occur when memory is not freed properly, leading to high memory usage. |
| **Prevention** | Use smart pointers, garbage collection, and memory profilers. |

## ****1. Construction of Singly & Doubly Linked List****

A **Singly Linked List** has nodes with a data field and a next pointer to the next node.  
A **Doubly Linked List** has an additional prev pointer to the previous node.

### ****Singly Linked List****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

class SinglyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

def display(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Sample usage

sll = SinglyLinkedList()

sll.head = Node(10)

sll.head.next = Node(20)

sll.head.next.next = Node(30)

sll.display()

**Output:**  
10 -> 20 -> 30 -> None

### ****Doubly Linked List****

class DNode:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

self.prev = None

class DoublyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

def display(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" <-> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Sample usage

dll = DoublyLinkedList()

dll.head = DNode(10)

node2 = DNode(20)

dll.head.next = node2

node2.prev = dll.head

dll.display()

**Output:**  
10 <-> 20 <-> None

## ****2. Convert Array to a Linked List****

def array\_to\_linked\_list(arr):

if not arr:

return None

head = Node(arr[0])

current = head

for value in arr[1:]:

current.next = Node(value)

current = current.next

return head

# Sample usage

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

linked\_list = array\_to\_linked\_list(arr)

# Print linked list

temp = linked\_list

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5 -> None

## ****3. Add a Node at the End & Beginning****

### ****Add at Beginning****

def add\_at\_beginning(head, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

new\_node.next = head

return new\_node # New head

# Usage

head = array\_to\_linked\_list([2, 3, 4])

head = add\_at\_beginning(head, 1)

# Print list

temp = head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> None

### ****Add at End****

def add\_at\_end(head, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

if not head:

return new\_node # If list is empty

temp = head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

return head

# Usage

head = add\_at\_end(head, 5)

# Print list

temp = head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5 -> None

## ****4. Delete a Node with a Specified Value****

def delete\_node(head, value):

if not head:

return None

if head.data == value: # If head is to be deleted

return head.next

temp = head

while temp.next and temp.next.data != value:

temp = temp.next

if temp.next:

temp.next = temp.next.next

return head

# Usage

head = delete\_node(head, 3)

# Print list

temp = head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 4 -> 5 -> None

## ****5. Insert a Node After & Before a Node with**** x ****Data****

### ****Insert After****

def insert\_after(head, x, data):

temp = head

while temp and temp.data != x:

temp = temp.next

if temp:

new\_node = Node(data)

new\_node.next = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

return head

# Usage

head = insert\_after(head, 2, 99)

# Print list

temp = head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 99 -> 4 -> 5 -> None

### ****Insert Before****

def insert\_before(head, x, data):

if not head:

return None

if head.data == x:

return add\_at\_beginning(head, data)

temp = head

while temp.next and temp.next.data != x:

temp = temp.next

if temp.next:

new\_node = Node(data)

new\_node.next = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

return head

# Usage

head = insert\_before(head, 4, 88)

# Print list

temp = head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 99 -> 88 -> 4 -> 5 -> None

## ****6. Print All Elements in Order & Reverse Order****

### ****Print in Order****

def print\_list(head):

temp = head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

print\_list(head)

### ****Print in Reverse Order (Recursive)****

def print\_reverse(head):

if head is None:

return

print\_reverse(head.next)

print(head.data, end=" <- ")

print\_reverse(head)

print("None")

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 99 -> 88 -> 4 -> 5 -> None  
None <- 5 <- 4 <- 88 <- 99 <- 2 <- 1

## ****7. Remove Duplicates from Sorted Singly Linked List****

def remove\_duplicates(head):

temp = head

while temp and temp.next:

if temp.data == temp.next.data:

temp.next = temp.next.next

else:

temp = temp.next

return head

# Usage

head = array\_to\_linked\_list([1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5])

head = remove\_duplicates(head)

# Print list

print\_list(head)

**Output:**  
1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5 -> None

This covers all the required exercises. Would you like any modifications or additional explanations? 🚀

# **📌 Linked Lists in Data Structures & Algorithms**

A **Linked List** is a linear data structure where elements (nodes) are linked using pointers. Unlike arrays, linked lists are **dynamic** and allow efficient insertion and deletion.

## ****🔹 1. Types of Linked Lists****

### ****📌 Singly Linked List (SLL)****

Each node contains:

* **Data**
* **Pointer (next)** to the next node

✅ **Example:**

Head → [10 | \*] → [20 | \*] → [30 | NULL]

**Python Implementation:**

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

class SinglyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

def insert\_at\_end(self, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

def print\_list(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" → ")

temp = temp.next

print("NULL")

# Example Usage

sll = SinglyLinkedList()

sll.insert\_at\_end(10)

sll.insert\_at\_end(20)

sll.insert\_at\_end(30)

sll.print\_list() # Output: 10 → 20 → 30 → NULL

### ****📌 Doubly Linked List (DLL)****

Each node contains:

* **Data**
* **Pointer (prev)** to the previous node
* **Pointer (next)** to the next node

✅ **Example:**

NULL ← [10 | \* | \*] ↔ [20 | \* | \*] ↔ [30 | \* | NULL]

### ****📌 Circular Linked List (CLL)****

* The last node points back to the **head** instead of NULL.

### ****📌 Circular Doubly Linked List (CDLL)****

* Each node has **prev** and **next** pointers, and the last node connects to the head.

## ****🔹 2. Key Operations on Linked Lists****

### ****📌 Reverse a Linked List****

Reversing means changing the direction of pointers.

def reverse\_linked\_list(head):

prev = None

curr = head

while curr:

next\_node = curr.next

curr.next = prev

prev = curr

curr = next\_node

return prev

### ****📌 Remove Duplicates from a Linked List****

Use a set to track seen values.

def remove\_duplicates(head):

seen = set()

prev = None

curr = head

while curr:

if curr.data in seen:

prev.next = curr.next

else:

seen.add(curr.data)

prev = curr

curr = curr.next

return head

### ****📌 Detect Cycle in a Linked List (Floyd’s Algorithm)****

Floyd’s Cycle Detection Algorithm (Fast & Slow pointer method).

def has\_cycle(head):

slow, fast = head, head

while fast and fast.next:

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

if slow == fast:

return True

return False

### ****📌 Remove Middle Element from a Linked List in O(n) Time****

Using two-pointer technique.

def remove\_middle(head):

slow, fast, prev = head, head, None

while fast and fast.next:

prev = slow

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

if prev:

prev.next = slow.next

### ****📌 Remove Nth Node from the End of the List (Fast & Slow Pointer)****

def remove\_nth\_from\_end(head, n):

fast = slow = head

for \_ in range(n):

fast = fast.next

if not fast:

return head.next

while fast.next:

fast = fast.next

slow = slow.next

slow.next = slow.next.next

return head

### ****📌 Merge Two Sorted Linked Lists****

def merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2):

if not l1 or not l2:

return l1 or l2

if l1.data < l2.data:

l1.next = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1.next, l2)

return l1

else:

l2.next = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2.next)

return l2

### ****📌 Delete Function for Doubly Linked List****

def delete\_node(head, key):

temp = head

while temp and temp.data != key:

temp = temp.next

if not temp:

return head

if temp.prev:

temp.prev.next = temp.next

if temp.next:

temp.next.prev = temp.prev

return head

### ****📌 Insert a Node After a Node (Check All Conditions)****

def insert\_after(node, new\_data):

if not node:

return

new\_node = Node(new\_data)

new\_node.next = node.next

node.next = new\_node

### ****📌 Get Middle Element in a Linked List****

def get\_middle(head):

slow, fast = head, head

while fast and fast.next:

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

return slow.data

### ****📌 Remove Odd Element Nodes from a Linked List****

def remove\_odd\_nodes(head):

dummy = Node(0)

dummy.next = head

prev, curr = dummy, head

while curr:

if curr.data % 2 != 0:

prev.next = curr.next

else:

prev = curr

curr = curr.next

return dummy.next

### ****📌 Convert an Array to a Linked List****

def array\_to\_linked\_list(arr):

if not arr:

return None

head = Node(arr[0])

temp = head

for val in arr[1:]:

temp.next = Node(val)

temp = temp.next

return head

### ****📌 Print Linked List in Order and Reverse Order****

def print\_reverse(head):

if head is None:

return

print\_reverse(head.next)

print(head.data, end=" ")

## ****🔹 3. Applications of Linked Lists****

## ✅ ****Dynamic Memory Allocation**** → Used in OS & DBMS ✅ ****Undo/Redo Functionality**** → Used in text editors ✅ ****Graph Adjacency Lists**** → Used in BFS & DFS algorithms ✅ ****Music & Image Viewers**** → Uses circular linked lists

## ****🔹 4. Drawbacks of Linked Lists****

🚨 **Higher Memory Usage** → Extra pointer requires more space  
🚨 **Slower Access Time** → Unlike arrays, no direct indexing  
🚨 **Complex Implementation** → Insertion/Deletion is more complicated than arrays

## ****🔹 Summary****

✅ **Linked Lists** allow efficient insertions & deletions but lack direct access.  
✅ **Singly, Doubly, and Circular Linked Lists** offer different advantages.  
✅ **Operations** like reversing, cycle detection, and merging are crucial in DSA.  
✅ **Applications** range from memory management to graph representation.

# **📌 Arrays in Data Structures & Algorithms**

An **array** is a linear data structure that stores elements of the same type in contiguous memory locations. It allows **constant-time** access but has a fixed size.

## ****🔹 1. Array Problems & Solutions****

### ****📌 Find Second Largest Element in an Array (Handle Negative Numbers)****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use two variables (first, second).
* Traverse the array once.

def second\_largest(arr):

first = second = float('-inf')

for num in arr:

if num > first:

second = first

first = num

elif second < num < first:

second = num

return second if second != float('-inf') else None

print(second\_largest([-10, -5, -1, -6, -3])) # Output: -3

### ****📌 Find Kth Largest Element in an Array****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use a **min-heap** (Optimal for large datasets).
* Sort the array and return the kth largest element.

import heapq

def kth\_largest(arr, k):

return heapq.nlargest(k, arr)[-1]

print(kth\_largest([3,2,1,5,6,4], 2)) # Output: 5

### ****📌 Third Largest Element in an Array****

#### ****Approach:****

* Maintain **three** variables (first, second, third).
* Traverse the array once.

def third\_largest(arr):

first = second = third = float('-inf')

for num in arr:

if num > first:

third = second

second = first

first = num

elif second < num < first:

third = second

second = num

elif third < num < second:

third = num

return third if third != float('-inf') else None

print(third\_largest([10, 20, 4, 45, 99])) # Output: 20

### ****📌 Sum of an Array Using Recursion****

def array\_sum(arr, n):

if n == 0:

return 0

return arr[n - 1] + array\_sum(arr, n - 1)

print(array\_sum([1, 2, 3, 4, 5], 5)) # Output: 15

### ****📌 Reverse an Array****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use two-pointer technique.

def reverse\_array(arr):

left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1

while left < right:

arr[left], arr[right] = arr[right], arr[left]

left += 1

right -= 1

return arr

print(reverse\_array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])) # Output: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

### ****📌 Convert an Array to a Linked List****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

def array\_to\_linked\_list(arr):

if not arr:

return None

head = Node(arr[0])

temp = head

for val in arr[1:]:

temp.next = Node(val)

temp = temp.next

return head

### ****📌 Find Minimum in a Sorted Rotated Array****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use **Binary Search** (O(log n)).

def find\_min\_rotated(arr):

left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1

while left < right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] > arr[right]:

left = mid + 1

else:

right = mid

return arr[left]

print(find\_min\_rotated([4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2])) # Output: 0

### ****📌 Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use **Sliding Window + HashSet** (O(n)).

def longest\_unique\_substring(s):

char\_set = set()

left = max\_length = 0

for right in range(len(s)):

while s[right] in char\_set:

char\_set.remove(s[left])

left += 1

char\_set.add(s[right])

max\_length = max(max\_length, right - left + 1)

return max\_length

print(longest\_unique\_substring("abcabcbb")) # Output: 3

### ****📌 Product Except Itself****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use **prefix & suffix product arrays** (O(n)).

def product\_except\_self(arr):

n = len(arr)

res = [1] \* n

prefix = suffix = 1

for i in range(n):

res[i] \*= prefix

prefix \*= arr[i]

for i in range(n - 1, -1, -1):

res[i] \*= suffix

suffix \*= arr[i]

return res

print(product\_except\_self([1, 2, 3, 4])) # Output: [24, 12, 8, 6]

### ****📌 Subarray with Maximum Elements in Increasing Order****

#### ****Approach:****

* Use **Kadane’s Algorithm** variant.

def max\_increasing\_subarray(arr):

max\_length = curr\_length = 1

for i in range(1, len(arr)):

if arr[i] > arr[i - 1]:

curr\_length += 1

else:

max\_length = max(max\_length, curr\_length)

curr\_length = 1

return max(max\_length, curr\_length)

print(max\_increasing\_subarray([1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3])) # Output: 3

### ****📌 Remove a Specific Element from an Array****

def remove\_element(arr, target):

return [x for x in arr if x != target]

print(remove\_element([3, 2, 2, 3], 3)) # Output: [2, 2]

### ****📌 Flatten a Multidimensional Array****

def flatten\_array(arr):

result = []

for element in arr:

if isinstance(element, list):

result.extend(flatten\_array(element))

else:

result.append(element)

return result

print(flatten\_array([[1, 2], [3, [4, 5]]])) # Output: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

### ****📌 Jagged Arrays****

* **Jagged arrays** are arrays where each row has a different number of elements.

jagged\_array = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5], [6, 7, 8, 9]]

print(jagged\_array) # Output: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5], [6, 7, 8, 9]]

### ****📌 Sparse Arrays****

* **Sparse arrays** store non-zero values efficiently.

sparse\_arr = { (0, 1): 5, (2, 3): 10 } # (row, col): value

print(sparse\_arr.get((2, 3), 0)) # Output: 10

### ****📌 Array Operations Complexity****

| **Operation** | **Best Case** | **Worst Case** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Access (arr[i]) | O(1) | O(1) |
| Search | O(1) | O(n) |
| Insert at End | O(1) | O(1) |
| Insert at Start | O(1) | O(n) |
| Delete at End | O(1) | O(1) |
| Delete at Start | O(1) | O(n) |

# **📌 Recursion in Data Structures & Algorithms**

Recursion is a **method where a function calls itself** to solve a problem. It breaks problems into **smaller subproblems** until a base case is met.

## ****🔹 1. Types of Recursion****

### ****📌 Binary Recursion****

* A recursive function that makes **two recursive calls**.
* Example: Fibonacci sequence.

def fibonacci(n):

if n <= 1:

return n

return fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)

print(fibonacci(5)) # Output: 5

### ****📌 Tail Recursion vs. Head Recursion****

| **Recursion Type** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Tail Recursion** | Recursive call is the **last operation** before returning | return helper(n-1, acc\*n) |
| **Head Recursion** | Recursive call is **before** any computation | return n \* factorial(n-1) |

🔹 **Tail Recursion** (Optimized, can be converted to a loop)

def tail\_factorial(n, acc=1):

if n == 0:

return acc

return tail\_factorial(n-1, acc \* n)

print(tail\_factorial(5)) # Output: 120

🔹 **Head Recursion** (Uses stack memory)

def head\_factorial(n):

if n == 0:

return 1

return n \* head\_factorial(n-1)

print(head\_factorial(5)) # Output: 120

### ****📌 Direct vs. Indirect Recursion****

| **Recursion Type** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Direct Recursion** | A function calls itself directly | f(n) -> f(n-1) |
| **Indirect Recursion** | A function calls another function that calls the first function | f(n) -> g(n-1) -> f(n-2) |

🔹 **Direct Recursion**

def direct(n):

if n <= 0:

return

print(n)

direct(n - 1)

direct(3) # Output: 3, 2, 1

🔹 **Indirect Recursion**

def odd(n):

if n <= 0:

return

print(n, end=" ")

even(n - 1)

def even(n):

if n <= 0:

return

print(n, end=" ")

odd(n - 2)

odd(5) # Output: 5 4 3 2 1

## ****🔹 2. Applications of Recursion****

* **Tree Traversals** (Binary Tree)
* **Graph Traversals** (DFS)
* **Dynamic Programming**
* **Backtracking** (Maze Solving, N-Queens)
* **Sorting** (Merge Sort, Quick Sort)
* **Mathematical Computations** (Factorial, Fibonacci)

## ****🔹 3. Recursion Problems & Solutions****

### ****📌 Fibonacci Series Using Recursion****

def fibonacci(n):

if n <= 1:

return n

return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)

print(fibonacci(6)) # Output: 8

### ****📌 Factorial Using Recursion****

def factorial(n):

if n == 0:

return 1

return n \* factorial(n - 1)

print(factorial(5)) # Output: 120

### ****📌 Remove a Character from a String Using Recursion****

def remove\_char(s, char):

if not s:

return ""

if s[0] == char:

return remove\_char(s[1:], char)

return s[0] + remove\_char(s[1:], char)

print(remove\_char("hello", "l")) # Output: "heo"

### ****📌 Recursively Remove All Occurrences of a Character from a String****

def remove\_all\_occurrences(s, char):

if char not in s:

return s

return remove\_all\_occurrences(s.replace(char, ""), char)

print(remove\_all\_occurrences("aabbcc", "b")) # Output: "aacc"

### ****📌 Recursive Binary Search****

def binary\_search(arr, left, right, target):

if left > right:

return -1

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] > target:

return binary\_search(arr, left, mid - 1, target)

else:

return binary\_search(arr, mid + 1, right, target)

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

print(binary\_search(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1, 5)) # Output: 2

### ****📌 Sum of an Array Using Recursion****

def sum\_array(arr, n):

if n == 0:

return 0

return arr[n-1] + sum\_array(arr, n-1)

print(sum\_array([1, 2, 3, 4], 4)) # Output: 10

### ****📌 Print First N Elements of Fibonacci Series Using Recursion****

def print\_fibonacci(n, a=0, b=1):

if n == 0:

return

print(a, end=" ")

print\_fibonacci(n-1, b, a+b)

print\_fibonacci(6) # Output: 0 1 1 2 3 5

### ****📌 Recursion that Recurses Only 5 Times****

def limited\_recursion(n=5):

if n == 0:

return

print(f"Recursing: {n}")

limited\_recursion(n-1)

limited\_recursion()

# Output: Recursing: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

## ****🔹 4. Advantages & Disadvantages of Recursion****

### ****✅ Advantages****

1. **Simplifies code** (easier to write for problems like trees and graphs).
2. **Reduces unnecessary looping** (e.g., DFS, Factorial).
3. **Solves complex problems easily** (backtracking, dynamic programming).

### ****❌ Disadvantages****

1. **High memory usage** due to recursive calls stored on the call stack.
2. **Slower execution** compared to iterative approaches.
3. **Risk of stack overflow** for deep recursions.

## ****🔹 5. Space Complexity of Recursion****

* Each recursive call **stores variables in memory**.
* **Space Complexity = O(n)** for recursion with depth n.
* **Tail recursion reduces stack usage** (converted to a loop).

| **Recursion Type** | **Space Complexity** |
| --- | --- |
| Factorial (O(n)) | O(n) (stack calls) |
| Fibonacci (O(2^n)) | O(n) (call stack) |
| Tail Recursion (O(1)) | O(1) (optimized) |

🔹 **Example: Factorial with Iteration (O(1) Space)**

def factorial\_iterative(n):

result = 1

for i in range(2, n + 1):

result \*= i

return result

print(factorial\_iterative(5)) # Output: 120

# **📌 Searching & Sorting in Data Structures**

Searching and sorting are fundamental operations in data structures and algorithms.

## ****🔹 1. Binary Search (Time, Logic, Debugging)****

### ****📌 Logic of Binary Search****

* **Binary search works on sorted arrays**.
* It repeatedly divides the array into halves until the target is found.
* If mid is the target, return mid.
* If target < mid, search in the left half.
* If target > mid, search in the right half.

### ****📌 Iterative Binary Search (Debuggable Version)****

def binary\_search(arr, target):

left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1

while left <= right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

print(f"Searching between {left} and {right}, Mid: {mid}") # Debugging

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] < target:

left = mid + 1

else:

right = mid - 1

return -1

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

print(binary\_search(arr, 5)) # Output: 2

## ****🔹 2. Binary Search Using Recursion****

def binary\_search\_recursive(arr, left, right, target):

if left > right:

return -1

mid = (left + right) // 2

print(f"Searching between {left} and {right}, Mid: {mid}") # Debugging

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] > target:

return binary\_search\_recursive(arr, left, mid - 1, target)

else:

return binary\_search\_recursive(arr, mid + 1, right, target)

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

print(binary\_search\_recursive(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1, 5)) # Output: 2

## ****🔹 3. Time Complexity of Binary Search****

| **Operation** | **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Binary Search | O(1) (if the element is at mid) | O(log n) | O(log n) |

✅ **Faster than Linear Search**  
✅ **Efficient for large datasets**

❌ **Only works on sorted arrays**

## ****🔹 4. Linear Search vs. Binary Search****

| **Criteria** | **Linear Search** | **Binary Search** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Best Case** | O(1) | O(1) |
| **Worst Case** | O(n) | O(log n) |
| **Sorted Array?** | Not required | Required |
| **Performance on Large Data** | Slow | Fast |

🔹 **Example of Linear Search**

def linear\_search(arr, target):

for i in range(len(arr)):

if arr[i] == target:

return i

return -1

arr = [4, 2, 7, 1, 9]

print(linear\_search(arr, 7)) # Output: 2

## ****🔹 5. Find Minimum in a Sorted Rotated Array****

* A sorted array is **rotated at some pivot**.
* We need to find the **minimum element**.
* The minimum is at the **rotation point**.

def find\_min\_rotated(arr):

left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1

while left < right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

print(f"Checking between {left} and {right}, Mid: {mid}") # Debugging

if arr[mid] > arr[right]:

left = mid + 1 # Minimum is on the right side

else:

right = mid # Minimum is on the left side

return arr[left]

arr = [4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2]

print(find\_min\_rotated(arr)) # Output: 0

## ****🔹 6. Merge Two Sorted Linked Lists****

* Given two sorted linked lists, merge them into a **single sorted list**.

class ListNode:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, val=0, next=None):

self.val = val

self.next = next

def merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2):

if not l1:

return l2

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return l1

if l1.val < l2.val:

l1.next = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1.next, l2)

return l1

else:

l2.next = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2.next)

return l2

# Example usage

def print\_list(node):

while node:

print(node.val, end=" -> ")

node = node.next

print("None")

l1 = ListNode(1, ListNode(3, ListNode(5)))

l2 = ListNode(2, ListNode(4, ListNode(6)))

merged = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2)

print\_list(merged) # Output: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5 -> 6 -> None

## ****🔹 Summary****

✅ **Binary Search** is faster (O(log n)) than **Linear Search** (O(n)).  
✅ **Recursion** makes search elegant but has higher memory use.  
✅ **Finding the minimum in a rotated array** uses binary search logic (O(log n)).  
✅ **Merging two sorted linked lists** requires recursion or iteration (O(n)).

# **📌 Strings in Python: Key Problems & Solutions**

Strings are an essential data structure used for text processing, pattern matching, and data manipulation. Below are key problems and solutions related to strings in Python.

## ****🔹 1. Reverse Each Word in a String****

* Given a sentence, reverse each word while keeping their positions intact.

def reverse\_each\_word(sentence):

words = sentence.split()

reversed\_words = [word[::-1] for word in words]

return " ".join(reversed\_words)

sentence = "Hello World Python"

print(reverse\_each\_word(sentence)) # Output: "olleH dlroW nohtyP"

## ****🔹 2. Remove a Character from a String Using Recursion****

* Remove all occurrences of a specific character recursively.

def remove\_char\_recursive(s, char):

if not s:

return ""

if s[0] == char:

return remove\_char\_recursive(s[1:], char)

return s[0] + remove\_char\_recursive(s[1:], char)

print(remove\_char\_recursive("hello", 'l')) # Output: "heo"

## ****🔹 3. Remove All Occurrences of a Specific Character from a String****

* Uses **string.replace()** method.

def remove\_all\_occurrences(s, char):

return s.replace(char, "")

print(remove\_all\_occurrences("hello world", 'o')) # Output: "hell wrld"

## ****🔹 4. Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters****

* Uses the **Sliding Window Technique** (O(n)).

def longest\_unique\_substring(s):

char\_set = set()

left = max\_length = 0

for right in range(len(s)):

while s[right] in char\_set:

char\_set.remove(s[left])

left += 1

char\_set.add(s[right])

max\_length = max(max\_length, right - left + 1)

return max\_length

print(longest\_unique\_substring("abcabcbb")) # Output: 3 ("abc")

## ****🔹 5. Largest Substring Without Vowels****

* Removes **all vowels** and finds the **longest consonant substring**.

def largest\_substring\_no\_vowels(s):

vowels = {'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u'}

max\_length = current\_length = 0

for char in s:

if char.lower() in vowels:

current\_length = 0

else:

current\_length += 1

max\_length = max(max\_length, current\_length)

return max\_length

print(largest\_substring\_no\_vowels("hello beautiful world")) # Output: 6 ("tfl wrld")

## ****🔹 6. Check if Two Strings are Anagrams****

* Two words are **anagrams** if they contain the **same characters in a different order**.

from collections import Counter

def are\_anagrams(s1, s2):

return Counter(s1) == Counter(s2)

print(are\_anagrams("listen", "silent")) # Output: True

print(are\_anagrams("hello", "world")) # Output: False

## ****🔹 7. Extract Numbers from Strings****

* Extracts **all numbers** and returns them as a list.

import re

def extract\_numbers(s):

return [int(num) for num in re.findall(r'\d+', s)]

print(extract\_numbers("The price is 45 dollars and 9 cents.")) # Output: [45, 9]

## ****🔹 8. Ensure Sentence Begins with Uppercase and Ends with a Period****

* Fixes a sentence format.

def format\_sentence(s):

s = s.strip()

s = s.capitalize()

if not s.endswith('.'):

s += '.'

return s

print(format\_sentence("hello world")) # Output: "Hello world."

print(format\_sentence("Python is fun.")) # Output: "Python is fun."

## ****🔹 Summary****

✅ **String operations** like reversing, removing characters, and checking uniqueness are essential in text processing.  
✅ **Efficiency** can be improved using **sliding windows, hashmaps, and regex**.  
✅ **Recursion** is useful for certain string modifications.  
✅ **Anagram checking** can be done using character counts (Counter).

Here are solutions for each of the problems you've listed:

### ****1️⃣ Two Sum (LeetCode)****

**Problem:** Given an array nums and an integer target, return indices of the two numbers that add up to target.

**Approach:**

* Use a **hashmap (dictionary)** to store visited elements and their indices.
* Iterate through nums and check if target - num exists in the hashmap.
* **Time Complexity:** O(n)

def two\_sum(nums, target):

num\_map = {} # Stores value: index

for i, num in enumerate(nums):

diff = target - num

if diff in num\_map:

return [num\_map[diff], i]

num\_map[num] = i

return [] # No solution found

print(two\_sum([2, 7, 11, 15], 9)) # Output: [0, 1]

### ****2️⃣ Valid Parentheses****

**Problem:** Given a string containing only ()[]{}, determine if it is **valid**.  
**Valid means:**

* Open brackets must be closed by the same type.
* Open brackets must be closed in the correct order.

**Approach:**

* Use a **stack** to store opening brackets.
* When encountering a closing bracket, check if it matches the top of the stack.
* **Time Complexity:** O(n)

def is\_valid\_parentheses(s):

stack = []

mapping = {')': '(', '}': '{', ']': '['}

for char in s:

if char in mapping:

top = stack.pop() if stack else '#'

if mapping[char] != top:

return False

else:

stack.append(char)

return not stack # Stack should be empty

print(is\_valid\_parentheses("()[]{}")) # Output: True

print(is\_valid\_parentheses("(]")) # Output: False

### ****3️⃣ Palindrome Code****

**Problem:** Check if a string is a palindrome (same forward and backward).

**Approach:**

* Use **two pointers** (one from start, one from end).
* Compare characters while moving towards the center.
* **Time Complexity:** O(n)

def is\_palindrome(s):

s = ''.join(filter(str.isalnum, s)).lower() # Remove spaces and special chars

return s == s[::-1]

print(is\_palindrome("racecar")) # Output: True

print(is\_palindrome("hello")) # Output: False

### ****4️⃣ Remove Duplicates from a Linked List****

**Problem:** Remove duplicate nodes from a **sorted** linked list.

**Approach:**

* Use a **single pass** (O(n)) to compare adjacent nodes.
* Skip duplicate values by adjusting next pointers.

class ListNode:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, val=0, next=None):

self.val = val

self.next = next

def remove\_duplicates(head):

current = head

while current and current.next:

if current.val == current.next.val:

current.next = current.next.next

else:

current = current.next

return head

### ****5️⃣ Detect Cycle in a Linked List (Floyd’s Algorithm)****

**Problem:** Detect if a **cycle** exists in a linked list.

**Approach:**

* Use **Floyd's Tortoise and Hare Algorithm** (fast and slow pointer).
* If they meet, a cycle exists (O(n)).

def has\_cycle(head):

slow, fast = head, head

while fast and fast.next:

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

if slow == fast:

return True

return False

### ****6️⃣ Find Combination of Two Numbers Given Sum as 4****

**Problem:** Find **all** pairs in an array that sum up to 4.

**Approach:**

* Use a **set** to store seen numbers (O(n)).
* Check if 4 - num is in the set.

def find\_pairs(nums, target=4):

seen = set()

pairs = []

for num in nums:

if target - num in seen:

pairs.append((num, target - num))

seen.add(num)

return pairs

print(find\_pairs([1, 3, 2, 2, 4, 0])) # Output: [(3, 1), (2, 2), (4, 0)]

## ****🚀 Summary****

✅ **Efficient Data Structures:** Used **hashmaps, stacks, sets, linked lists, and two-pointer techniques**.  
✅ **Optimized Approaches:** Achieved O(n) time complexity for most problems.  
✅ **Real-World Applications:** Used in **searching, validation, and cycle detection** in linked lists.

### ****Memory Management in Programming****

Memory management is a crucial concept in programming that ensures efficient allocation, usage, and deallocation of memory during a program's execution.

## ****1️⃣ Memory Allocation****

Memory allocation refers to how a program reserves memory space for its variables and data structures. There are two primary types:

### ****🔹 Static vs. Dynamic Memory Allocation****

| **Feature** | **Static Memory Allocation** | **Dynamic Memory Allocation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Memory Assignment** | Compile-time | Run-time |
| **Flexibility** | Fixed size, cannot be resized | Can be resized using malloc(), calloc(), etc. |
| **Storage Location** | Stack or Data Segment | Heap |
| **Efficiency** | Faster access | Slightly slower (needs extra processing) |
| **Example** | int arr[10]; | int\* arr = (int\*)malloc(10 \* sizeof(int)); |

### ****🔹 Advantages of Static Memory Allocation****

✔ Faster access (since memory is allocated at compile-time).  
✔ No overhead of allocating and freeing memory at runtime.  
✔ Predictable memory usage (no fragmentation issues).

### ****🔹 Disadvantages of Dynamic Memory Allocation****

❌ Memory allocation/deallocation takes extra time.  
❌ Can cause **memory leaks** if memory is not freed properly.  
❌ More prone to **fragmentation**, reducing efficiency.

## ****2️⃣ Memory Leak****

A **memory leak** occurs when dynamically allocated memory is not deallocated properly, leading to excessive memory consumption.

### ****🔹 Example of Memory Leak (C/C++)****

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void memoryLeak() {

int\* ptr = new int(10); // Dynamically allocated memory

// No delete statement -> Memory leak!

}

int main() {

while (true) {

memoryLeak(); // Keeps allocating memory without freeing it

}

return 0;

}

### ****🔹 How to Prevent Memory Leaks?****

✅ Always use free() in C or delete in C++ after allocation.  
✅ Use **smart pointers** in C++ (std::unique\_ptr, std::shared\_ptr).  
✅ Run tools like **Valgrind** to detect memory leaks.

void preventMemoryLeak() {

int\* ptr = new int(10);

delete ptr; // Free memory to prevent leaks

}

## ****3️⃣ Memory Pool****

A **memory pool** is a pre-allocated block of memory used for dynamic memory allocation to avoid fragmentation.

### ****🔹 How it Works?****

* Instead of allocating memory multiple times using malloc() or new, a **fixed pool** of memory is allocated at the start.
* When a request comes, memory is assigned from the pool.
* When done, memory is returned to the pool for reuse.

💡 **Used in:** Game development, embedded systems, high-performance applications.

## ****4️⃣ Stack vs. Heap Memory****

| **Feature** | **Stack** | **Heap** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Storage Location** | RAM stack | RAM heap |
| **Allocation Time** | Compile-time | Run-time |
| **Speed** | Faster | Slower |
| **Flexibility** | Fixed size | Dynamic size |
| **Access** | Local variables, function calls | malloc() / new |
| **Memory Management** | Automatically managed | Manually managed (free() / delete) |

### ****🔹 Example (C/C++)****

void stackExample() {

int a = 10; // Stack allocation

}

void heapExample() {

int\* p = new int(20); // Heap allocation

delete p; // Must free memory

}

## ****5️⃣ Garbage Collection****

Garbage collection (GC) is an **automatic memory management** feature that deallocates unused objects to prevent memory leaks.

### ****🔹 How Does Garbage Collection Work?****

1. **Reference Counting** – An object is freed when its reference count drops to zero.
2. **Mark and Sweep** – The GC marks active objects and sweeps unused ones.
3. **Generational GC** – Objects are divided into young and old generations, optimizing cleanup.

### ****🔹 Garbage Collection in Different Languages****

| **Language** | **Garbage Collection** |
| --- | --- |
| **C/C++** | No built-in GC, manual free() or delete needed |
| **Java** | Uses JVM garbage collector (automatic) |
| **Python** | Uses reference counting and cyclic GC |
| **C#** | Uses .NET garbage collector |

💡 **Best Practice:** Even in languages with garbage collection, avoid unnecessary object creation to optimize performance.

## ****🚀 Summary****

✔ **Static vs. Dynamic Memory Allocation** – Tradeoff between performance and flexibility.  
✔ **Memory Leaks** – Avoid using proper deallocation methods.  
✔ **Memory Pool** – Optimizes allocation to reduce fragmentation.  
✔ **Stack vs. Heap** – Stack is fast and automatic, Heap is flexible but needs manual management.  
✔ **Garbage Collection** – Automates memory cleanup in high-level languages.

## ****Virtual Memory in Operating Systems****

### 🔹 ****What is Virtual Memory?****

Virtual memory is a **memory management technique** that allows a computer to compensate for **physical RAM limitations** by using a portion of the **hard disk (swap space/page file)** as additional memory.

📌 **Key Points:**  
✔️ **Expands available memory** beyond physical RAM.  
✔️ Allows **multiple processes** to run without requiring all of them to fit in RAM.  
✔️ Uses **paging** and **swapping** to move data between RAM and disk.

### 🔹 ****How Virtual Memory Works?****

1️⃣ The **OS divides memory** into **fixed-size pages** (usually **4KB**).  
2️⃣ Pages that **aren't actively needed** are moved to disk (swap space).  
3️⃣ When a process needs a page that is in swap, the OS **retrieves it back into RAM** (page-in operation).  
4️⃣ If RAM is full, the OS **swaps out** an existing page to disk (page-out operation).

📌 This prevents **"out of memory"** errors and allows efficient multitasking.

### 🔹 ****Relation Between Virtual Memory & Data Structures****

Virtual memory has a **direct impact** on data structures, especially **large-scale applications**.

✅ **1. Paging and Linked Lists**

* OS stores page tables as **linked lists** or **trees** for efficient memory lookup.
* **Doubly linked lists** help in implementing **LRU (Least Recently Used) page replacement algorithms**.

✅ **2. Arrays and Virtual Memory**

* Large arrays may not fit in **physical RAM** but can be **paged in and out of virtual memory** dynamically.
* Python’s numpy efficiently handles **memory-mapped arrays** (numpy.memmap) using virtual memory.

✅ **3. Hash Tables & Caching**

* Hash tables store frequently accessed data in **cache memory**, reducing expensive disk access.
* **Paging algorithms (LRU, LFU)** are similar to cache replacement strategies.

✅ **4. Stacks and Recursion**

* Deep recursive calls **consume stack space**, causing **stack overflow**.
* Virtual memory allows increasing stack size dynamically, but excessive recursion can still cause **page faults**.

### 🔹 ****Performance Considerations****

🚀 **Pros of Virtual Memory:**  
✔️ Allows **running large applications** on limited RAM.  
✔️ Improves **process isolation & security**.  
✔️ Enables **efficient memory sharing** between processes.

⚠️ **Cons of Virtual Memory:**  
❌ **Page faults** slow down execution.  
❌ **Thrashing** (constant swapping between RAM and disk) affects performance.  
❌ **Disk speed is slower** than RAM, increasing access time.

### 🔹 ****Example in Python: Memory-Mapped Files (Using Virtual Memory)****

Python can use **memory-mapped files (mmap)** to handle large data structures efficiently.

import mmap

# Create a memory-mapped file

with open("example.txt", "r+b") as f:

mm = mmap.mmap(f.fileno(), 0)

# Read first 10 bytes

print(mm[:10])

# Modify content

mm[0:4] = b"DATA"

# Close memory map

mm.close()

✅ This technique allows working with **huge files efficiently** using virtual memory.

## ****🚀 Summary****

📌 **Virtual memory** extends RAM by using **disk storage**.  
📌 **Data structures like linked lists, hash tables, and trees** are used in virtual memory management.  
📌 **Efficient paging and caching** optimize performance, but **excessive swapping (thrashing)** slows down execution.

# **Complexity Analysis in Algorithms**

## ****1. Asymptotic Notations****

Asymptotic notation is used to describe the **running time (time complexity)** and **space usage (space complexity)** of an algorithm in terms of input size nn.

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j--;

}

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| --- | --- | --- |
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📌 **Recursion uses additional space due to function call stack.**

* Each recursive call **stores variables** in stack memory.
* If the recursion depth is dd, space complexity is **O(d)O(d)**.

📌 **Example: Factorial using Recursion**

int factorial(int n) {

if (n == 0) return 1;

return n \* factorial(n - 1);

}

* Space Complexity: O(n)O(n) (as each call is stored in stack)
* Time Complexity: O(n)O(n) (linear growth)

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## ****6. Best Case in Asymptotic Analysis****

* The best-case complexity **describes the minimum number of operations** an algorithm needs.
* **Example:**
  + **Linear Search:** O(1)O(1) if the element is found at the first index.
  + **Insertion Sort:** O(n)O(n) if already sorted.

## ****7. Asymptotic Analysis for Quadratic Equations****

Quadratic time complexity O(n2)O(n^2) is common in **nested loops**.  
Example:

void printPairs(int arr[], int n) {

for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {

for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {

cout << arr[i] << "," << arr[j] << endl;

}

}

}

✅ **Time Complexity:** O(n2)O(n^2) (since two loops iterate n×nn \times n times).

## ****🚀 Summary****

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Thus, the number of steps needed is log⁡2n\log\_2 n.

## ****4. Space Complexity of Recursion****

📌 **Recursion uses additional space due to function call stack.**

* Each recursive call **stores variables** in stack memory.
* If the recursion depth is dd, space complexity is **O(d)O(d)**.

📌 **Example: Factorial using Recursion**

int factorial(int n) {

if (n == 0) return 1;

return n \* factorial(n - 1);

}

* Space Complexity: O(n)O(n) (as each call is stored in stack)
* Time Complexity: O(n)O(n) (linear growth)

## ****5. Complexity of Algorithms****

| **Algorithm** | **Best Case** | **Worst Case** | **Average Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Binary Search** | O(1)O(1) | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) |
| **Linear Search** | O(1)O(1) | O(n)O(n) | O(n)O(n) |
| **Merge Sort** | O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n) | O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n) | O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n) |
| **QuickSort** | O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n) | O(n2)O(n^2) | O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n) |
| **Bubble Sort** | O(n)O(n) | O(n2)O(n^2) | O(n2)O(n^2) |

## ****6. Best Case in Asymptotic Analysis****

* The best-case complexity **describes the minimum number of operations** an algorithm needs.
* **Example:**
  + **Linear Search:** O(1)O(1) if the element is found at the first index.
  + **Insertion Sort:** O(n)O(n) if already sorted.

## ****7. Asymptotic Analysis for Quadratic Equations****

Quadratic time complexity O(n2)O(n^2) is common in **nested loops**.  
Example:

void printPairs(int arr[], int n) {

for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {

for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {

cout << arr[i] << "," << arr[j] << endl;

}

}

}

✅ **Time Complexity:** O(n2)O(n^2) (since two loops iterate n×nn \times n times).

## ****🚀 Summary****

📌 **Big-O, Big-Theta, and Big-Omega** help in analyzing algorithm efficiency.  
📌 **O(log⁡n)O(\log n) is much better than O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n)** for large inputs.  
📌 **Binary Search is O(log⁡n)O(\log n)** because it halves the search space.  
📌 **Recursion increases space complexity** due to **function call stacks**.  
📌 **Quadratic algorithms (O(n²))** are inefficient for large inputs.

# **Time & Space Complexity in Data Structures and Algorithms**

Understanding time and space complexity helps in evaluating an algorithm’s **efficiency** and **scalability**.

## ****1️⃣ Time Complexity of Accessing an Element from a Linked List****

A **linked list** stores elements in **non-contiguous** memory, with each node containing a value and a pointer to the next node.

### ****🔹 Accessing an Element in a Linked List****

Since linked lists do **not support direct indexing**, accessing an element requires **traversal**.

| **Operation** | **Time Complexity** |
| --- | --- |
| Accessing **first** element | O(1)O(1) |
| Accessing **last** element (singly linked list) | O(n)O(n) |
| Accessing **k-th** element | O(k)O(k) |
| Accessing **middle** element | O(n)O(n) |

📌 **Example:** Finding the **k-th element** in a **singly linked list**

struct Node {

int data;

Node\* next;

};

int getKthElement(Node\* head, int k) {

Node\* temp = head;

for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {

if (!temp) return -1; // Out of bounds

temp = temp->next;

}

return temp->data;

}

⏳ **Time Complexity:** O(k)O(k)  
💾 **Space Complexity:** O(1)O(1)

📌 **Optimized Case:** **Doubly Linked List (DLL)**

* In **DLL**, accessing **last node** takes **O(1)O(1)** if we maintain a tail pointer.

## ****2️⃣ Complexity of Array Operations****

Arrays support **random access** but have different complexities for various operations.

| **Operation** | **Time Complexity** |
| --- | --- |
| **Accessing an element** | O(1)O(1) |
| **Inserting at the end** | O(1)O(1) (Amortized) |
| **Inserting at the beginning** | O(n)O(n) |
| **Inserting at index kk** | O(n)O(n) |
| **Deleting last element** | O(1)O(1) |
| **Deleting at index kk** | O(n)O(n) |
| **Searching (Linear Search)** | O(n)O(n) |
| **Searching (Binary Search, sorted array)** | O(log⁡n)O(\log n) |

📌 **Example:** **Inserting an element in the middle of an array**

void insertAtIndex(int arr[], int &n, int index, int value) {

for (int i = n; i > index; i--)

arr[i] = arr[i - 1]; // Shift elements right

arr[index] = value;

n++; // Increase size

}

⏳ **Time Complexity:** O(n)O(n)  
💾 **Space Complexity:** O(1)O(1)

📌 **Why?**  
Each element **shifts** right → **O(n)O(n)** operations.

## ****3️⃣ Time Complexity of Recursion****

Recursion can be **costly** in terms of both **time** and **space**, as each function call stores **activation records** in the **call stack**.

### ****🔹 Example 1: Recursive Fibonacci****

int fibonacci(int n) {

if (n <= 1) return n;

return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2);

}

⏳ **Time Complexity:**

T(n)=T(n−1)+T(n−2)+O(1)T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1) O(2n)(Exponential Complexity)O(2^n) \quad \text{(Exponential Complexity)}

💾 **Space Complexity:** O(n)O(n) (stack calls)

### ****🔹 Example 2: Recursive Factorial****

int factorial(int n) {

if (n == 0) return 1;

return n \* factorial(n - 1);

}

⏳ **Time Complexity:** O(n)O(n)  
💾 **Space Complexity:** O(n)O(n) (recursive calls stored in stack)

📌 **Optimization: Convert to Iterative**  
Using an **iterative approach** reduces **space complexity** to O(1)O(1).

## ****🔹 Space Complexity of Recursion****

| **Recursion Type** | **Time Complexity** | **Space Complexity** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Factorial | O(n)O(n) | O(n)O(n) |
| Fibonacci | O(2n)O(2^n) | O(n)O(n) |
| Tail Recursion | O(n)O(n) | O(1)O(1) (if optimized by compiler) |

## ****🚀 Summary****

📌 **Accessing elements in arrays is O(1)O(1), but in linked lists, it's O(n)O(n).**  
📌 **Array operations vary from O(1)O(1) to O(n)O(n) depending on insertion/deletion position.**  
📌 **Recursion uses extra space due to function call stacks (O(n)O(n) or more).**  
📌 **Optimizing recursion with iteration or memoization improves efficiency.**

# **Miscellaneous Data Structure Concepts**

Understanding various **data structure concepts** helps in selecting the right structure for **efficient data storage and manipulation**.

## ****1️⃣ Linear vs. Non-Linear Data Structures****

📌 **Linear Data Structures**

* Elements are arranged **sequentially**.
* Every element has a **successor** (except the last).
* **Examples**:
  + **Arrays** 🟢
  + **Linked Lists** 🔗
  + **Stacks** 📚
  + **Queues** 🚦

📌 **Non-Linear Data Structures**

* Elements are arranged in a **hierarchical** or **graph-based** manner.
* **Examples**:
  + **Trees** 🌳
  + **Graphs** 🖧
  + **Hash Tables** 🔑

| **Type** | **Examples** | **Memory Usage** | **Ease of Access** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Linear** | Array, Stack, Queue | **Contiguous** | **Fast (O(1) - O(n))** |
| **Non-Linear** | Trees, Graphs | **Non-Contiguous** | **Slower but efficient for specific use cases** |

## ****2️⃣ Hierarchical Data Structures****

* Elements are **arranged in a hierarchy** (parent-child relationships).
* Common hierarchical structures:
  + **Trees (Binary Tree, BST, B-Trees, Trie)**
  + **Graphs (DAG, Cyclic Graphs)**
  + **File Systems (Directories and Subdirectories)**
  + **Inheritance in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)**

📌 **Example: Binary Tree Representation**

struct Node {

int data;

Node\* left;

Node\* right;

};

⏳ **Insertion Complexity**: O(log⁡n)O(\log n) (for balanced trees)

## ****3️⃣ Primitive vs. Non-Primitive Data Types****

📌 **Primitive Data Types**

* Simple data types **provided by the language**.
* **Examples**:
  + Integer (**int**)
  + Character (**char**)
  + Float (**float**)
  + Boolean (**bool**)

📌 **Non-Primitive Data Types**

* **Derived from primitive types**.
* **Examples**:
  + Arrays
  + Structures
  + Pointers
  + Objects (in OOP)

| **Type** | **Examples** | **Storage Type** | **Usage** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Primitive** | int, char, bool | Stack (Fixed Memory) | Simple operations |
| **Non-Primitive** | Array, Struct, Class | Heap (Dynamic Memory) | Complex operations |

## ****4️⃣ Static vs. Dynamic Typing****

📌 **Static Typing** (C, C++, Java)

* **Type is checked at compile-time**.
* Variables must be **explicitly declared**.
* Example:
* int x = 10; // Type defined explicitly

📌 **Dynamic Typing** (Python, JavaScript)

* **Type is determined at runtime**.
* No explicit type declaration.
* Example:
* x = 10 # Type is inferred as integer

| **Feature** | **Static Typing** | **Dynamic Typing** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Type Checking** | Compile-Time | Run-Time |
| **Performance** | Faster 🚀 | Slower 🐢 |
| **Flexibility** | Less | More |

## ****5️⃣ Multidimensional Arrays****

📌 **Definition**:

* Arrays containing **multiple dimensions** (rows, columns, etc.).
* **Example: 2D Array (Matrix)**
* int matrix[3][3] = { {1, 2, 3},
* {4, 5, 6},
* {7, 8, 9} };
* **Accessing Elements:** matrix[row][col]
* **Time Complexity:** O(1)O(1) for access

📌 **Higher-Dimensional Arrays**

* 3D Array: int arr[2][2][2];
* 4D Array: int arr[2][2][2][2]; (rarely used)

## ****6️⃣ Jagged Arrays****

📌 **Definition**:

* **Irregular row lengths** (each row has different sizes).
* **Efficient memory usage** compared to **multidimensional arrays**.

📌 **Example in C++**

int\* jagged[3]; // Array of pointers

jagged[0] = new int[2]{1, 2};

jagged[1] = new int[4]{3, 4, 5, 6};

jagged[2] = new int[3]{7, 8, 9};

| **Feature** | **Multidimensional Array** | **Jagged Array** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Row Size** | Fixed | Variable |
| **Memory Usage** | More | Less |
| **Access Speed** | Fast | Slower |

## ****7️⃣ Sparse Arrays****

📌 **Definition**:

* **Most elements are zero (or null).**
* Instead of storing **full matrix**, we store **only non-zero values**.

📌 **Example: Sparse Matrix**

struct SparseMatrix {

int row, col, value;

};

* **Used in**: **Graph adjacency matrices, Machine Learning (TF-IDF matrices).**
* **Time Complexity:** O(1)O(1) (for access if stored efficiently).

## ****8️⃣ Contiguous vs. Non-Contiguous Memory Allocation****

📌 **Contiguous Memory Allocation**

* Elements **stored in consecutive memory blocks**.
* **Examples**:
  + Arrays
  + Static Memory Allocation
* **Fast access (O(1)O(1)) but limited flexibility**.

📌 **Non-Contiguous Memory Allocation**

* Elements **spread across memory, linked via pointers**.
* **Examples**:
  + Linked Lists
  + Trees
  + Dynamic Memory Allocation
* **More flexible but slower (O(n)O(n) access time)**.

| **Feature** | **Contiguous Memory** | **Non-Contiguous Memory** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Example** | Arrays | Linked Lists, Trees |
| **Access Time** | O(1)O(1) | O(n)O(n) |
| **Insertion/Deletion** | Slow (O(n)O(n)) | Fast (O(1)O(1)) |
| **Memory Utilization** | Fixed | Dynamic |

## ****🚀 Summary****

✅ **Linear vs. Non-Linear:** Arrays, Stacks, and Queues are linear, while Trees and Graphs are non-linear.  
✅ **Static vs. Dynamic Typing:** Static typing (C, Java) is faster, while dynamic typing (Python) is more flexible.  
✅ **Multidimensional Arrays:** Used for **matrices** and **graphs**, but **Jagged Arrays** save space.  
✅ **Sparse Arrays:** Store **only non-zero values** to optimize memory.  
✅ **Contiguous vs. Non-Contiguous:** Arrays provide **fast access** but lack flexibility; Linked Lists **use more memory** but allow **dynamic sizing**.

# **📌 Algorithms: Overview & Importance**

An **algorithm** is a step-by-step **procedure** to solve a problem efficiently.

🔹 **Why Do We Need Algorithms?**

* Optimize **time** and **space** usage
* Solve **complex problems** systematically
* Ensure **scalability** and **performance**
* Provide **reproducible** and **correct** results

💡 **Example: Finding Maximum in an Array**  
**Algorithm:**  
1️⃣ Start with max = arr[0]  
2️⃣ Iterate through the array  
3️⃣ If arr[i] > max, update max = arr[i]  
4️⃣ Return max

**C++ Code Example**

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

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;

}

int main() {

int arr[] = {3, 7, 2, 8, 5};

cout << "Max: " << findMax(arr, 5);

}

⏳ **Time Complexity**: O(n)O(n)  
🔹 **Space Complexity**: O(1)O(1)

# **📌 Recursion vs. Loop**

| **Feature** | **Recursion** | **Loop** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Definition** | A function calls itself | Repeats instructions using for, while |
| **Memory Usage** | More (stack memory used) | Less (no function calls) |
| **Performance** | Slower (overhead due to function calls) | Faster (no function call overhead) |
| **Termination** | Needs a **base case** | Ends when condition fails |
| **Best Used For** | **Tree traversal, Backtracking, Divide & Conquer** | **Iterative operations, Array traversals** |

💡 **Example: Factorial Calculation**  
📌 **Using Recursion**

int factorial(int n) {

if (n == 0) return 1; // Base case

return n \* factorial(n - 1);

}

📌 **Using Loop**

int factorialIterative(int n) {

int fact = 1;

for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) fact \*= i;

return fact;

}

✅ **Loop is faster** due to reduced **function call overhead**.  
✅ **Recursion is simpler** for problems like **tree traversal, Fibonacci, etc.**

# **📌 Advantages & Disadvantages of Recursion**

✅ **Advantages**  
✔️ Simplifies complex problems like tree traversal  
✔️ Reduces **code size** and improves readability  
✔️ Helpful in **Divide & Conquer** algorithms

❌ **Disadvantages**  
✖️ **High memory usage** (stack calls)  
✖️ **Slower execution** due to function calls  
✖️ **Stack overflow** risk for deep recursion

💡 **Solution?** **Use Tail Recursion (Optimized Recursion)**

int tailRecFactorial(int n, int a = 1) {

if (n == 0) return a;

return tailRecFactorial(n - 1, n \* a);

}

🔹 **Tail recursion** reduces stack usage and improves performance.

# **📌 Applications of Recursion**

📌 **1. Divide & Conquer Algorithms**

* **Merge Sort** 🟢 O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n)
* **Quick Sort** 🟢 O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n)
* **Binary Search** 🟢 O(log⁡n)O(\log n)

📌 **2. Tree & Graph Traversal**

* **DFS (Depth First Search)**
* **Inorder, Preorder, Postorder Tree Traversal**
* **Graph algorithms** (like finding shortest paths)

📌 **3. Backtracking**

* **N-Queens Problem** ♔
* **Sudoku Solver** 🔢
* **Maze Solving** 🏁

📌 **4. Dynamic Programming**

* **Fibonacci Sequence**
* **Knapsack Problem** 🎒

📌 **5. Mathematical Computations**

* **Factorial Calculation**
* **Greatest Common Divisor (GCD) – Euclidean Algorithm**

# **📌 Real-World Applications of Recursion**

🔹 **1. File System Navigation** 🗂️

* Operating systems use **recursion** to traverse **directories**.
* Example: Listing all files in a folder and its subfolders.

🔹 **2. Web Crawlers & Data Scraping** 🌐

* Web crawlers recursively follow **links** on a page to index data.

🔹 **3. AI & Game Development** 🎮

* **Minimax Algorithm** (used in Chess, Tic-Tac-Toe AI).
* **Pathfinding algorithms** (like A\* for shortest path).

🔹 **4. Network Protocols & Compression** 📡

* **Recursive DNS resolution** (converting website names to IPs).
* **Recursive Huffman Coding** (used in data compression).

🔹 **5. Image Processing & Fractals** 🖼️

* **Recursive image generation (Fractal Trees, Mandelbrot Sets).**
* **Recursive flood fill algorithm** (used in Paint Bucket tools).

# **🚀 Summary**

✅ **Algorithms** improve efficiency in problem-solving.  
✅ **Recursion** is useful but **loops** are more memory-efficient.  
✅ **Tail Recursion** helps reduce function call overhead.  
✅ **Recursion is widely used** in **sorting, graph traversal, AI, and network protocols**.

### ****Virtual Memory****

#### ****1. What is Virtual Memory?****

Virtual Memory is a memory management technique that provides an **illusion of a larger memory** than physically available by using **both RAM and disk space**. The operating system (OS) temporarily transfers data between **RAM (primary memory)** and **disk storage (secondary memory)** to execute large programs efficiently.

#### ****2. How Virtual Memory Works****

1. **Logical vs. Physical Addressing**
   * The CPU generates **logical addresses** (virtual addresses).
   * The Memory Management Unit (MMU) translates these into **physical addresses** in RAM.
2. **Paging**
   * Virtual memory is divided into **pages**, and physical memory is divided into **frames**.
   * Only the necessary pages are loaded into RAM, reducing memory usage.
3. **Page Faults**
   * If the required page is not in RAM, a **page fault** occurs.
   * The OS swaps the page from the disk to RAM, causing a slight delay.
4. **Swap Space (Pagefile)**
   * A portion of the hard disk is reserved as **swap space**.
   * Least-used pages are moved here when RAM is full.

#### ****3. Benefits of Virtual Memory****

* **Allows execution of large programs** without requiring all data in RAM.
* **Efficient memory utilization** by loading only necessary pages.
* **Prevents application crashes** due to insufficient RAM.
* **Enables multitasking** by running multiple programs simultaneously.

#### ****4. Disadvantages of Virtual Memory****

* **Slower than RAM** (since disk operations are slower).
* **Frequent Page Faults** cause performance issues.
* **Increases wear on SSDs** if swap space is used excessively.

#### ****5. Relation with Data Structures****

* **Stack & Heap Allocation**
  + The **stack** (for function calls) and **heap** (for dynamic allocation) reside in virtual memory.
  + Large data structures like linked lists use heap memory.
* **Paging and Memory Management**
  + Data structures such as **hash maps and trees** help manage page tables efficiently.

### ****Memory Pool in Python****

#### ****What is a Memory Pool?****

A **memory pool** is a preallocated block of memory that is divided into smaller chunks, which can be efficiently allocated and deallocated as needed. This avoids frequent system-level memory allocation, reducing overhead and improving performance.

### ****Why Use a Memory Pool?****

* **Faster memory allocation**: Instead of requesting memory from the OS each time, memory is allocated in bulk and reused.
* **Prevents fragmentation**: Reduces memory fragmentation by keeping fixed-sized blocks.
* **Improves performance**: Efficient for real-time applications and high-performance computing.

### ****Implementation of a Simple Memory Pool in Python****

We'll implement a **memory pool manager** that:

1. **Preallocates a fixed number of memory blocks**.
2. **Allocates and deallocates memory dynamically**.
3. **Manages free and occupied blocks efficiently**.

#### ****Python Implementation****

class MemoryPool:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, block\_size, total\_blocks):

"""Initialize memory pool with fixed block size and total blocks."""

self.block\_size = block\_size

self.total\_blocks = total\_blocks

self.memory = [None] \* total\_blocks # Simulating preallocated memory

self.free\_blocks = list(range(total\_blocks)) # List of available blocks

def allocate(self):

"""Allocate a block from the memory pool."""

if not self.free\_blocks:

print("Memory Pool Exhausted! No available blocks.")

return None

block\_index = self.free\_blocks.pop(0) # Allocate first available block

print(f"Allocated Block: {block\_index}")

return block\_index # Return allocated block index

def deallocate(self, block\_index):

"""Deallocate a block and return it to the pool."""

if block\_index in range(self.total\_blocks) and block\_index not in self.free\_blocks:

self.free\_blocks.append(block\_index)

self.free\_blocks.sort() # Keep free blocks sorted for better management

print(f"Deallocated Block: {block\_index}")

else:

print("Invalid or Already Free Block.")

def status(self):

"""Display memory pool status."""

allocated\_blocks = [i for i in range(self.total\_blocks) if i not in self.free\_blocks]

print(f"Allocated Blocks: {allocated\_blocks}")

print(f"Free Blocks: {self.free\_blocks}")

# Example Usage

pool = MemoryPool(block\_size=256, total\_blocks=5) # Create a pool with 5 blocks

pool.status()

b1 = pool.allocate()

b2 = pool.allocate()

pool.status()

pool.deallocate(b1)

pool.status()

b3 = pool.allocate()

pool.status()

### ****Output Example****

Allocated Blocks: []

Free Blocks: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

Allocated Block: 0

Allocated Block: 1

Allocated Blocks: [0, 1]

Free Blocks: [2, 3, 4]

Deallocated Block: 0

Allocated Blocks: [1]

Free Blocks: [0, 2, 3, 4]

Allocated Block: 0

Allocated Blocks: [0, 1]

Free Blocks: [2, 3, 4]

### ****Key Features of This Implementation****

✅ **Preallocated memory** stored in self.memory.  
✅ **Efficient allocation** using a list of free blocks.  
✅ **Deallocation returns memory back to the pool**.  
✅ **Prevents system-level memory allocation overhead**.

### ****Real-World Use Cases****

* **Game Development**: Reduces memory allocation lag.
* **Embedded Systems**: Efficient memory use in constrained environments.
* **Database Systems**: Optimized memory management for caching.

### ****Binary Recursion in Python****

#### ****What is Binary Recursion?****

**Binary recursion** is a form of recursion where a function makes **two recursive calls** in each step. This type of recursion is commonly used in **divide and conquer algorithms**, such as **binary search, Fibonacci sequence, and tree traversals**.

### ****Example 1: Fibonacci Sequence using Binary Recursion****

The Fibonacci sequence is a classic example of binary recursion. Each Fibonacci number is the sum of the two preceding numbers.

#### ****Implementation****

def fibonacci(n):

if n <= 0:

return 0

elif n == 1:

return 1

else:

return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)

# Example Usage

print(fibonacci(6)) # Output: 8

#### ****Explanation****

* The function calls itself twice (fibonacci(n-1) and fibonacci(n-2)).
* This creates a binary recursion tree.

### ****Example 2: Recursive Binary Search****

Binary search is an efficient algorithm that follows a divide-and-conquer approach. It searches for an element in a sorted array by dividing it into two halves.

#### ****Implementation****

def binary\_search(arr, left, right, target):

if left > right:

return -1 # Element not found

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] > target:

return binary\_search(arr, left, mid - 1, target) # Left half

else:

return binary\_search(arr, mid + 1, right, target) # Right half

# Example Usage

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11]

target = 7

result = binary\_search(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1, target)

print(f"Element found at index: {result}") # Output: 3

#### ****Explanation****

* The function recursively calls itself twice based on whether the target is in the left or right half.
* The recursion continues until the element is found or the search space is empty.

### ****Example 3: Sum of an Array using Binary Recursion****

This approach divides the array into two halves and recursively calculates the sum.

#### ****Implementation****

def sum\_array(arr, left, right):

if left == right: # Base case: single element

return arr[left]

mid = (left + right) // 2

left\_sum = sum\_array(arr, left, mid) # Sum of left half

right\_sum = sum\_array(arr, mid + 1, right) # Sum of right half

return left\_sum + right\_sum

# Example Usage

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

print(sum\_array(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1)) # Output: 15

#### ****Explanation****

* The array is **divided into two halves** in each step.
* The sum is calculated for each half recursively and combined.

### ****Complexity Analysis****

| **Example** | **Time Complexity** | **Space Complexity** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fibonacci | **O(2ⁿ)** (Exponential) | **O(n)** (Call stack depth) |
| Binary Search | **O(log n)** | **O(log n)** (Recursion depth) |
| Sum of Array | **O(n)** | **O(log n)** |

### ****Where is Binary Recursion Used?****

✔ **Tree Traversals** (Inorder, Preorder, Postorder)  
✔ **Merge Sort & Quick Sort**  
✔ **Divide and Conquer Algorithms**  
✔ **Graph Algorithms (DFS in Trees/Graphs)**

### ****1️⃣ Applications of Recursion****

Recursion is widely used in various fields, from **mathematics** to **computer science**. Here are some important applications:

| **Application** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Mathematical Computations** | Factorial, Fibonacci, Power Calculation, GCD |
| **Sorting Algorithms** | Merge Sort, Quick Sort (Divide & Conquer) |
| **Searching Algorithms** | Binary Search (Recursive Version) |
| **Data Structures** | Tree Traversals, Graph Traversals (DFS), Linked List Operations |
| **Backtracking** | Sudoku Solver, N-Queens Problem, Maze Solving |
| **Dynamic Programming** | Memoization & Recursive Problem-Solving |
| **Game Development** | AI-based decision trees (Minimax Algorithm in Chess) |
| **Fractals & Graphics** | Sierpiński Triangle, Koch Curve (Recursive Graphics) |

#### ****Example: Recursive Depth-First Search (DFS) in a Graph****

def dfs(graph, node, visited):

if node not in visited:

visited.add(node)

print(node, end=" ")

for neighbor in graph[node]:

dfs(graph, neighbor, visited)

# Example Graph

graph = {

'A': ['B', 'C'],

'B': ['A', 'D', 'E'],

'C': ['A', 'F'],

'D': ['B'],

'E': ['B', 'F'],

'F': ['C', 'E']

}

visited = set()

dfs(graph, 'A', visited) # Output: A B D E F C

### ****2️⃣ Find Third Largest Element in an Array****

To find the **third largest** element, we need to keep track of the **top three** largest numbers.

#### ****Implementation****

def third\_largest(arr):

if len(arr) < 3:

return "Array should have at least 3 elements"

first = second = third = float('-inf')

for num in arr:

if num > first:

third = second

second = first

first = num

elif num > second and num != first:

third = second

second = num

elif num > third and num != second:

third = num

return third if third != float('-inf') else "No third largest element"

# Example Usage

arr = [10, 20, 4, 45, 99, 99, 35]

print(third\_largest(arr)) # Output: 35

#### ****Explanation****

1. Iterate through the array while keeping track of the **three largest** numbers.
2. Update first, second, and third accordingly.
3. If no third distinct element exists, return a message.

✅ **Time Complexity:** O(n)  
✅ **Space Complexity:** O(1)

### ****3️⃣ Sum of an Array Using Recursion****

Instead of using a loop, we can recursively compute the sum of an array.

#### ****Implementation****

def sum\_array(arr, n):

if n == 0:

return 0

return arr[n - 1] + sum\_array(arr, n - 1)

# Example Usage

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

print(sum\_array(arr, len(arr))) # Output: 15

#### ****Explanation****

1. **Base Case:** If the array size n == 0, return 0.
2. **Recursive Case:** Add the last element to the sum of the rest.

✅ **Time Complexity:** O(n)  
✅ **Space Complexity:** O(n) (recursive stack)

### ****4️⃣ Insert a Node into a Doubly Linked List****

#### ****Steps****

1. Create a Node class with prev and next pointers.
2. Insert at the **beginning**, **end**, or **specific position**.

#### ****Implementation****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

self.prev = None

class DoublyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

# Insert at the end

def insert\_end(self, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

new\_node.prev = temp

# Insert at a specific position

def insert\_at\_position(self, data, pos):

new\_node = Node(data)

if pos == 0:

new\_node.next = self.head

if self.head:

self.head.prev = new\_node

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

for \_ in range(pos - 1):

if not temp.next:

break

temp = temp.next

new\_node.next = temp.next

if temp.next:

temp.next.prev = new\_node

temp.next = new\_node

new\_node.prev = temp

# Print the linked list

def print\_list(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" <-> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Example Usage

dll = DoublyLinkedList()

dll.insert\_end(10)

dll.insert\_end(20)

dll.insert\_at\_position(15, 1)

dll.print\_list() # Output: 10 <-> 15 <-> 20 <-> None

#### ****Explanation****

1. **Insertion at End:** Traverse to the last node, then insert.
2. **Insertion at Position:** Adjust pointers carefully.
3. **Doubly Linked List allows bidirectional traversal.**

✅ **Time Complexity:** O(n)  
✅ **Space Complexity:** O(1)

Let's go step by step! 🚀

## ****1️⃣ Linked List Implementation (Singly Linked List)****

A **Singly Linked List** consists of nodes where each node has:

* **Data**
* **Pointer** to the next node

### ****Implementation in Python****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

class LinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

# Insert at the end

def insert\_end(self, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

# Delete a node by value

def delete\_node(self, key):

temp = self.head

if temp and temp.data == key: # If head node is to be deleted

self.head = temp.next

temp = None

return

prev = None

while temp and temp.data != key:

prev = temp

temp = temp.next

if temp is None:

return # Node not found

prev.next = temp.next

temp = None

# Print the linked list

def print\_list(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Example Usage

ll = LinkedList()

ll.insert\_end(10)

ll.insert\_end(20)

ll.insert\_end(30)

ll.print\_list() # Output: 10 -> 20 -> 30 -> None

ll.delete\_node(20)

ll.print\_list() # Output: 10 -> 30 -> None

✅ **Time Complexity**

* Insertion: **O(n)**
* Deletion: **O(n)**
* Traversal: **O(n)**

## ****2️⃣ Binary Search Implementation****

Binary Search is an efficient algorithm for finding an element in a **sorted array**.

* **Best case:** O(1) (Element is found in the middle)
* **Worst/Average case:** O(log n)

### ****Recursive Binary Search****

def binary\_search(arr, low, high, target):

if low > high:

return -1 # Element not found

mid = (low + high) // 2

if arr[mid] == target:

return mid

elif arr[mid] < target:

return binary\_search(arr, mid + 1, high, target)

else:

return binary\_search(arr, low, mid - 1, target)

# Example Usage

arr = [2, 5, 8, 12, 16, 23, 38, 45, 56]

target = 16

print(binary\_search(arr, 0, len(arr) - 1, target)) # Output: 4 (Index of 16)

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(log n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(log n)** (recursive stack)

## ****3️⃣ Merge Two Sorted Linked Lists****

Merging two **sorted** linked lists into one **sorted** linked list.

### ****Implementation****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

def merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2):

if not l1:

return l2

if not l2:

return l1

if l1.data < l2.data:

l1.next = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1.next, l2)

return l1

else:

l2.next = merge\_sorted\_lists(l1, l2.next)

return l2

# Example Usage

head1 = Node(1)

head1.next = Node(3)

head1.next.next = Node(5)

head2 = Node(2)

head2.next = Node(4)

head2.next.next = Node(6)

merged\_head = merge\_sorted\_lists(head1, head2)

# Print merged list

temp = merged\_head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None") # Output: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5 -> 6 -> None

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(m + n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(1)** (in-place merging)

## ****4️⃣ Remove Nth Node from the End of the List****

To remove the **Nth node from the end**, use the **two-pointer approach**:

1. Move the first pointer N steps ahead.
2. Move both pointers until the first pointer reaches the end.
3. Delete the node where the second pointer stops.

### ****Implementation****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

def remove\_nth\_from\_end(head, n):

dummy = Node(0)

dummy.next = head

first = second = dummy

for \_ in range(n + 1): # Move first pointer N+1 steps ahead

first = first.next

while first: # Move both pointers until first reaches the end

first = first.next

second = second.next

second.next = second.next.next # Delete the Nth node

return dummy.next

# Example Usage

head = Node(1)

head.next = Node(2)

head.next.next = Node(3)

head.next.next.next = Node(4)

head.next.next.next.next = Node(5)

new\_head = remove\_nth\_from\_end(head, 2) # Remove 2nd node from end

# Print updated list

temp = new\_head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" -> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None") # Output: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 5 -> None

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(1)**

## ****5️⃣ Detect Cycle in a Linked List (Floyd’s Cycle Detection)****

Using **Floyd’s Cycle Detection Algorithm (Tortoise & Hare)**:

1. Use two pointers: **slow** and **fast**.
2. If they meet, there’s a cycle.

### ****Implementation****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

def has\_cycle(head):

slow = fast = head

while fast and fast.next:

slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

if slow == fast:

return True # Cycle detected

return False

# Example Usage

head = Node(1)

head.next = Node(2)

head.next.next = Node(3)

head.next.next.next = head.next # Creates a cycle

print(has\_cycle(head)) # Output: True

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(1)**

## ****6️⃣ Find Minimum in a Sorted Rotated Array****

A **sorted rotated array** has a pivot where the smallest element is present.

### ****Implementation (Binary Search)****

def find\_min(arr):

left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1

while left < right:

mid = (left + right) // 2

if arr[mid] > arr[right]: # Pivot is in the right half

left = mid + 1

else: # Pivot is in the left half

right = mid

return arr[left]

# Example Usage

arr = [4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2]

print(find\_min(arr)) # Output: 0

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(log n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(1)**

## ****1️⃣ Recursion Workouts****

Practicing recursion is essential for mastering **divide-and-conquer** techniques. Let's explore some recursion exercises.

### ****Exercise 1: Factorial using Recursion****

def factorial(n):

if n == 0 or n == 1:

return 1

return n \* factorial(n - 1)

print(factorial(5)) # Output: 120

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(n)** (recursive stack)

### ****Exercise 2: Fibonacci Series using Recursion****

def fibonacci(n):

if n <= 0:

return 0

elif n == 1:

return 1

return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)

print(fibonacci(6)) # Output: 8

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(2^n)** (exponential)  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(n)** (recursive stack)

🔹 **Optimized Approach:** Use **memoization** to store previous values and avoid redundant computations.

### ****Exercise 3: Print Numbers from N to 1 using Recursion****

def print\_numbers(n):

if n <= 0:

return

print(n, end=" ")

print\_numbers(n - 1)

print\_numbers(5) # Output: 5 4 3 2 1

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(n)** (recursive stack)

## ****2️⃣ Reverse a Doubly Linked List****

A **Doubly Linked List (DLL)** has nodes with:

* **Data**
* **Pointer to the next node**
* **Pointer to the previous node**

### ****Implementation****

class Node:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, data):

self.data = data

self.next = None

self.prev = None

class DoublyLinkedList:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

self.head = None

def insert\_end(self, data):

new\_node = Node(data)

if not self.head:

self.head = new\_node

return

temp = self.head

while temp.next:

temp = temp.next

temp.next = new\_node

new\_node.prev = temp

def reverse(self):

temp = None

current = self.head

while current:

temp = current.prev

current.prev = current.next

current.next = temp

current = current.prev

if temp:

self.head = temp.prev # Update head to last node

def print\_list(self):

temp = self.head

while temp:

print(temp.data, end=" <-> ")

temp = temp.next

print("None")

# Example Usage

dll = DoublyLinkedList()

dll.insert\_end(1)

dll.insert\_end(2)

dll.insert\_end(3)

dll.insert\_end(4)

dll.print\_list() # Output: 1 <-> 2 <-> 3 <-> 4 <-> None

dll.reverse()

dll.print\_list() # Output: 4 <-> 3 <-> 2 <-> 1 <-> None

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(n)**  
✅ **Space Complexity:** **O(1)** (in-place reversal)

## ****3️⃣ Memory Allocation Concepts****

Memory in a computer is divided into:

1. **Stack Memory** → Stores function calls, local variables (e.g., recursion).
2. **Heap Memory** → Stores dynamically allocated objects.
3. **Static/Global Memory** → Stores global and static variables.

🔹 **Example of Stack Memory in Recursion (Function Calls)**

def recursive\_function(n):

if n == 0:

return

print(f"Calling function with n={n}")

recursive\_function(n - 1)

print(f"Returning from function with n={n}")

recursive\_function(3)

✅ **Uses Stack Memory for storing function calls**

🔹 **Example of Heap Memory (Dynamic Allocation in Python)**

class Example:

def \_\_init\_\_(self, val):

self.value = val

obj1 = Example(10) # Allocated in Heap Memory

obj2 = Example(20)

del obj1 # Manually deleting object

✅ Python uses **Garbage Collection** to manage memory.

## ****4️⃣ Asymptotic Notations****

Asymptotic analysis helps in understanding the efficiency of an algorithm.

🔹 **Three Common Notations**

1. **Big-O (O)** → **Worst Case** (Upper bound)
2. **Theta (Θ)** → **Average Case** (Tight bound)
3. **Omega (Ω)** → **Best Case** (Lower bound)

| **Algorithm** | **Time Complexity** |
| --- | --- |
| Bubble Sort | **O(n²)** |
| Quick Sort | **O(n log n)** |
| Merge Sort | **O(n log n)** |
| Binary Search | **O(log n)** |
| Linear Search | **O(n)** |

🔹 **Example: Analyzing Time Complexity**

def example(n):

for i in range(n): # O(n)

print(i)

example(5) # Output: 0 1 2 3 4

✅ **Time Complexity:** **O(n)** (Linear Time)