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Time and Space Complexity

1. What is time complexity, and why is it important?

- What is the difference between worst-case, best-case, and average-case time complexity?
- 3. Explain the concept of Big-O notation with examples.
- 4. How is the time complexity of nested loops calculated?
- 5. What is the time complexity of searching in an array?
- 6. What is the time complexity of inserting an element in a linked list?
- 7. Define space complexity and its importance in algorithm analysis.
- 8. How does recursion affect space complexity?
- 9. Compare the time complexity of stack operations versus queue operations.
- 10. Explain the trade-offs between time complexity and space complexity in algorithm design.

Stack

- 1. What is a stack, and how does it function?
- 2. Explain the concept of LIFO (Last In, First Out) with examples.
- 3. What are the basic operations of a stack?
- 4. Differentiate between static and dynamic stack implementations.
- 5. How is a stack implemented using an array?
- 6. How is a stack implemented using a linked list?
- 7. What is the difference between push and pop operations in a stack?
- 8. Explain stack overflow and underflow conditions.
- 9. What are the applications of stacks in real-life scenarios?
- 10. How is a stack used in function call management (recursion)?
- 11. What is a circular stack?
- 12. Explain how a stack can be used to reverse a string.
- 13. How do you evaluate a postfix expression using a stack?
- 14. How is a stack used to check for balanced parentheses in an expression?
- 15. What is the difference between a stack and a queue?

Queue

- 1. What is a queue, and how does it function?
- 2. Explain the concept of FIFO (First In, First Out) with examples.
- 3. What are the basic operations of a queue?
- 4. How is a queue implemented using an array?
- 5. How is a queue implemented using a linked list?
- 6. What is the difference between an enqueue and a dequeue operation?
- 7. Explain queue overflow and underflow conditions.
- 8. What is a circular queue, and why is it used?
- 9. What is a priority queue, and how does it differ from a regular queue?
- 10. How does a deque (double-ended queue) work?
- 11. What are some real-life applications of queues?
- 12. How are queues used in operating systems for process scheduling?
- 13. Explain how a gueue can be implemented using two stacks.
- 14. What is the difference between a circular queue and a deque?
- 15. How does a blocking queue work in multithreaded programming?

Linked List

- 1. What is a linked list, and how is it structured?
- 2. Differentiate between singly linked lists and doubly linked lists.
- 3. What is a circular linked list? Provide examples.
- 4. Explain the advantages of using linked lists over arrays.
- 5. What are the disadvantages of linked lists compared to arrays?
- 6. How is memory allocated for nodes in a linked list?
- 7. How do you insert a new node at the beginning of a singly linked list?
- 8. How do you delete a node from the end of a doubly linked list?
- 9. What is the time complexity of searching for an element in a linked list?
- 10. Explain how a linked list can be used to implement a stack or a queue.

Binary Tree

- 1. What is a binary tree, and how is it structured?
- 2. What are the key properties of a binary tree?
- 3. How does a full binary tree differ from a complete binary tree?
- 4. Explain the concept of height and depth in a binary tree.
- 5. List the types of tree traversals and their purposes in binary trees.

Binary Search Tree (BST)

- 1. What is a binary search tree (BST), and how is it different from a binary tree?
- 2. Explain the process of inserting a node into a BST.
- 3. How do you search for an element in a BST?
- 4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a BST?
- 5. How can you check if a given binary tree is a BST?

General Binary Tree to Binary Tree Conversion

- 1. What is the process to convert a general binary tree into a binary tree?
- 2. Explain the left-child, right-sibling representation of general binary trees.
- 3. How can you convert a general binary tree to a binary search tree (BST)?
- 4. What are the challenges in converting a general binary tree to a binary tree?
- 5. Describe a use case where converting a general binary tree to a binary tree is required.

AVL Tree

- 1. What is an AVL tree, and how does it maintain balance?
- 2. Explain the rotations used in an AVL tree (LL, RR, LR, RL).
- 3. Compare the advantages of an AVL tree over a BST.
- 4. What is the balance factor in an AVL tree?
- 5. Describe how to insert a node into an AVL tree.

B Tree

- 1. What is a B-tree, and where is it used?
- 2. Explain the properties of a B-tree.
- 3. How is data inserted into a B-tree?
- 4. Compare B-tree and AVL tree in terms of use cases.
- 5. What are the advantages of B-trees for disk-based storage?

Graph

- 1. What is a graph, and what are its main components?
- 2. Explain the difference between directed and undirected graphs.
- 3. What are the different types of graphs (e.g., cyclic, acyclic)?
- 4. What are the applications of graphs in computer science?
- 5. Compare graphs and trees.

Adjacency Matrix

- 1. What is an adjacency matrix representation of a graph?
- 2. Explain the space and time complexity of using an adjacency matrix.
- 3. How can weighted graphs be represented using an adjacency matrix?
- 4. What are the advantages of using an adjacency matrix?
- 5. Compare adjacency matrix and adjacency list for sparse graphs.

Adjacency List

- 1. What is an adjacency list representation of a graph?
- 2. Explain how adjacency lists are implemented in memory.
- 3. How does an adjacency list handle weighted graphs?
- 4. What are the advantages of using an adjacency list over an adjacency matrix?
- 5. Compare adjacency list and adjacency matrix for dense graphs.

BFS and DFS

- 1. What is Breadth-First Search (BFS), and how does it work?
- 2. Explain Depth-First Search (DFS) and its recursive implementation.
- 3. Compare BFS and DFS in terms of space and time complexity.
- 4. What are the practical applications of BFS and DFS?
- 5. How can BFS and DFS be used to detect cycles in a graph?

Spanning Tree

- 1. What is a spanning tree of a graph?
- 2. Explain the properties of a minimum spanning tree (MST).
- 3. How does Kruskal's algorithm find the MST?
- 4. Describe Prim's algorithm for finding the MST.
- 5. Compare Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms in terms of efficiency.

Searching

- 1. What is the difference between linear search and binary search?
- 2. Explain the time complexity of linear search.
- 3. What are the prerequisites for using binary search?
- 4. What is the time complexity of binary search in the worst case?
- 5. How can binary search be implemented recursively and iteratively?
- 6. What is interpolation search, and how is it different from binary search?
- 7. Explain how exponential search works and where it is used.
- 8. What is the time complexity of searching in a balanced binary search tree (BST)?
- 9. How does hashing work for searching, and what are its advantages?
- 10. What is the difference between searching in an unsorted array and a sorted array?

Sorting

- 1. What is sorting, and why is it important in computer science?
- 2. Explain the difference between stable and unstable sorting algorithms.
- 3. How does bubble sort work, and what is its time complexity?
- 4. What are the advantages of insertion sort over bubble sort?
- 5. Explain how selection sort finds the smallest element in each pass.
- 6. How does merge sort work, and what is its time complexity?
- 7. Describe the quicksort algorithm and its partitioning process.
- 8. What is the difference between merge sort and quicksort in terms of time complexity?
- 9. What is counting sort, and when is it used?
- 10. Compare the space complexities of different sorting algorithms (e.g., merge sort vs. quicksort).