

# Assignment 1.

- 1) What are data structures?
- 2) Data structure is a specific way to store and organise the data in computer's memory so that it can be used efficiently later!
- 3) Why create data structure?
  - i) To organize the data in computer's memory
  - ii) Data structure gives different level of organization to data.
  - iii) It tells how data can be stored and accessed in its elementary level.
  - iv) Provide operation on group of data
  - v) Provide a means to manage huge amount of data efficiently
  - vi) Provide fast searching and sorting
- 4) What are some applications of data structure?
- 5) Applications of data structure are:
  - Database, file processing, process scheduling, artificial intelligence, etc.
- 6) Describe the types of data structures.
  - Mainly there are 2 types of data structure.
  - i) Linear data structure.
  - ii) Non linear data structure.
- 7) i) Linear data structure - It is the type of data structure in which elements combine to form any specific order. Data is arranged in linear form in continuous memory location.  
e.g. Array, linked list, stacks, queues.
- ii) Non linear data structure:- A kind of data

structure in which data elements are not arranged in sequential order. There is hierarchical relationship between individual data items.

e.g. Tree, Graphs

What is an algorithm?

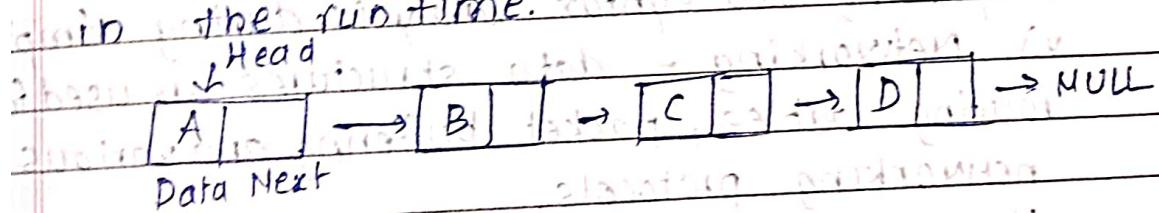
Algorithm is a step by step procedure which defines a set of instructions to be executed in a certain order to get the desired output.

What is data abstraction?

Data abstraction is the concept of hiding complex implementation details of data providing a simplified interface for users to interact with that data.

What are dynamic data structures?

In dynamic data structure, the size of structure is not fixed and can be modified during the operations performed on it. Dynamic data structures are designed to facilitate change of data structure.



e.g. linked list.

advantages of linked list  
no initial allocation of memory for entire list  
insertion and deletion is easier

## Assignment 2.

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What is linear search?

Linear search is a searching method to check each element one by one in sequence. In this method, linear search() searches the target value in given array and returns its index.

How does a selection sort work for an array?

What are the applications of data structure?

- i) Database Management:- Data structures like B-trees and hash tables are used to organize and manage data in database efficiently.
- ii) Algorithms:- Data structures are the building blocks of designing and implementing algorithms.
- iii) Operating systems:- Data structures are essential for the tasks like memory management, file systems and process scheduling.
- iv) Compiler design:- Data structures are used in parsing and syntax analysis during compilation.
- v) Networking - , data structures are used for routing tables, packet buffering and various networking protocols.
- vi) Game development - Data structure are used for managing game state, collision detection and rendering.

Q) How does selection sort work for an array?

→ Selection sort works by first finding the biggest element in an array and then placing it to the first position. What element is already at the first position will be moved to the position of biggest. This is then repeated for an array starting from 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> position etc. Consider the following array as an example:-

14 | 33 | 27 | 10 | 35 | 19 | 42 | 44 |

We search the whole list sequentially and find the lowest value i.e. 10.

14 | 33 | 27 | 10 | 35 | 19 | 42 | 44 |

so we replace 14 with 10; after one iteration 10, which happens to be the minimum, appears at the first.

10 | 33 | 27 | 14 | 35 | 19 | 42 | 44 |

from the second value i.e. 33. We will scan the list again to find lowest value.

10 | 33 | 27 | 14 | 35 | 19 | 42 | 44 |

We find that 14 is the second lowest value we swap these two.

10 | 33 | 27 | 14 | 35 | 19 | 42 | 44 |

for the rest of the array we will follow same procedure.

How do you insert a new item in a binary search tree? To insert a new item in binary search tree the steps are:-

1. Start at the root:- Begin at the root of BST.

2. Compare values:- compare the value of the new item you want to insert with the value of current node.

3. Choose a direction:- if the new value is less than the current node's value move to the left subtree. if it's greater move to the right subtree.

4. Repeat:- Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you reach a node i.e leaf node or a null pointer.

5. Insert the new Node:- create a new node with the value you want to insert and attach it to the left or right, depending on whether it is less than or greater than nodes value.

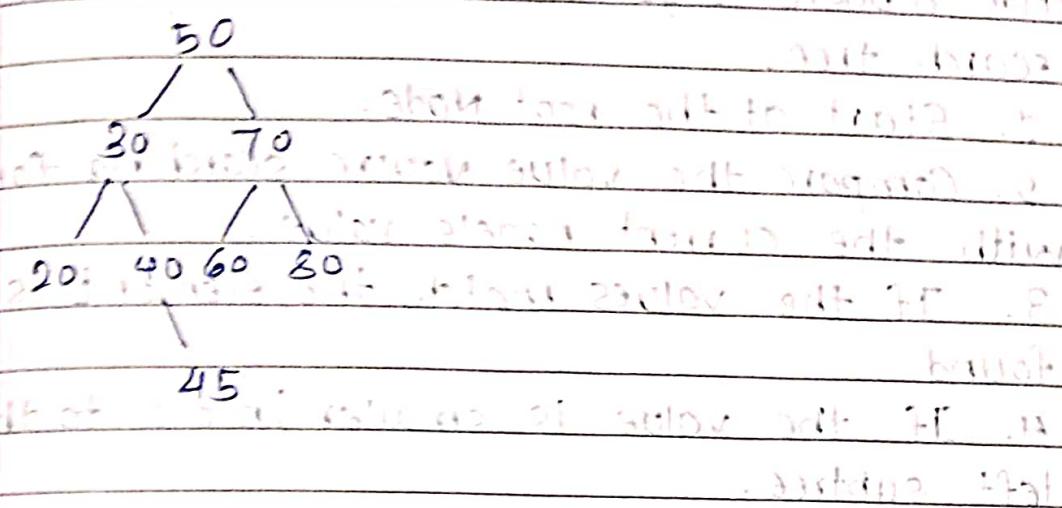
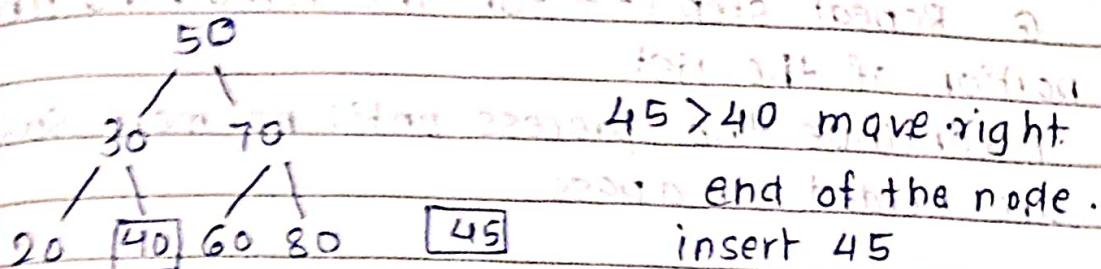
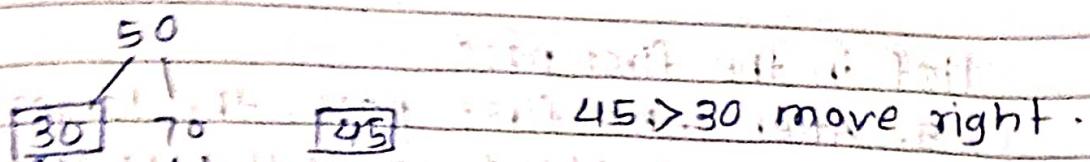
e.g.

$$\boxed{50} \rightarrow \boxed{45}$$



since  $45 < 50$  move left

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What is a bubble sort and how do you perform it?

Bubble sort is a simple sorting algorithm that repeatedly steps through the list of elements to be sorted, compares adjacent elements and swaps them if they are in wrong order.

1. Start from the beginning of the list.
2. Compare the first two elements, if the first element is greater than the second, swap them.
3. move to the next pair of elements.

continue comparing and swapping as you move through the list.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each pair of adjacent elements in the list until you reach the end of the list.

list in the first pass.

5. After the first pass, the largest element will have bubbled up to the end of the list.

6. Repeat step 1-5 for the remaining unsorted portion of the list.

7. Continue the process until no more swaps are needed in a pass

5) Give a basic algorithm for searching a binary search tree.

- 1. Start at the root Node.
2. Compare the value you're searching for with the current node's value.
3. If the values match, the element is found.
4. If the value is smaller, move to the left subtree.
5. If the value is larger, move to the right subtree.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 until you find the element or reach a null node.

Compare all searching methods based on the following:

Linear Search vs. Binary Search

- i) Time complexity:  $O(n)$  (Linear time)
- ii) Space complexity:  $O(1)$  (Constant)

i) Process for searching :- Sequentially go through each element in the list until the target element is found or the entire list is searched.

## 2. Binary Search :-

i) Time complexity :-  $O(\log n)$   
 ii) Space complexity :-  $O(1)$   
 iii) process of searching :- Divide the list in half repeatedly and compare the target element with middle element. Continue searching in the half where the target might be until the target is found or the search range becomes empty.

3. Hash Table (Hashing) :- Very fast with multiple millions of insertions & lookups.

i) Time complexity :-  $O(1)$   
 ii) Space complexity :-  $O(n)$  in worst case

iii) Process for searching :- Calculate the hash code of the target element, locate the corresponding bucket and perform a search within that bucket.

4. Fibonacci search :-

i) Time complexity :-  $O(\log n)$  in worst case

ii) Space complexity :-  $O(1)$

iii) Process for searching :- Fibonacci Search uses Fibonacci numbers to divide the list into segments to search. It compares the target element with the middle element of the current

segment and narrow down the search range accordingly.

### 5. Sentinel Search :-

i) Time complexity :-  $O(n)$

ii) Space complexity :-  $O(1)$

iii) Process for searching :- It involves adding a sentinel at the end of the list and then searching for the target element.

7. Explain in detail tim sort and its time complexity.

→ Tim sort is a hybrid sorting algorithm derived from merge sort and insertion sort. Tim sort works on divide-and-conquer technique. It is a stable sorting algorithm.

Time complexity of tim sort is  $O(n \log n)$  and space complexity is  $O(n)$ . Tim sort is adaptive, stable and efficient.

It divides the input into runs (subarrays with ascending or descending order), sorts and merges them efficiently and uses insertion sort for small segments.

Q. What is collision? Explain collision handling techniques.

According to the hash function, two or more items would need in the same slot. This is said to be called a collision.

There are 2 methods of handling collisions.

1. Open addressing
2. Chaining

1. Chaining - In this technique, each bucket of the hash table maintains a linked list or another data structure to store multiple elements that hash to the same location.

When a collision occurs, the new element is simply added to the corresponding bucket.

2. Open addressing:- Instead of using separate data structures to handle collisions, open addressing involves searching for the next available slot within the hash table when a collision occurs. This can be done using various probing techniques like linear probing, quadratic probing or double hashing.

Compare all sorting methods.

1. Bubble Sort:

i) Time complexity :  $O(n^2)$

ii) Space complexity :  $O(1)$

iii) Stability : stable

iv) Suitable for small datasets or nearly sorted datasets.

2. Selection Sort:-

i) Time complexity :  $O(n^2)$

ii) Space complexity :  $O(1)$

iii) Stability: Not stable (may change the order of equal elements).

iv) easy to implement, but inefficient for large datasets

3. Insertion Sort:

i) Time complexity:  $O(n^2)$

ii) Space complexity:  $O(1)$

iii) Stability: Stable

iv) efficient for small datasets or partially sorted data.

4. Merge Sort:

i) Time complexity:  $O(n \log n)$

ii) Space complexity:  $O(n)$

iii) Stability: Stable

iv) Requires additional memory for merging, making it less memory efficient.

5. Quick Sort:-

i) Time complexity:  $O(n \log n)$

ii) Space complexity:  $O(\log n)$

iii) Stability: Not stable

iv) efficient and widely used.

6. Explain in detail Hashing.

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1. Purpose of Hashing :- Hashing is used for efficient data retrieval, data integrity verification and security in various applications.

2. Hash functions:- A hash function turns input data into a fixed-size hash code with properties like Speed, uniform distribution and collision resistance.

3. Hash table: Hash tables are data structure that uses hashing to store and retrieve values based on keys.

4. Collision handling:- collisions occur when two different keys produce the same hash code and are managed using techniques like separate chaining and open addressing.

5. Applications of Hashing:-

i) hash table

ii) Password storage - storing hashed passwords instead of plain text.

iii) File systems - Hashing is used for efficient file storage and retrieval.

iv) caching - Hashing helps to manage and retrieve cached data quickly.

v) Cryptography :- Hash functions are essential for secure communications and digital signatures.