

# 1. Time Complexity

## Linked Lists:

**Insert at index:  $O(n)$**

**Delete at index:  $O(n)$**

**Get size:  $O(n)$**

**Is empty:  $O(1)$**

**Reverse:  $O(n)$**

**Append:  $O(n)$  or  $O(1)$**

**Prepend:  $O(1)$**

**Merge:  $O(n)$**

**Get middle:  $O(n)$**

**Index of:  $O(n)$**

**Split at index:  $O(n)$**

## Dynamic Arrays:

**Insert at index:  $O(n)$**

**Delete at index:  $O(n)$**

**Get size:  $O(1)$**

**Is empty:  $O(1)$**

**Reverse:  $O(n)$**

**Append: Amortized  $O(1)$**

**Prepend:  $O(n)$**

**Get middle:  $O(1)$**

**Index of:  $O(n)$**

**Split at index:  $O(n)$**

## Space complexity :

The space complexity of most methods is  $O(1)$  for both linked lists and dynamic arrays, since they usually require just a certain amount of extra space for variables, pointers, etc. But sometimes, dynamic arrays need to be resized, which adds extra space complexity ( $O(n)$ ) to the resizing process.

## Advantages and disadvantages :

### Linked Lists:

- Advantages:
  - Effective insertion and deletion in  $O(1)$  time at the start (prepend).
  - There's no need to resize, thus there's no extra space complexity brought on by resizing.
- Disadvantages:
  - Inefficient random access;  $O(n)$  time complexity results from having to traverse from the head in order to access elements by index.
  - Additional RAM used to store references and hyperlinks.

### Dynamic Arrays (DynamicArray):

- Advantages:
  - Effective random access;  $O(1)$  time can be spent retrieving elements via an index.
  - Without frequent resizing, dynamic resizing enables effective append operations (amortized  $O(1)$  time).
- Disadvantages:
  - Shifting elements cause expensive insertion and deletion in the center of the array, with  $O(n)$  time complexity (worst case).
  - Sometimes, resizing procedures (amortized  $O(n)$ ) might cause performance to deteriorate.

### Overall Comparison:

- When memory allocation needs to be optimized or when there are frequent insertions and deletions made at the beginning of the list, linked lists are a good option.
- When efficient random access is required, dynamic arrays are the better option, especially if the data structure's size is known or can be approximated beforehand.

- Depending on the particular needs of the application, such as memory limitations and the frequency of various actions, linked lists or dynamic arrays should be used.
- With this comparison, developers may make well-informed decisions based on their unique use cases and performance requirements by highlighting the trade-offs between dynamic arrays and linked lists.