What is Data Structures ?

→ A data structure is a way a organising data and storing data, so that it can be accessed and modified efficiently.

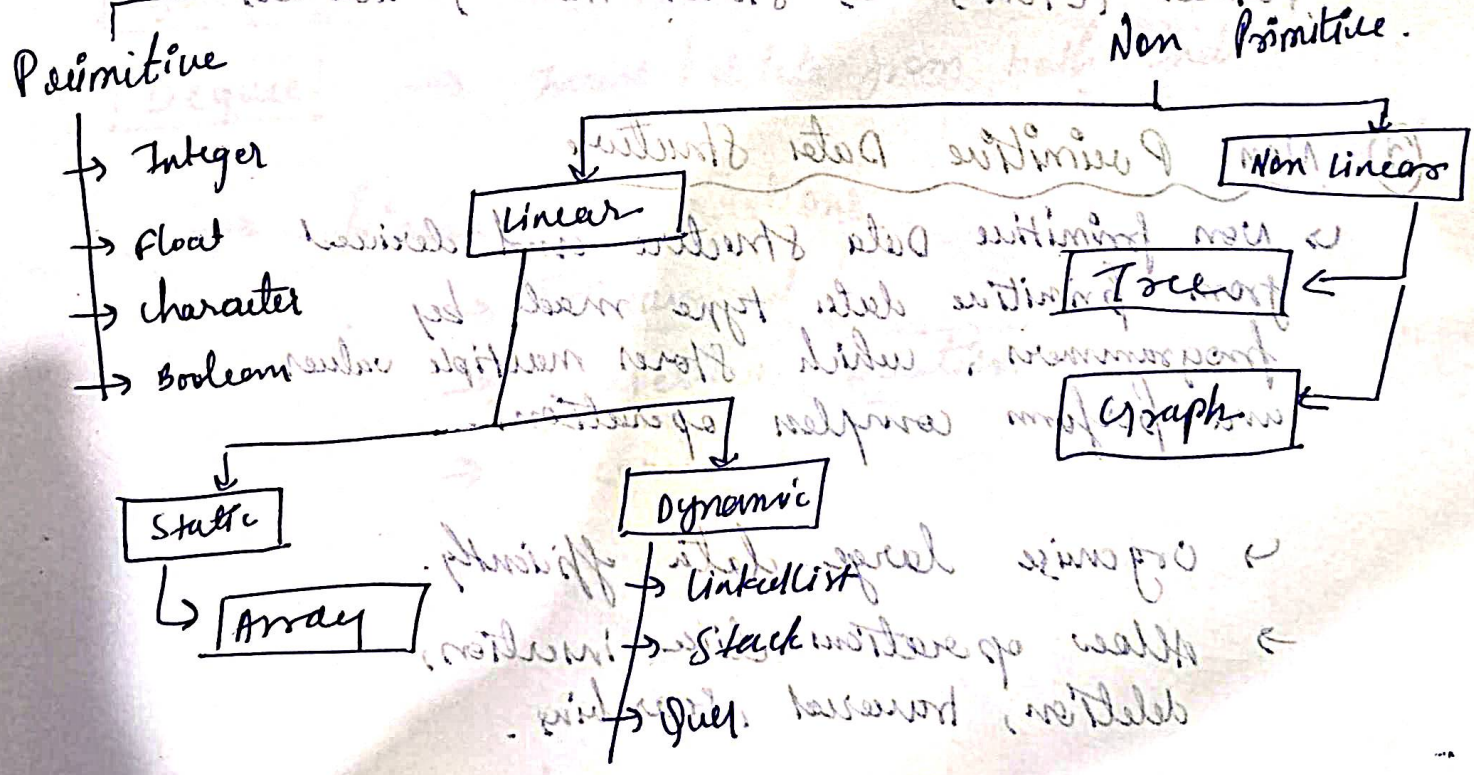
Why do we need Data Structure ?

→ Organise data efficiently

→ Perform operations like search, insert, delete quickly.

→ Optimize memory usage

Types of Data Structure



① Primitive Data Structure?

→ this are most basic types of data available in programming language. these are directly supported by compiler.

↳ storing single value

↳ fast to use

- Integer → store whole number
- float → store real number (decimal)
- String → store english words.
- character → store a single character
- Boolean → store true or false
- Pointer (C/C++) → stores memory address

② Non-Primitive Data Structure

↳ Non primitive Data structure and derived from primitive data type made by programmers, which stores multiple values and perform complex operations.

↳ Organise large data efficiently.

→ Allow operations like insertion, deletion, traversal, searching.

→ Non Primitive Data Structures are divided into two different types.

(1) → Linear Data Structure

(2) → Non Linear Data structure

~~(1) Array~~

(1) Linear Data Structure

→ Elements are arranged sequentially (one after another)

Array → Fixed size, same type elements in contigious memory.

Linked list → Dynamic nodes where each nodes points to the next.

Stack → LIFO (Last In, First Out)

Queue → FIFO (First In, First Out)

Deque → Insert / delete from both ends

→ linear DS Operations

→ **Traversal**

→ **Insertion / Deletion**

→ **Search**

(B.) Non - Linear Data Structures

→ Elements are arranged hierarchical or with complex relationships. (Not - one - after - another)

- **Trees** → Hierarchical structure with parent-child nodes.
- **Binary Tree** → Max two children per node.
- **Binary Search Tree** → Stored binary Tree
- **Heap** → Complete binary Tree.
- **Trie** → Tree for storing String with Prefix sharing.
- **Graph** → Nodes connected with edges.

→ Non linear DS operations

- Traversal
- Search
- Shortest Path
- Topological Sorting.

(c) Hash Based Data Structure.

↳ Hash Table / Hash Map → Key-value pair

↳ Set → unique data elements

What is an Algorithm ?

→ An Algorithm is a step by step, well defined procedure to solve a specific problem in a finite number of steps.

Why Are Algorithm Important ?

→ Efficient use of time and memory.

→ Helps solve real-world problems.

Some Algorithm Names.

(1) Brute force Algorithm.

↳ Try all possible combinations blindly until the correct one is found.

(2) Examples

↳ Generating permutations.

↳ Password cracking.

They are usually very slow.

often has $O(n!)$ or $O(2^n)$ time complexity.

② Divide and Conquer
↳ Divide the problems into smaller subproblems, solve them recursively, and combine results.

Example.
↳ Merge Sort: $O(n \log n)$
↳ Quick sort: $O(n \log n)$ average
↳ Binary Search $O(\log n)$

③ Recursion.
↳ A function call itself to solve subproblems

④ Bit Manipulation.
↳ Use bitwise operators to solve problem efficiently.

⑤ Dynamic Programming (DP)
↳ Break problems into overlapping subproblems, solve each only once, store the result.

⑥ Greedy Algorithm
↳ Divide the problem into smaller subproblems.
At each step, choose the locally optimal choice hoping it leads to a global optimum.