Welcome to the Class



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Data Structure

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What is Data Structure?

A Data Structure can be defined informally as an organized collection of values and a set of operations on them.

Three Components:

- A set of function definitions
- A storage structure
- A set of algorithms

Data structures can also be classified on the basis of the following characteristics

Characterstic	Description
Linear	In Linear data structures,the data items are arranged in a linear sequence. Example: Array
Non-Linear	In Non-Linear data structures,the data items are not in sequence. Example: Tree , Graph
Homogeneous	In homogeneous data structures,all the elements are of same type. Example: Array
Non- Homogeneous	In Non-Homogeneous data structure, the elements may or may not be of the same type. Example: Structures
Static	Static data structures are those whose sizes and structures associated memory locations are fixed, at compile time. Example: Array
Dynamic	Dynamic structures are those which expands or shrinks depending upon the program need and its execution. Also, their associated memory locations changes. Example: Linked List created using pointers



Importance of Data Structure

- Data structure provides the right way to organize information in the digital space.
- The data structure is a key component of Computer Science and is largely used in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, operating systems, graphics, etc.

Need for Data Structure

- Data Search Consider an inventory of 1 million(10⁶) items of a store. If the application is to search an item, it has to search an item in 1 million(10⁶) items every time slowing down the search. As data grows, search will become slower.
- Processor speed Processor speed although being very high, falls limited if the data grows to billion records.
- Multiple requests As thousands of users can search data simultaneously on a web server, even the fast server fails while searching the data.

Characteristics of a Data Structure

- Correctness Data structure implementation should implement its interface correctly.
- Time Complexity Running time or the execution time of operations of data structure must be as small as possible.
- Space Complexity Memory usage of a data structure operation should be as little as possible

Applications.

- Arrays.
- Stacks.
- Queues.
- Linked Lists.
- Trees.
- Graphs.
- Tries (they are effectively trees, but it's still good to call them out separately).
- Hash Tables.

Pseudo-Code

- Not computer programs, but are more structured than usual prose.
- Facilitate the high level analysis of a data structure or algorithm.
- Pseudo code is for human reader, not for a computer.
- To communicate high-level ideas, not low level implementation details.

An example of a Pseudo-code

Procedure ArrayMax(A, n): Input: An array A storing n≥1 integers Output: The maximum element in A

currentMax ← A[1]
for i ← 2 to n do
 if currentMax < A[i] then
 currentMax ← A[i]
return currenMax</pre>

Data Structure Operation

Four Operations:

- Traversing: Accessing Each record exactly once
- Searching: Finding the location of data/record
- Inserting: Adding a new data/record
- Deleting: Removing a data/record

Special Operations:

Traversing: Accessing Each record exactly once
 Searching: Finding the location of data/record

Algorithm

- An algorithm is a finite step-by-step list of well-defined instruction for solving a particular problem.
 - Identifying number
 - Step
 - Control
 - Exit
 - Comments
 - Variable Name

- Assignment State
- Input / output

Control structure

- Three types of logic/control logic:
 - Sequential logic or sequential flow
 - Selection logic or conditional flow
 - Iteration logic or repetitive flow

Sequential logic

Sequential logic as the name suggests follows a serial or sequential flow in which the flow depends on the series of instructions given to the computer. Unless new instructions are given, the modules are executed in the obvious sequence.



Selection logic

Selection Logic simply involves a number of conditions or parameters which decides one out of several written modules. The structures which use these type of logic are known as **Conditional Structures**.



Iteration logic

The Iteration logic employs a loop which involves a repeat statement followed by a module known as the body of a loop.



Thanks to All