



DATA STRUCTURES

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Overview

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What is a Data Structure?

Definition

A **data structure** is a logical or mathematical model that defines how data is organized, stored, and related, along with the operations that can be performed on it to achieve efficient computation.

Formal Definition (Horowitz & Sahni)

A data structure is a collection of data elements whose organization is characterized by the relationships among the data elements and the operations that can be performed on the data.

Mathematical Representation

A data structure d is represented as

$$d = (D, F, A)$$

where

D – Domain / Data Values

A finite set of data elements (domain of values).

A – Axiom/ Rules

A set of rules that specify how the functions operate and interact with the data values.

F – Functions / Operations

A set of operations that manipulate the data.

- Insert, Delete,
- Search,
- Traverse
- Update

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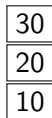
Operations (F): {Insert, Delete, Search, Traverse, Update}

Axiom (A): Rule: To get to 30, you must pass through 10 and 20 first.

$$\boxed{LinkedList = (D, F, A)}$$

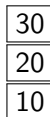
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Axiom (A): Elements are organized as **LIFO** (Last-In, First-Out) principle.

Functions (F): {Push, Pop, Peek, IsEmpty, IsFull}

$$Stack = (D, F, A)$$

Classification of Data Structures

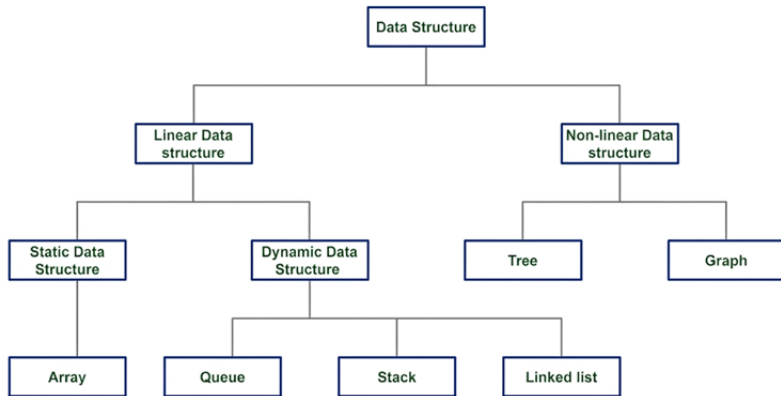


Figure: Classification of Data Structures

Classification of Data Structures

Data structures are broadly classified into two categories:

① Linear Data Structures

- Elements are arranged sequentially.
- Each element (except the first and last) has a unique predecessor and successor.

② Non-linear Data Structures

- Elements are organized hierarchically or as a network.
- One element can be connected to multiple elements.

Linear Data Structures

A **Linear Data Structure** stores elements in a sequential order.

Types

- **Static Data Structure**

- Memory size is fixed.
- Example: **Array**

- **Dynamic Data Structure**

- Memory size can grow or shrink during execution.
- Examples:
 - Linked List
 - Stack
 - Queue

Non-linear Data Structures

A **Non-linear Data Structure** organizes data in a hierarchical or network form.

Examples include:

- **Tree**

- Hierarchical organization.
- Used in file systems, databases, expression trees.

- **Graph**

- Collection of vertices connected by edges.
- Used in social networks, maps, routing algorithms.

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Properties

- Same data type
- Fixed size
- Continuous memory
- Indexed access

Array Representation

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0	1	2	3	4
Index				

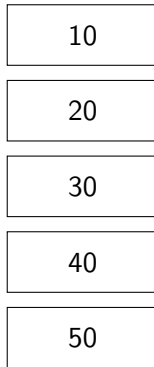
Each element is accessed using its index.

$$A[0] = 10$$

$$A[3] = 40$$

Characteristics of Arrays

- Homogeneous
- Fixed size
- Random access
- Contiguous memory
- Cache friendly



Memory Representation of an Array

Example:

$\text{int } A[5] = \{10, 20, 30, 40, 50\}$

Assume:

- Base Address = 1000
- Size of Integer = 4 Bytes

Index 0	Index 1	Index 2	Index 3	Index 4
10	20	30	40	50
1000	1004	1008	1012	1016

Observation

Array elements are stored in **contiguous (adjacent)** memory locations.

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Important

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Note

If fewer values are provided, the remaining elements are initialized to zero.

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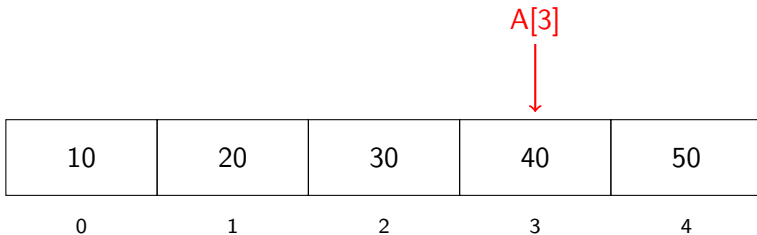
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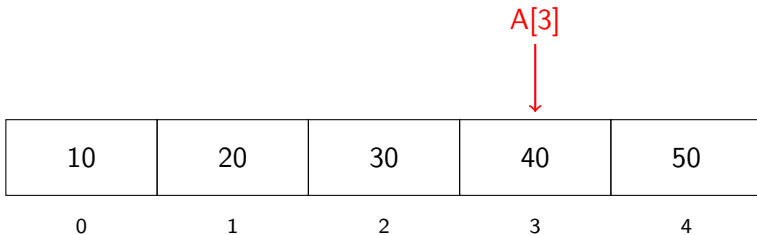
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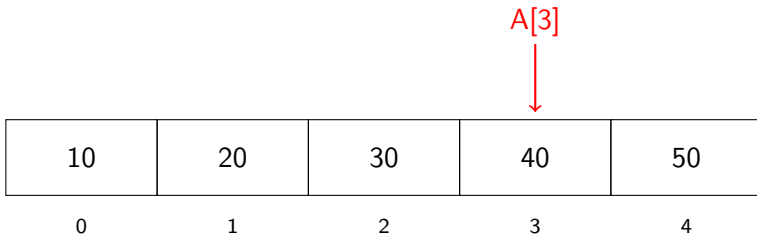


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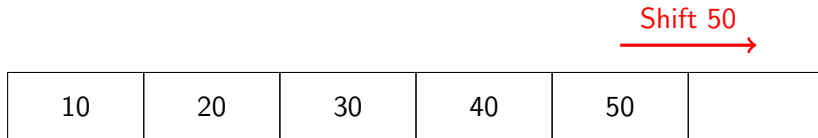
Insert 25 at Position 2

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Current Array

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Insertion Completed

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Deletion from an Array

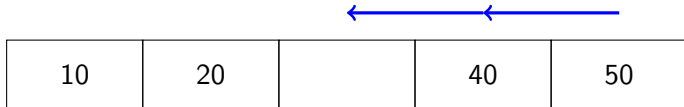
Delete 30

10	20	30	40	50
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Deletion from an Array

Delete 30

Shift Left



$$O(n)$$

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$$O(\log n)$$

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Insertion and deletion require shifting elements.

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