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PREFACE

C programming language offers several facilities to group data together in convenient packages, or *data structures*. With the emergence of C as the most popular language of implementation, it has been used in this book to extensively examine data structures.

This Book is Meant for...

Keeping in mind the level of beginners, the book is written without any prerequisites. It is an ideal textbook for students of various courses in Computer Science at the diploma, polytechnic, undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and also for new programmers who wish to know about the usage of different data structures in their project.

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Having understood the difficulties faced by beginners, an introductory material with *fundamentals of data structure and an introduction to C language* is presented in Chapter 1. Chapter 2 deals with *strings, their representation and operation*. Chapter 3 is devoted entirely to *stack data structure* as the same has many applications in different fields of Computer Science and Engineering. Various stack operations, implementation issues, and applications of stack data structure are clearly explained in this chapter. The *queue data structure* and *its types* such as circular queue, deque and priority queue are described in Chapter 4 along with their operations, implementations and applications. Chapter 5 offers a clear understanding of *linked list data structure*. Chapter 6 details the concepts of *tree data structure*. It starts with basic terminology and describes tree representation, operations, types and applications with illustrative programs. *Graph data structure* with its use, representation, implementation and applications are introduced in Chapter 7. Chapter 8 is completely devoted to *sorting techniques* as it has many applications in various areas of Computer Science and Engineering. *Different searching techniques* and *search trees* are emphasised in Chapters 9 and 10 respectively. Recent advances in search trees, Binary Search Trees, AVL, B, B+ and Trie Structures are also included in Chapter 10. *File structure along with various access strategies* are presented in Chapter 11.

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- Every chapter begins with an *introduction* that elucidates key topics and provides basic background.
- *Solved examples, tables, figures and flow diagrams* interspersed throughout the book are a valuable reference that simplifies the understanding of constructing modular and reusable structures.
- *Programming code* featuring precise instructions helps the reader implement practical data structures, thereby enhancing program reliability.
- *Review Yourself, Multiple Choice Questions and Programming Exercises* are included at the end of every chapter to reinforce the understanding of concepts.
- *Applications of each data structure* are explained through *concepts and programming examples*.
- *Web supplements* are a valuable resource for students and instructors. The online learning centre contains Additional Problems, Sample Tests, Web Links and Reference Titles for the students, and Solution Manual and chapter-wise PowerPoint Slides for the instructors.

This Book is Outstanding Because...

DATA STRUCTURES USING C is unique, in the sense that it deals with both theoretical and programming aspects of different data structures. The novelty of this book is that it not only covers all the concepts of data structures but also explains the implementation issues with tested programs in all the chapters.

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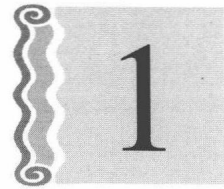
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DATA STRUCTURES— AN OVERVIEW



1.1 INTRODUCTION

Computer A computer is an electronic machine that accepts data and instructions (called programs), manipulates the data using the program and gives the information as result.

Data Data is a value or a set of values which does not give any meaning. It is generally a raw fact.

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Entity An entity is a 'thing' or 'object' in the real world that is distinguishable from all other objects. The entity has a set of properties or attributes and the values of some sets of these attributes may uniquely identify an entity. An entity set is a collection of entities.

Example

Entity	Student			
Attributes	Roll No.	Name	DOB	% of marks scored
Values	123	RAJA	11/12/1980	78%

All the students of a particular class constitute an entity set.

Domain Each attribute of an entity set has a range of values and is called the domain of the attribute. In other words, a domain is the set of all possible values that could be assigned to a particular attribute. For example, for the attribute *percentage-of-marks scored* the domain is {0 to 100}.

Information Information can be defined as meaningful data or processed data. When the raw facts are subjected to processing, we get a relevant piece of information as its result. Information also relates an entity and the values of the attributes of that entity.

Example Data (11/12/1980) becomes information if the entity RAJA is related to the Date of Birth attribute (11/12/1980) as follows:

Date of Birth of the student RAJA is 11/12/1980.

Fig. 1.1 shows the interrelation between data and information.

Data Structure A data structure is an arrangement of data in a computer's memory (or sometimes on a disk). Depending upon the arrangement of data, data structures can be classified as arrays, records, linked lists, stacks, trees, etc., We also require to have algorithms to manipulate the data in these structures.

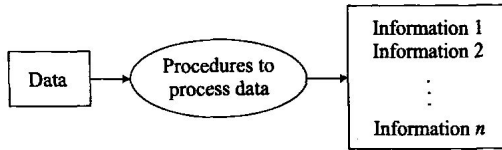


Fig. 1.1 Relation between data and information

A general understanding of the data structures is important in developing efficient algorithms in all phases of advanced data processing and computer science. A few of the applications of various data structures can be as follows:

1. Compiler design
2. Operating systems
3. Database management systems
4. Statistical analysis packages
5. Numerical analysis
6. Graphics
7. Artificial Intelligence
8. Simulation
9. Network analysis

That is, in many applications, different data structures are used to do the operations on the data structures. In such a situation, there is a tradeoff between memory utilization and run time. That is, one data structure sacrifices memory compactness for speed; another utilizes memory efficiently but results in a slow run time. So each data structure has its own strengths and weaknesses. They will be discussed fully as we study each data structure. Table 1.1 shows the characteristics of various data structures.

Algorithms for Data Structures Once a data structure for a particular application is chosen, an algorithm must be developed that manipulates the related data items stored in it. Such an algorithm should have the following features.

1. It should be free of ambiguity.
2. It should be efficient.
3. It should be concise and complex.

Classification of Data Structures In computer science, several data structures are available and are used depending on the area of applications. But a few data structures are used frequently almost in all application areas and they may be used to construct a complex data structure. These data structures are known as *fundamental data structures* or *classic data structures*. Fig. 1.2 shows the classification of fundamental data structures.

In a linear data structure, all the elements are arranged in a sequence (or) maintained in a linear ordering. In non-linear data structures, no such sequence is maintained for the elements and the elements are distributed over a plane. Fig. 1.3 shows the diagrammatic representation of various data structures.

Table 1.1 Characteristics of various data structures

<i>Data Structure</i>	<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
1. Array	Quick insertion, very fast access if index is known	Fixed size, slow speed in searching, insertion and deletion
2. Stack	Provides Last in First out Access	Slow access to other items
3. Queue	Provides First in First out access	Slow access to other items
4. Linked list	Quick insertion, quick deletion, waste of main memory is less	Slow search
5. Binary tree	Quick search, insertion, deletion (if tree remains balanced)	Deletion algorithm is complex
6. Red-black tree	Quick search, insertion, deletion, tree always balanced	Complex
7. 2-3-4 tree	Quick search, insertion, deletion, tree always balanced, similar trees good for disk storage	Complex
8. Hash table	Very fast access if key is known, fast insertion	Slow deletion, access slow if key is not known, inefficient memory usage
9. Heap	Fast insertion, deletion access to largest	Slow access to other items
10. Graph	Models real-world situations	Some algorithms are slow and complex

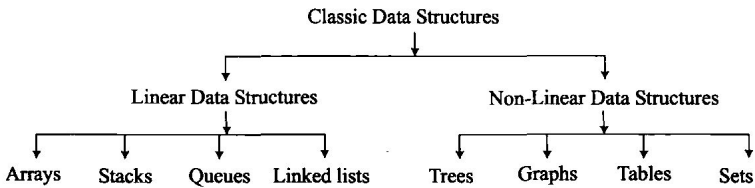


Fig. 1.2 Classification of data structures

1.2 DATA TYPES

A data type is a term which refers to the kind of data. Every programming language has its own set of built-in data types. In C, the following are the basic data types.

int, long, char and void

Declaring Variables The syntax used to declare the variables is as follows

`<data type> variable(s)`

where variables are separated by a comma.

Example

```

int a,b,c
char d,e
float g,h
    
```