

Announcements

Reminder: Project 1A is out.

- Very strongly encouraged to work on this project in IntelliJ.
 - Having the ability to visually debug your code is incredibly useful.
 - Having your IDE yell at you about compilation errors while you are writing code is really nice to avoid issues with, for example, generics.
- Autograder is up, but we still want you to write your own tests.
- Tests not graded.
- On part 1B there will be graded tests, so might be worthwhile to write tests just to save yourself some work next week.

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Lecture 7: Arrays and Lists

- A Last Look at Linked Lists
- Naive Array Lists
- Resizing Arrays
- Generic ALists
- Obscurantism in Java

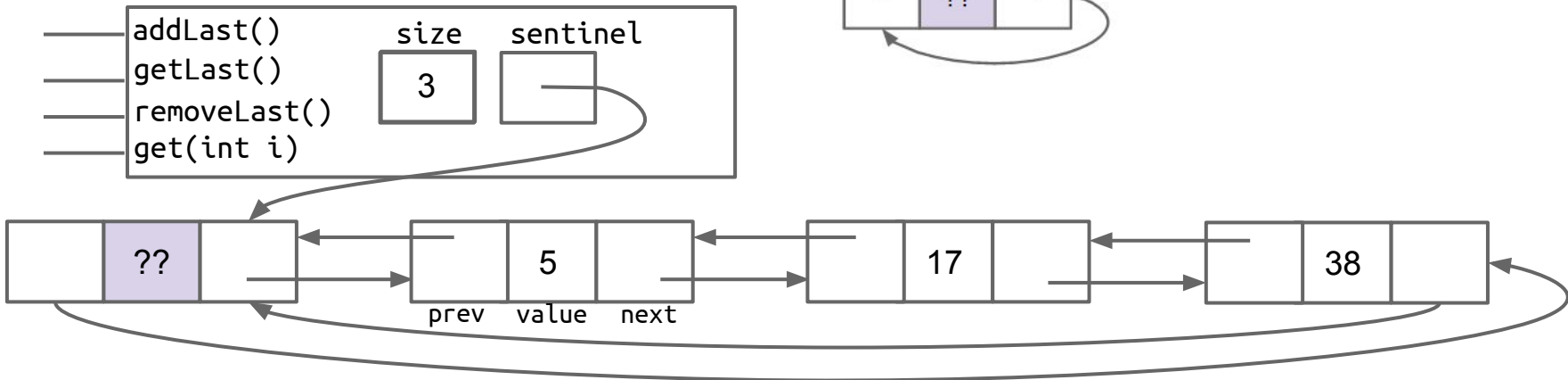
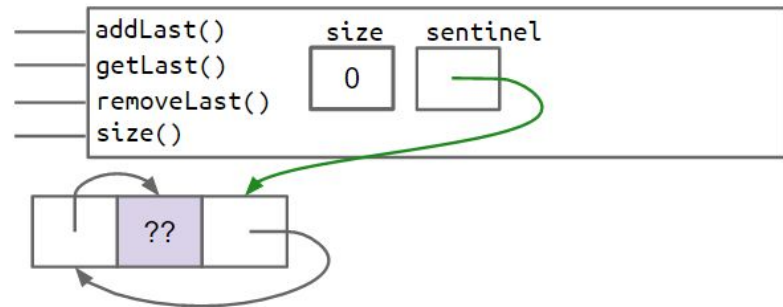


A Last Look at Linked Lists

Doubly Linked Lists

Behold. The state of the art as we arrived at in last week's lecture. Through various improvements, we made all of the following operations fast:

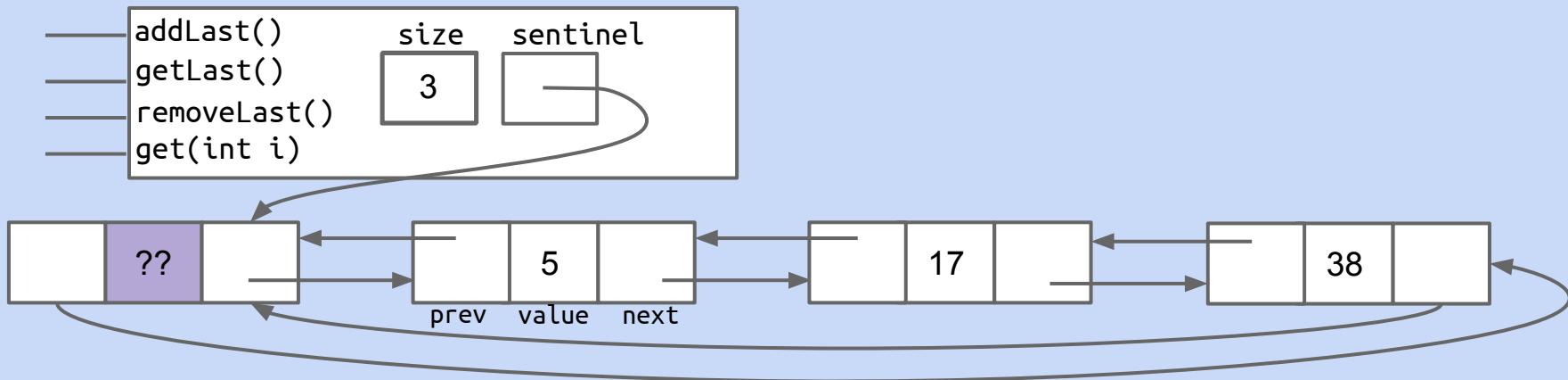
- addFirst, addLast
- getFirst, getLast
- removeFirst, removeLast
- You will build this in project 1A.



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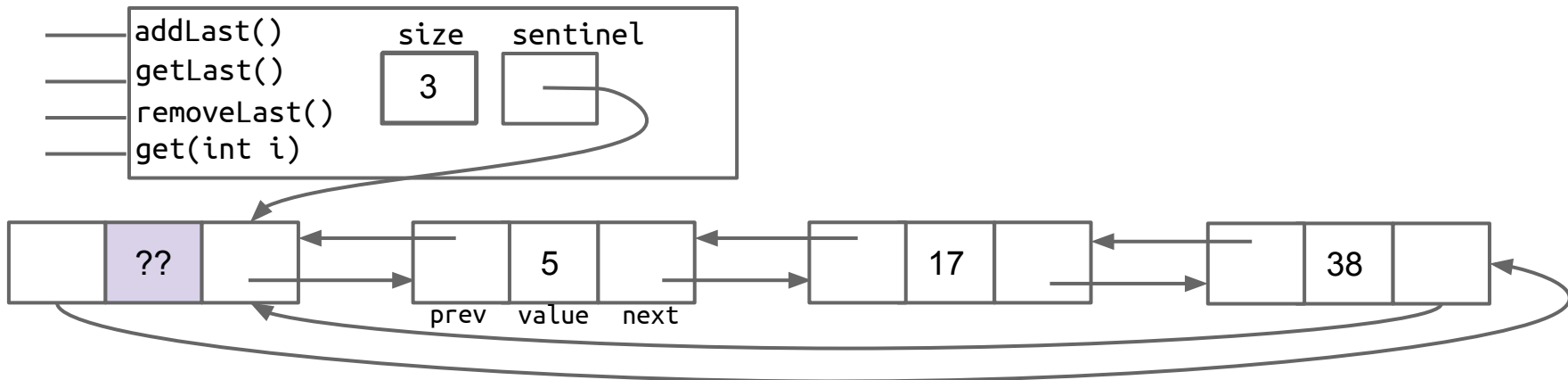


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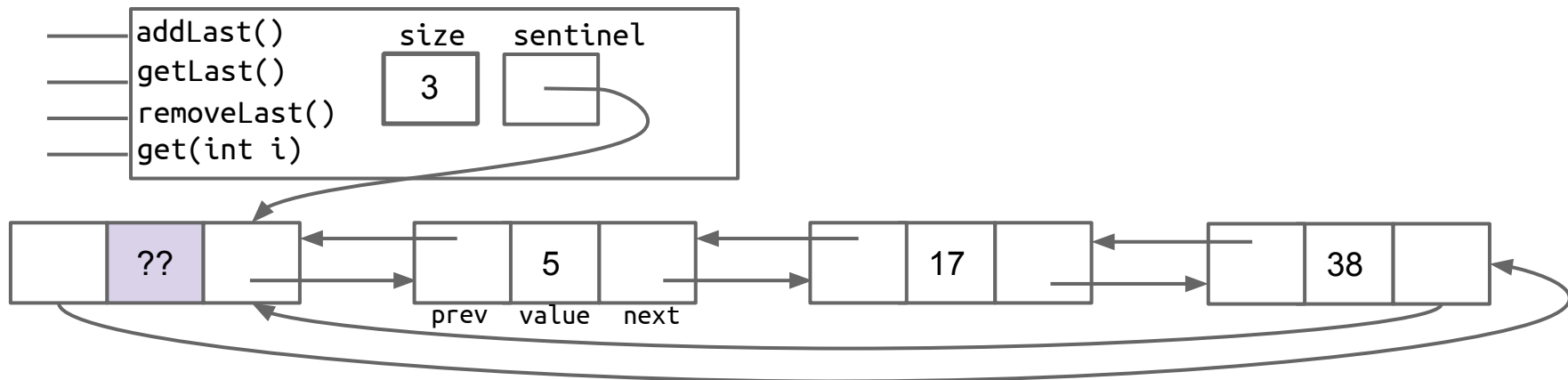


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- Will discuss (much later) sophisticated changes that can speed up lists.
- For now: We'll take a different tack: Using an array instead (no links!).

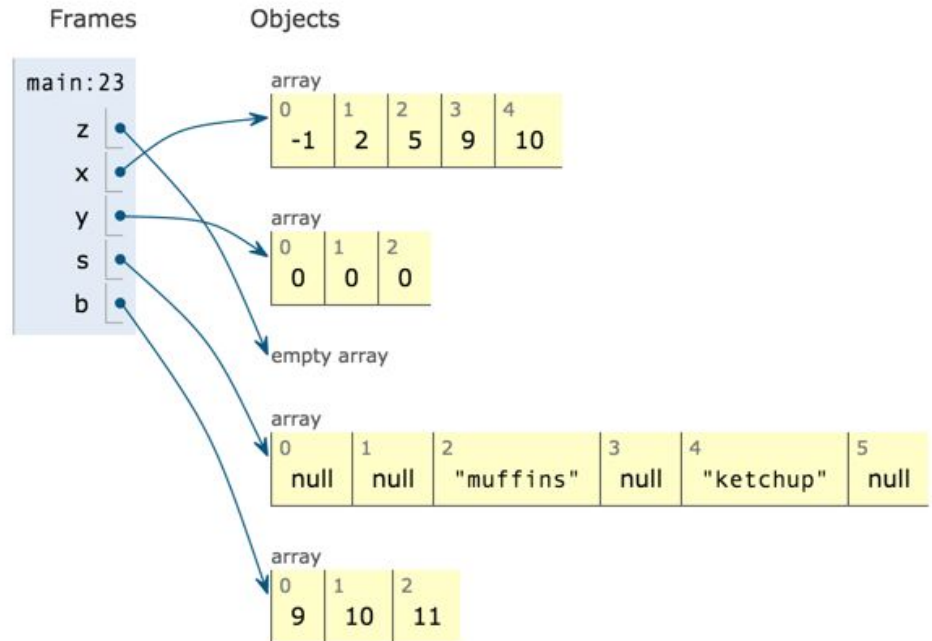


Naive Array Lists

Random Access in Arrays

Retrieval from any position of an array is very fast.

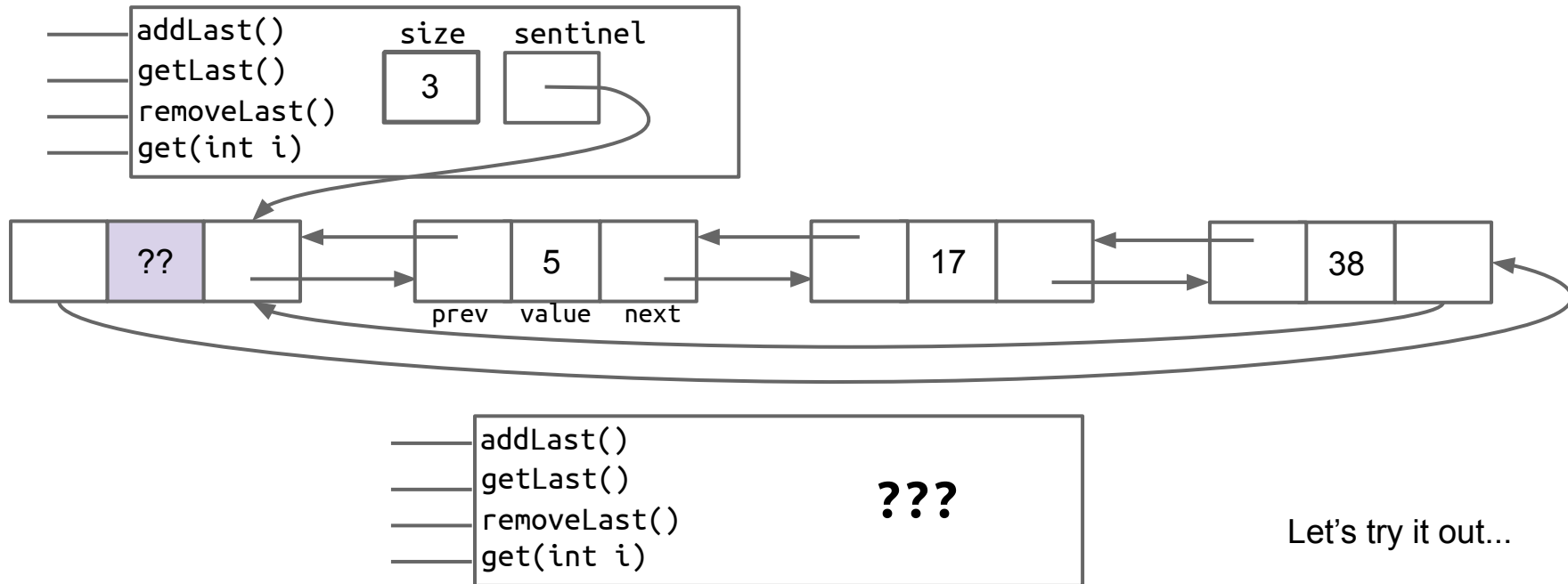
- Independent* of array size.
- 61C Preview: Ultra fast random access results from the fact that memory boxes are the same size (in bits).



Our Goal: AList.java

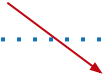
Want to figure out how to build an array version of a list:

- In lecture we'll only do back operations. Project 1A is the front operations.



Naive AList Code

From last lecture, “things that must be true”.



```
public class AList {
    private int[] items;
    private int size;

    public AList() {
        items = new int[100]; size = 0;
    }

    public void addLast(int x) {
        items[size] = x;
        size += 1;
    }

    public int getLast() {
        return items[size - 1];
    }

    public int get(int i) {
        return items[i];
    }

    public int size() {
        return size;
    }
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AList Invariants:

- The position of the next item to be inserted is always size.
- size is always the number of items in the AList.
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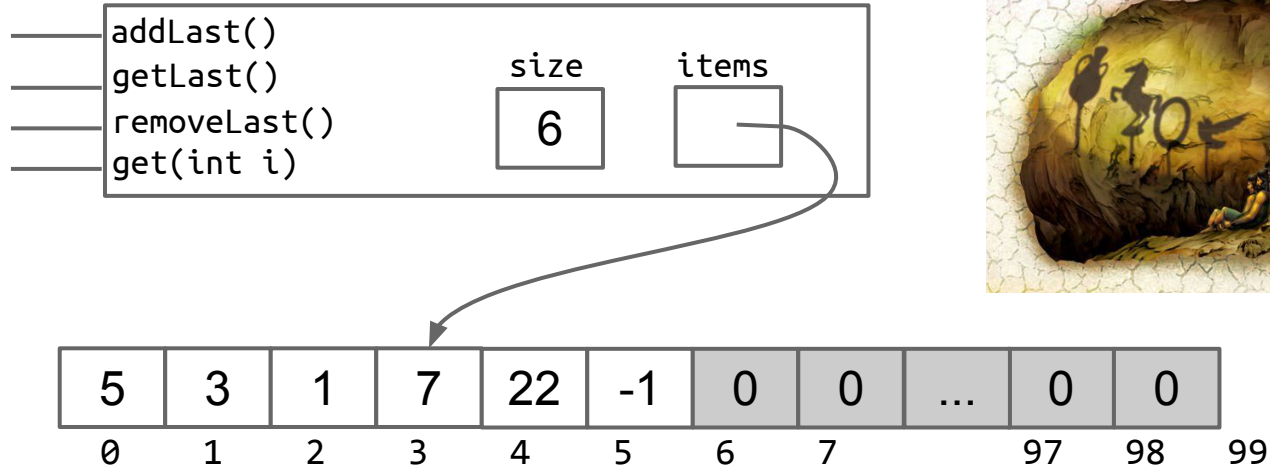
Let's now discuss delete operations.

The Abstract vs. the Concrete

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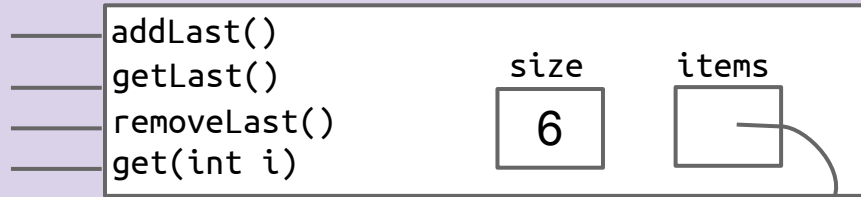
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Actual truth:

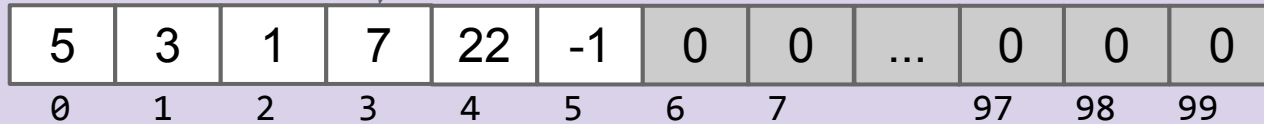


Deletion: yellkey.com/enter

When we removeLast(), which memory boxes need to change? To what?



- a) size
- b) size and items
- c) size and items[i] for some i
- d) size, items, and items[i] for some i
- e) size, items, and items[i] for many different i



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} AList invariants.

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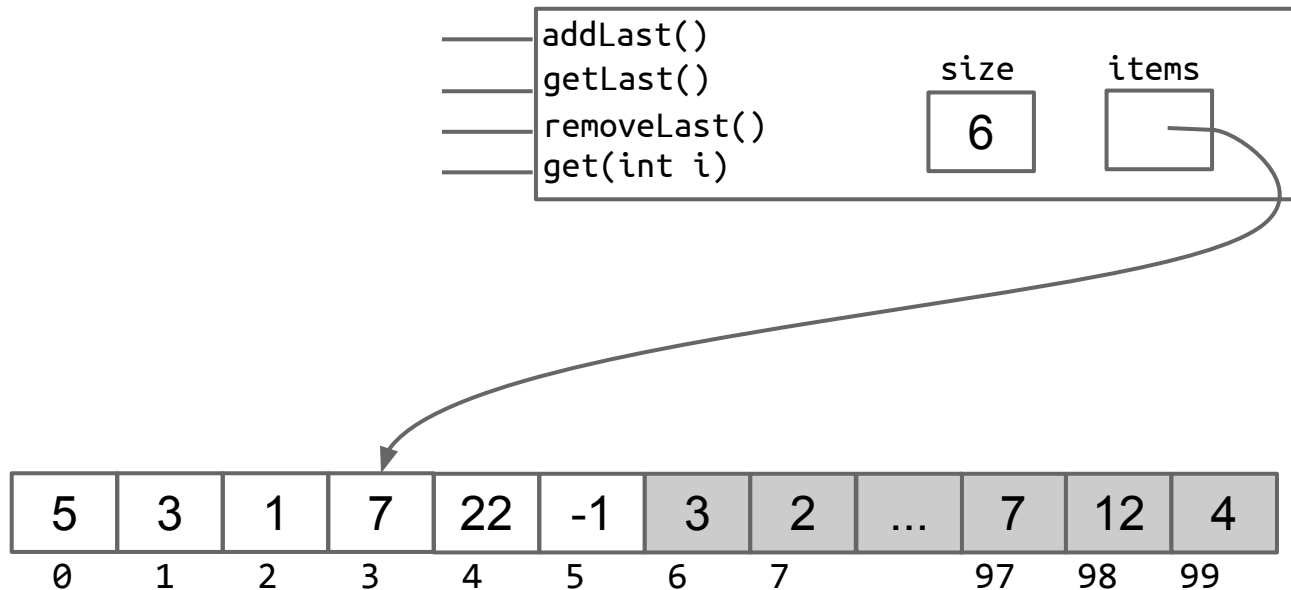
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- The last item in the list is always in position `size - 1`.

```
public int removeLast() {
    int returnItem = items[size - 1];
    items[size - 1] = 0;
    size -= 1;
    return returnItem;
}
```

Setting deleted item to zero is not necessary to preserve invariants, and thus not necessary for correctness.

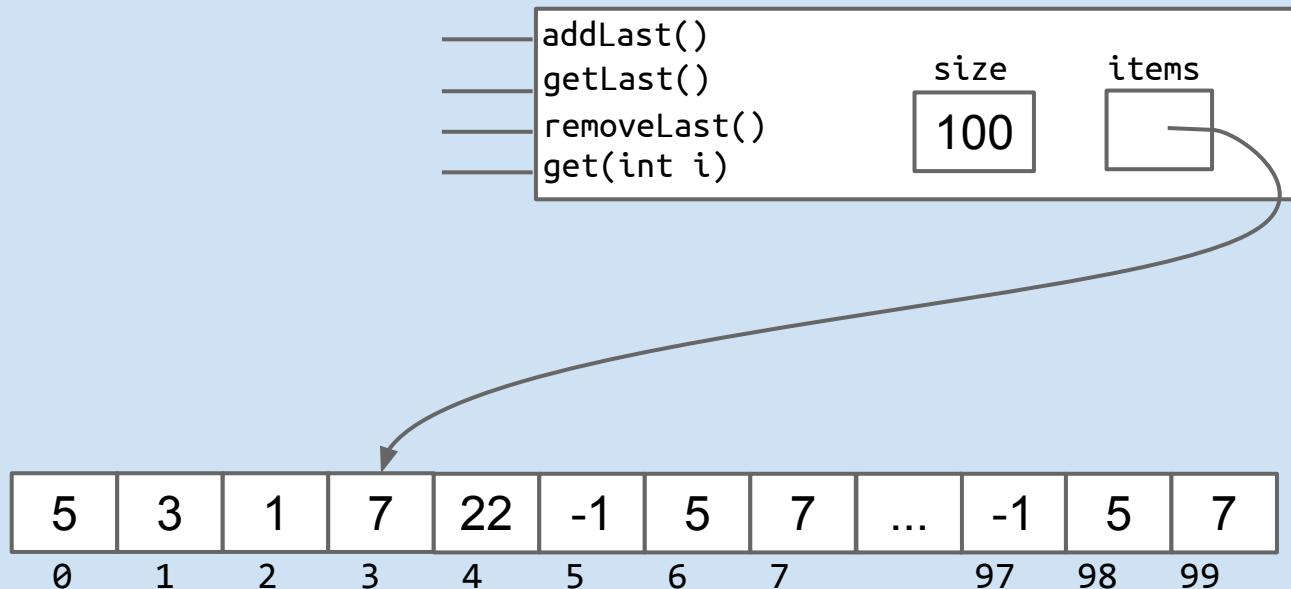
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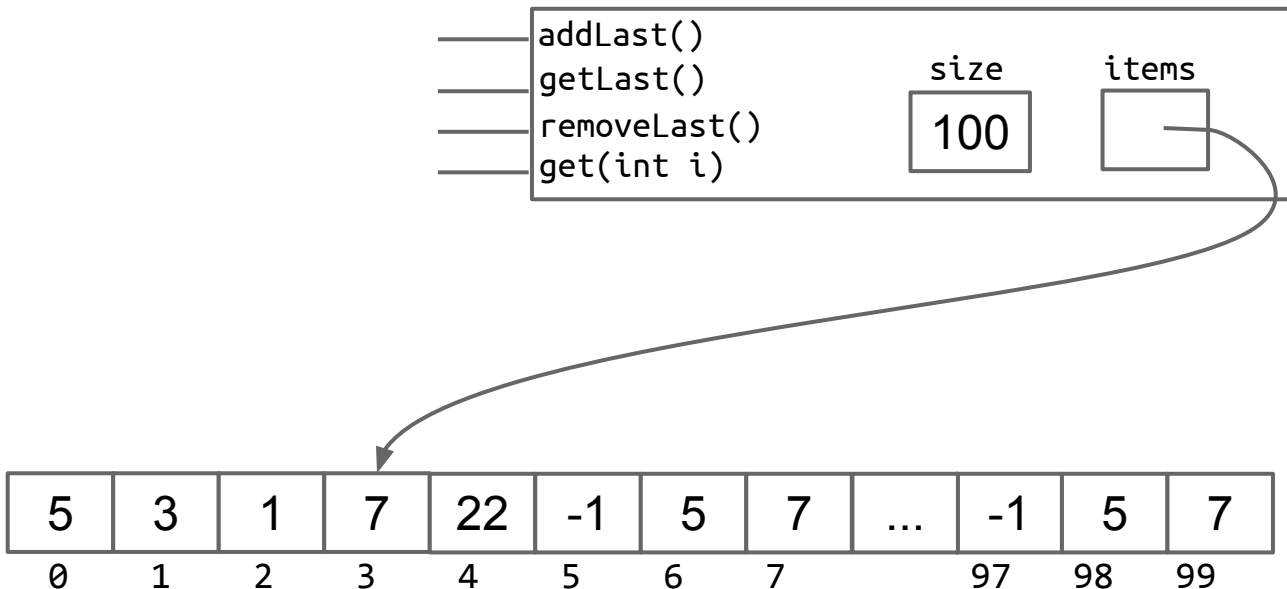
What happens if we insert into the AList above? What should we do about it?

Resizing Arrays

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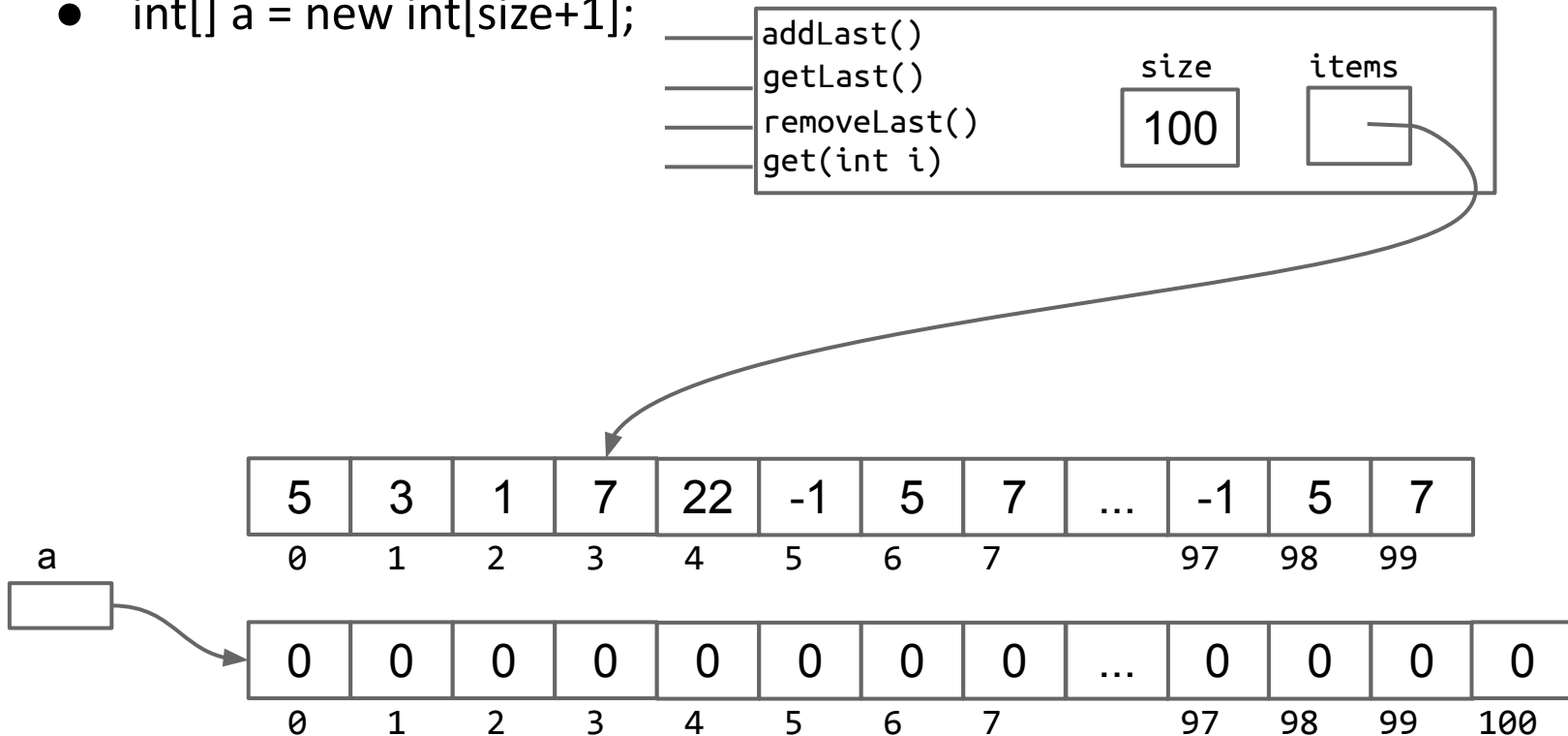


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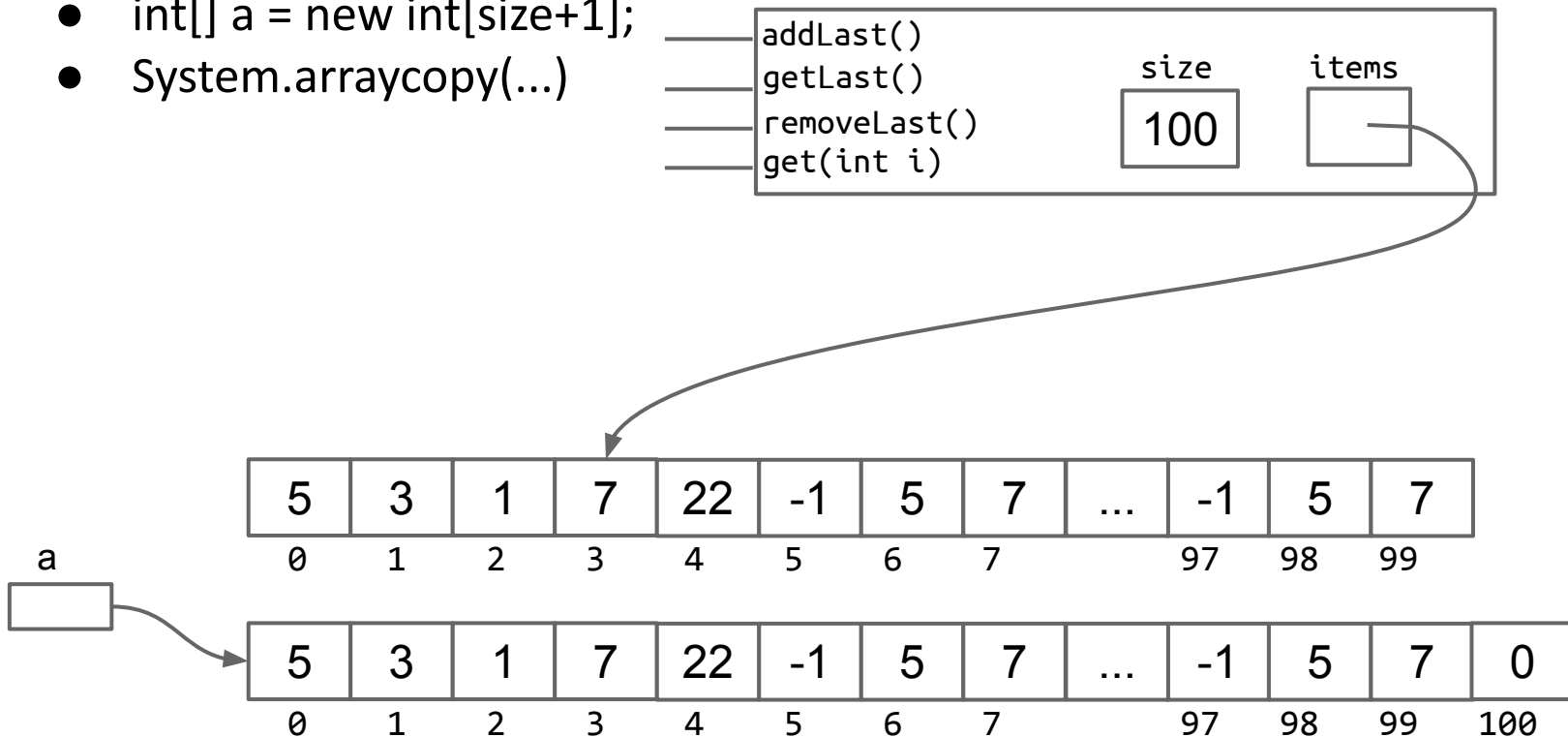


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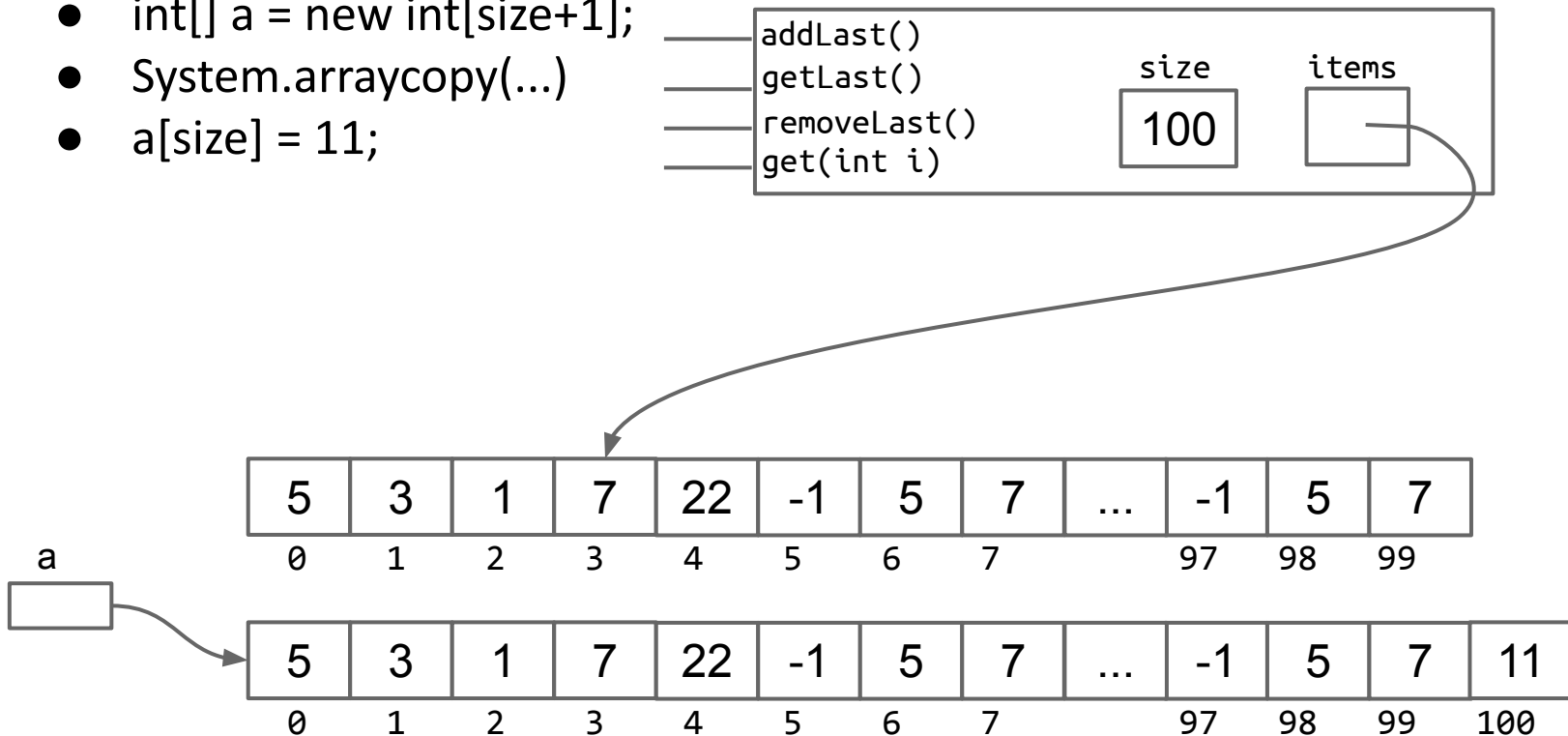


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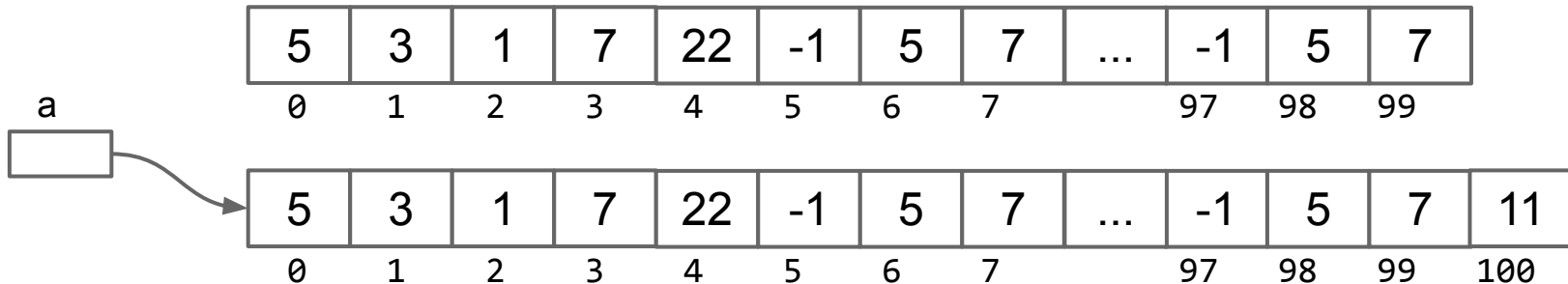


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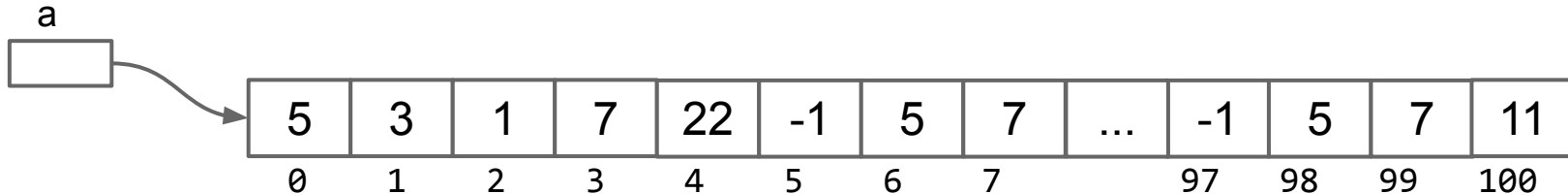
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We call this process “resizing”



Implementation

Let's implement the resizing capability.

- As usual, for those of you watching online, I recommend trying to implement this on your own before watching me do it.
- Starter code is provided in the lists4 study guide if you want to try it out on a computer.

Resizing Array Code

```
public void addLast(int x) {  
    if (size == items.length) {  
        int[] a = new int[size + 1];  
        System.arraycopy(items, 0, a, 0, size);  
        items = a;  
    }  
    items[size] = x;  
    size += 1;  
}
```

Works

```
private void resize(int capacity) {  
    int[] a = new int[capacity];  
    System.arraycopy(items, 0, a, 0, size);  
    items = a;  
}  
  
public void addLast(int x) {  
    if (size == items.length) {  
        resize(size + 1);  
    }  
    items[size] = x;  
    size += 1;  
}
```

Much Better

Runtime and Space Usage Analysis: yellkey.com/camera

Suppose we have a full array of size 100. If we call `addLast` two times, how many **total** array memory boxes will we need to create and fill (for just these 2 calls)?

- A. 0
- B. 101
- C. 203
- D. 10,302

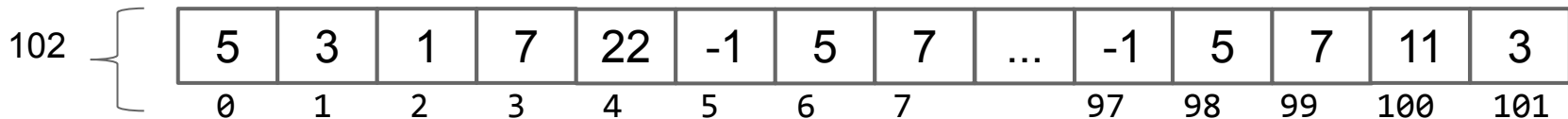
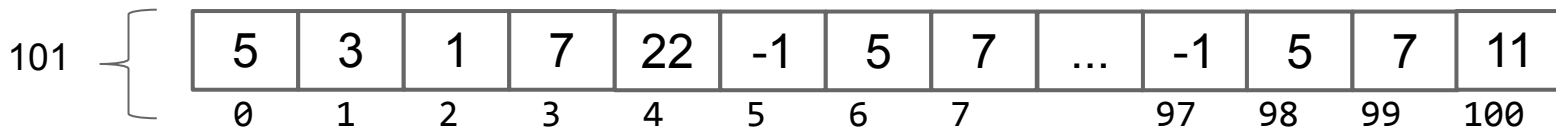
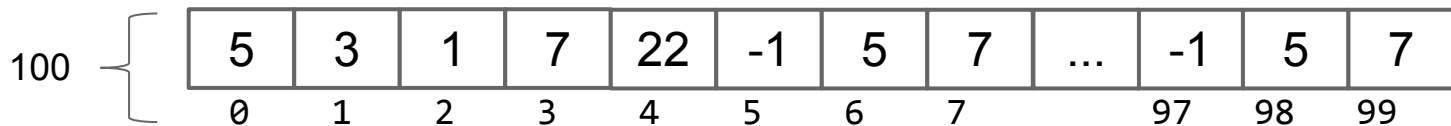
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        resize(size + 1);  
    }  
    items[size] = x;  
    size += 1;  
}
```

Array Resizing

Resizing twice requires us to create and fill 203 total memory boxes.

- Bonus answer: Most boxes at any one time is 203.
- When the second addLast is done, we are left with 102 boxes.



Runtime and Space Usage Analysis: yellkey.com/focus

Suppose we have a full array of size 100. If we call `addLast` until `size = 1000`, roughly how many total array memory boxes will we need to create and fill?

- A. 1,000
- B. 500,000
- C. 1,000,000
- D. 500,000,000,000
- E. 1,000,000,000,000

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Going from capacity 100 to 101: 101

From 101 to 102: 102

...

From: 999 to 1000: 1000

```
private void resize(int capacity) {  
    int[] a = new int[capacity];  
    System.arraycopy(items, 0, a, 0, size);  
    items = a;  
}
```

We'll be doing a lot of this after the midterm.

Total array boxes created/copied: $101 + 102 + \dots + 1000$

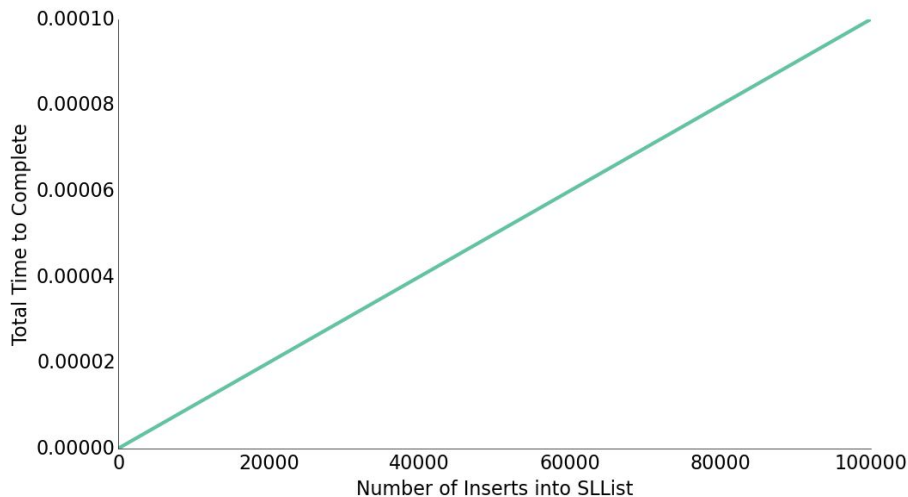
Since sum of $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N = N(N+1)/2$, $\text{sum}(101, \dots, 1000)$ is close to 500,000.

See: <http://mathandmultimedia.com/2010/09/15/sum-first-n-positive-integers>

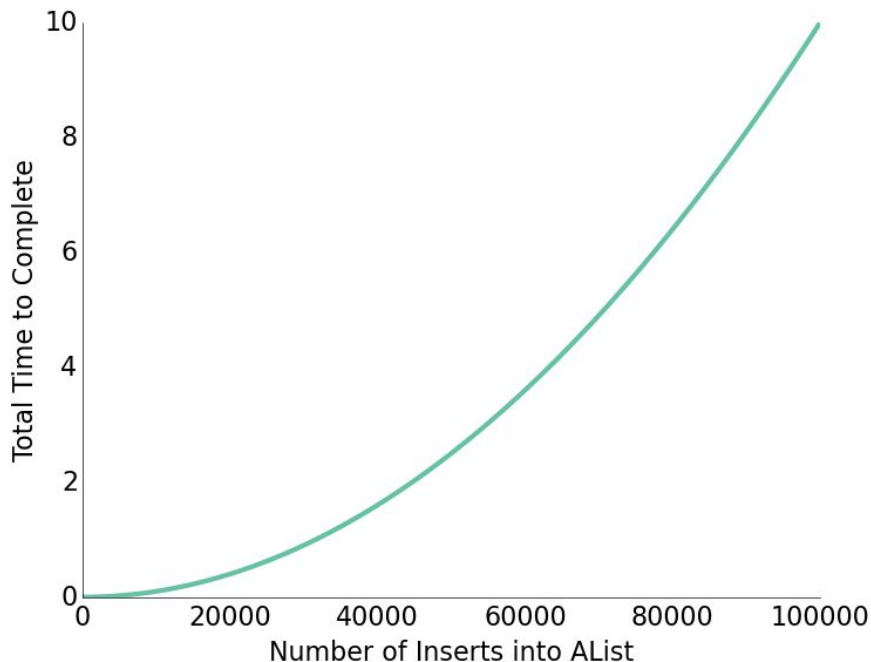
Resizing Slowness

Inserting 100,000 items requires roughly 5,000,000,000 new containers.

- Computers operate at the speed of GHz (due billions of things per second).
- No huge surprise that 100,000 items took seconds.



Note: Insert here is addFirst



Fixing the Resizing Performance Bug

How do we fix this?

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    if (size == items.length) {  
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    }  
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(Probably) Surprising Fact

Geometric resizing is much faster: Just how much better will have to wait.

```
public void addLast(int x) {  
    if (size == items.length) {  
        resize(size + RFACTOR);  
    }  
    items[size] = x;  
    size += 1;  
}
```

← Unusably bad.

Great performance. →

This is how the Python list is implemented.

```
public void addLast(int x) {  
    if (size == items.length) {  
        resize(size * RFACTOR);  
    }  
    items[size] = x;  
    size += 1;  
}
```


Performance Problem #2

Suppose we have a very rare situation occur which causes us to:

- Insert 1,000,000,000 items.
- Then remove 990,000,000 items.

Our data structure will execute these operations acceptably fast, but afterwards there is a problem.

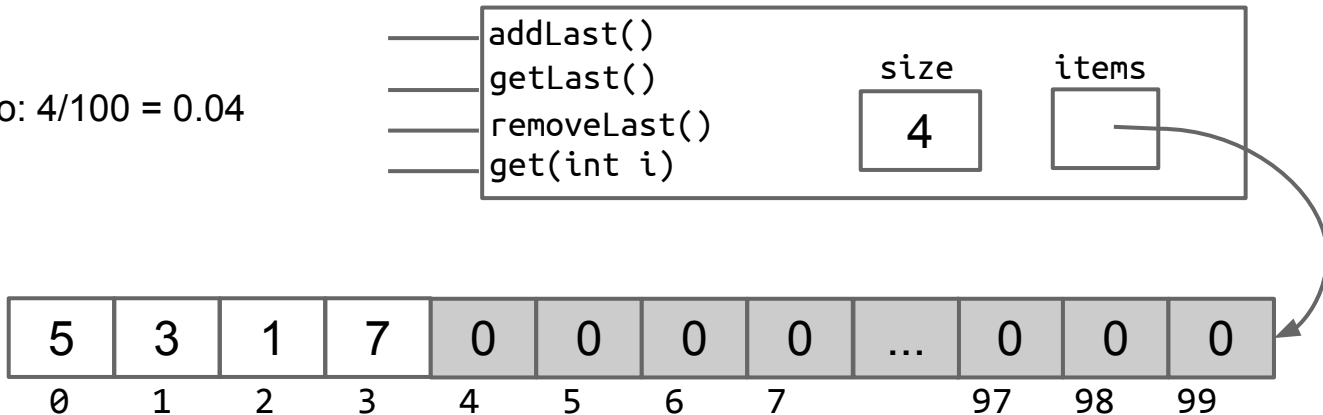
- What is the problem?

Memory Efficiency

An AList should not only be efficient in time, but also efficient in space.

- Define the “usage ratio” $R = \text{size} / \text{items.length}$;
- Typical solution: Half array size when $R < 0.25$.
- More details in a few weeks.

Usage ratio: $4/100 = 0.04$



Later we will consider tradeoffs between time and space efficiency for a variety of algorithms and data structures.

Generic ALists

Generic ALists (similar to generic SLists)

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public class AList {
    private int[] items;
    private int size;

    public AList() {
        items = new int[8];
        size = 0;
    }

    private void resize(int capacity) {
        int[] a = new int[capacity];
        System.arraycopy(items, 0,
                        a, 0, size);

        items = a;
    }

    public int get(int i) {
        return items[i];
    }
    ...
}
```

```
public class AList<Glorp> {
    private Glorp[] items;
    private int size;

    public AList() {
        items = (Glorp []) new Object[8];
        size = 0;
    }

    private void resize(int cap) {
        Glorp[] a = (Glorp []) new Object[cap];
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When creating an array of references to Glorps:

- `(Glorp []) new Object[cap];`
- Causes a compiler warning, which you should ignore.

Why not just `new Glorp[cap];`

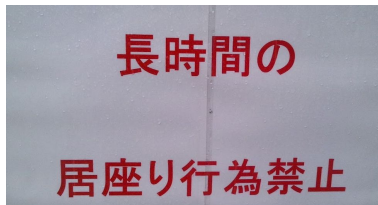
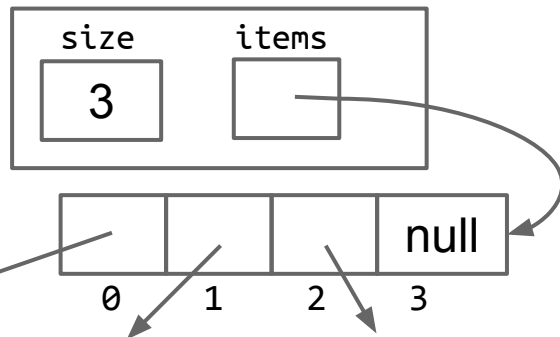
- Will cause a “generic array creation” error.

Nulling Out Deleted Items

Unlike integer based ALists, we actually want to null out deleted items.

- Java only destroys unwanted objects when the last reference has been lost.
- Keeping references to unneeded objects is sometimes called loitering.
- Save memory. Don't loiter.

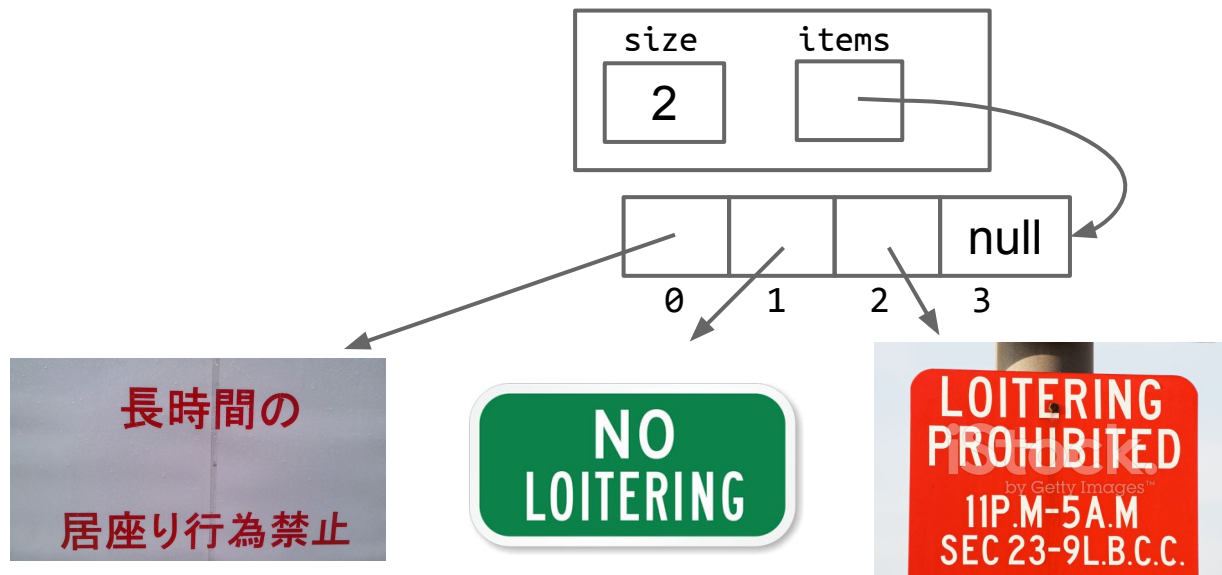
```
public Glorp deleteBack() {  
    Glorp returnItem = getBack();  
    items[size - 1] = null;  
    size -= 1;  
    return returnItem;  
}
```



Loitering Example

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- But memory is wasted storing a reference to the red sign image.

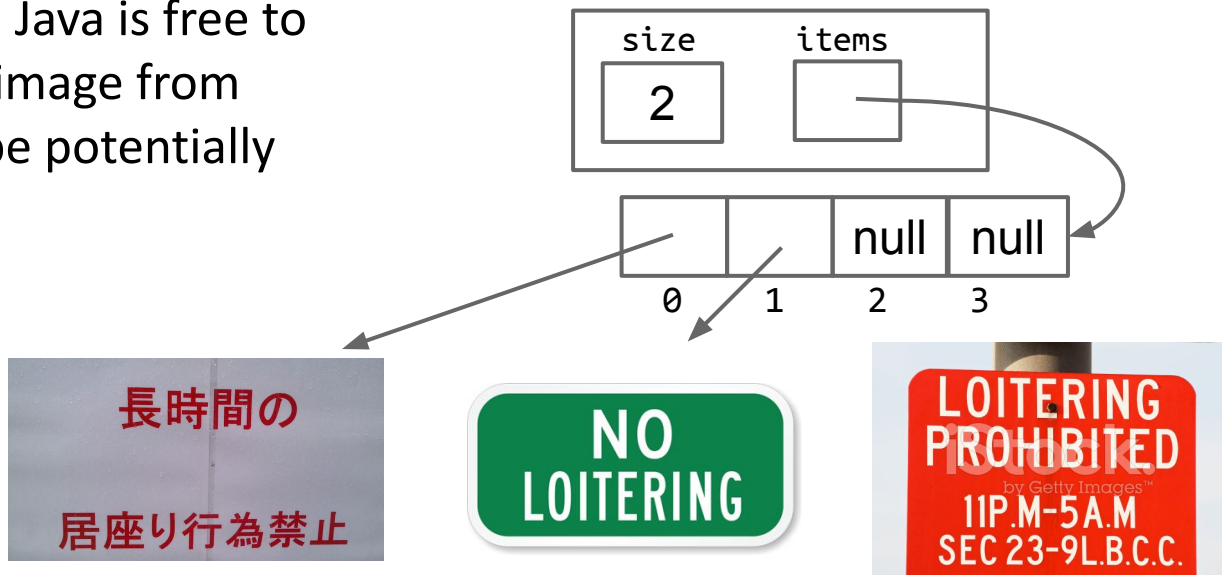


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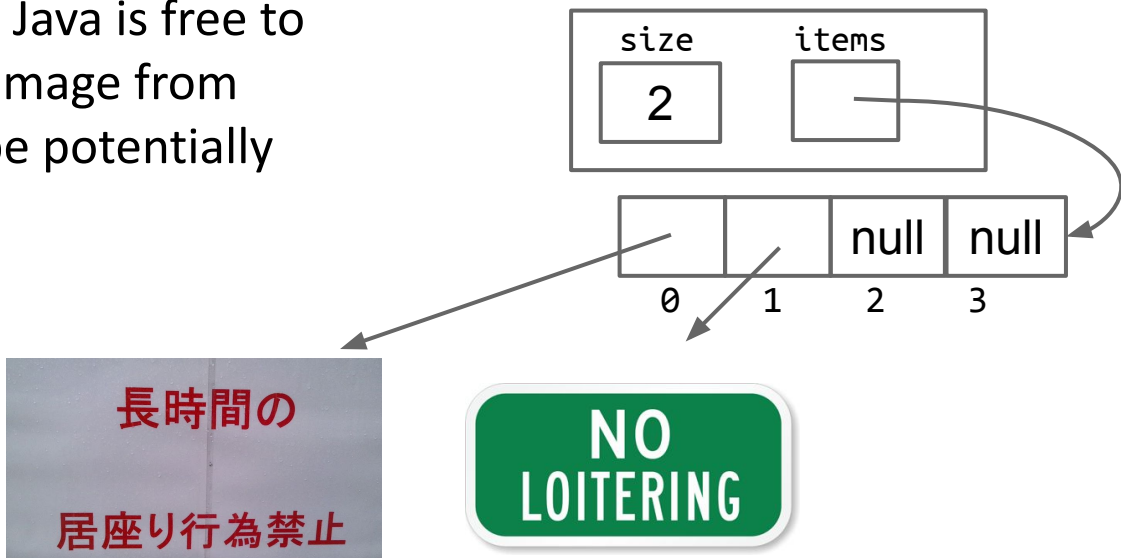


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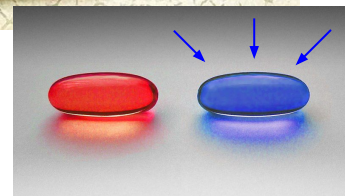
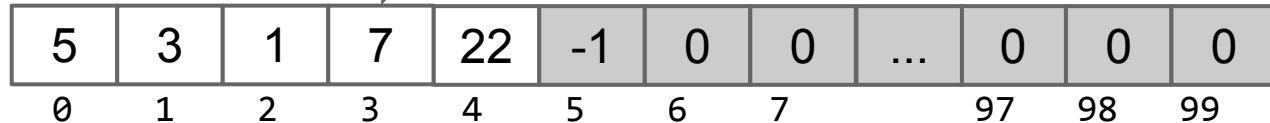
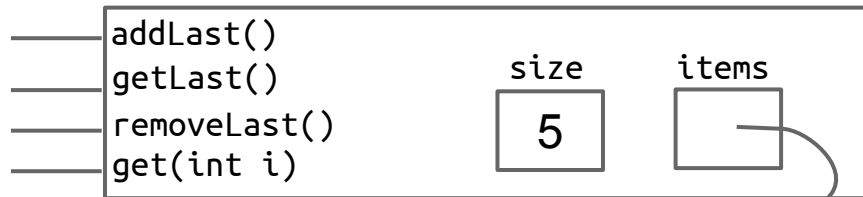
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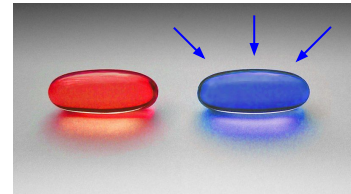
Actual truth:



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- Related concept: obscurantism. The user of a class does not and should not know how it works.
 - The Java language allows you to enforce this with ideas like **private**!
- A good programmer obscures details from themselves, even within a class.
 - Example: `addFirst` and `resize` should be written totally independently. You should not be thinking about the details of one method while writing the other. Simply trust that the other works.
 - Breaking programming tasks down into small pieces (especially functions) helps with this greatly!
 - Through judicious use of testing, we can build confidence in these small pieces, as we'll see in the next lecture.



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