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Assignment III: Linked List Selection Sort

Student Worksheet Companion

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**A1. Linked List Representation Drawing (5 pts)**

- a. (2 pts) Instructions: Draw a visual representation of a single node with next pointer that contains the initialized integer 10

head → [ 10 | NULL ]

- b. (3 pts) Linked list representation with the given integers (Hint: For safety and clarity, include identifiable head and tail nodes)

Example: the input integers are (10, 20) and linked list representation will be [ 10 | • ] → [ 20 | • ] → [ • ]

head → [ 60 | • ] → [ 24 | • ] → [ 15 | • ] → [ 42 | • ] → [ 20 | • ]  
→ [ 11 | • ] → [ 90 | • ] → [ 8 | NULL ]

tail

**A2. Populate with Integers (32 pts; 2 pts for each)**

Fill the given integers (60, 24, 15, 42, 20, 11, 90, 8) into the above structures.

Annotate:

Node #	Value	Next Pointer
1	60	→ Node 2
2	24	→ Node 3
3	15	→ Node 4
4	42	→ Node 5
5	20	→ Node 6
6	11	→ Node 7
7	90	→ Node 8

### A3. Selection Sort – First Three Steps (45 pts; 15 pts for each step)

Step Trace Table (Linked list):

**Step 1** is the example to help you to complete step 2 to 4.

**Step 1 (i = head = 60):** Traverse list to find minimum value 8 → call swap function Yes; swap (60, 8).

head → [8|•] → [24|•] → [15|•] → [42|•] → [20|•] → [11|•] → [90|•] → [60|NULL]

**Step 2 (i = 24):** Minimum value [11] → call swap function Yes / No; swap ([24], [11]).

head → [8|•] → [11|•] → [15|•] → [42|•] → [20|•] → [24|•] → [90|•] → [60|NULL]

**Step 3 (i = 15):** Minimum value [15] → call swap function Yes / No; swap ([15], [15]).

head → [8|•] → [11|•] → [15|•] → [42|•] → [20|•] → [24|•] → [90|•] → [60|NULL]

**Step 4 (i = 42):** Minimum value [20] → call swap function Yes / No; swap ([42], [20]).

head → [8|•] → [11|•] → [15|•] → [20|•] → [42|•] → [24|•] → [90|•] → [60|NULL]

#### A4. Discussion (68 pts)

##### Guiding Questions:

- How many swaps/exchanges are performed?
- How expensive is traversal for arrays vs. linked lists?
- What memory/overhead differences do you see?
- Which representation is easier to visualize?
- Which would you choose for implementing selection sort and why?

##### Time complexity comparison (14 pts, 1pt for each)

Aspect / Operation	Array	Linked List	Explanation
Access Element	(1)	(2)	Array allows direct indexing; linked list needs traversal.
Find Minimum	(3)	(4)	Both must scan all remaining elements/nodes.
Swap Operation	(5)	(6)	In array, swap by indices; in linked list, swap node values.
Traversal Between Elements	(7)	(8)	Linked list traversal requires pointer navigation.
Overall Time Complexity (Selection Sort)	(9)	(10)	Both involve nested traversal to find minima; linked list adds traversal overhead.
Space Complexity	(11)	(12)	Both sorts are in-place if swapping values, not nodes.
Implementation Overhead	(13) Low or Moderate	(14) Low or Moderate	Linked list needs pointer operations and careful null checks.

(1)	$O[O]$	(2)	$O[n]$
(3)	$O[n]$	(4)	$O[n]$
(5)	$O[1]$	(6)	$O[1]$
(7)	$O[1]$	(8)	$O[n]$
(9)	$O[n^2]$	(10)	$O[n^2]$
(11)	$O[1]$	(12)	$O[n]$
(13)	Low	(14)	Moderate.

Time complexity 請照  $O(n)$  寫,

不要用 [ ]