

# Lec 2

## Interface (API / ADT) Vs. Data Structure

- specification
- representation
- what data can store
- how to store data
- what operations are supported & what they mean
- how to support operations
- problem
- solution

## 2 main interface

- Set

- Sequence

## 2 main DS approaches

- array

- pointer based

Static Sequence interface : maintain

a sequence of items  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$

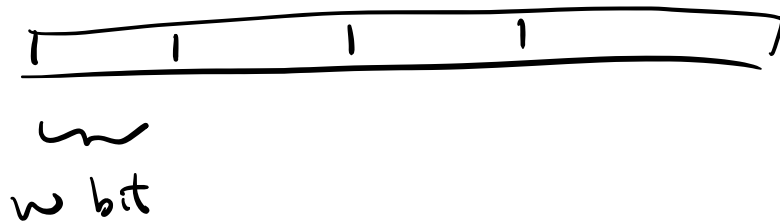
subject to these operations:

- $\text{build}(x)$  : make new DS  
for items in  $x$
- $\text{len}(x)$  : return  $n$
- $\text{iter\_seq}()$  : output  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$   
in sequence order
- $\text{get\_at}(i)$  : return  $x_i$  (index  $i$ )
- $\text{set\_at}(i, x)$  : set  $x_i$  to  $x$

Solution (natural): Static array

Key: word RAM model of computation

- memory: array of  $w$ -bit words



- "array" = consecutive chunk of  
memory

$\Rightarrow \text{array}[i] \equiv \text{memory}[\text{address}(\text{array}) + i]$

array access is  $O(1)$  time

-  $O(1)$  per get-at / set-at / len

-  $O(n)$  per build / iter-seq

Memory allocation model: allocate array of size  $n$  in  $\Theta(n)$  time

$$\Rightarrow \text{Space} = O(\text{time})$$

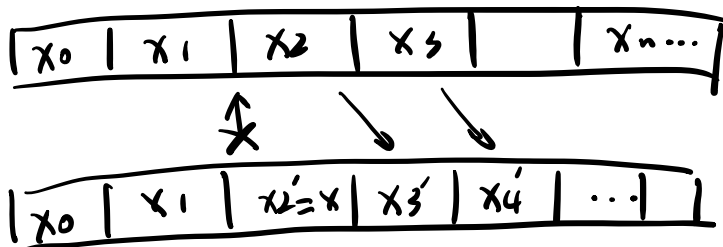
## Dynamic sequence interface

Static sequence plus:

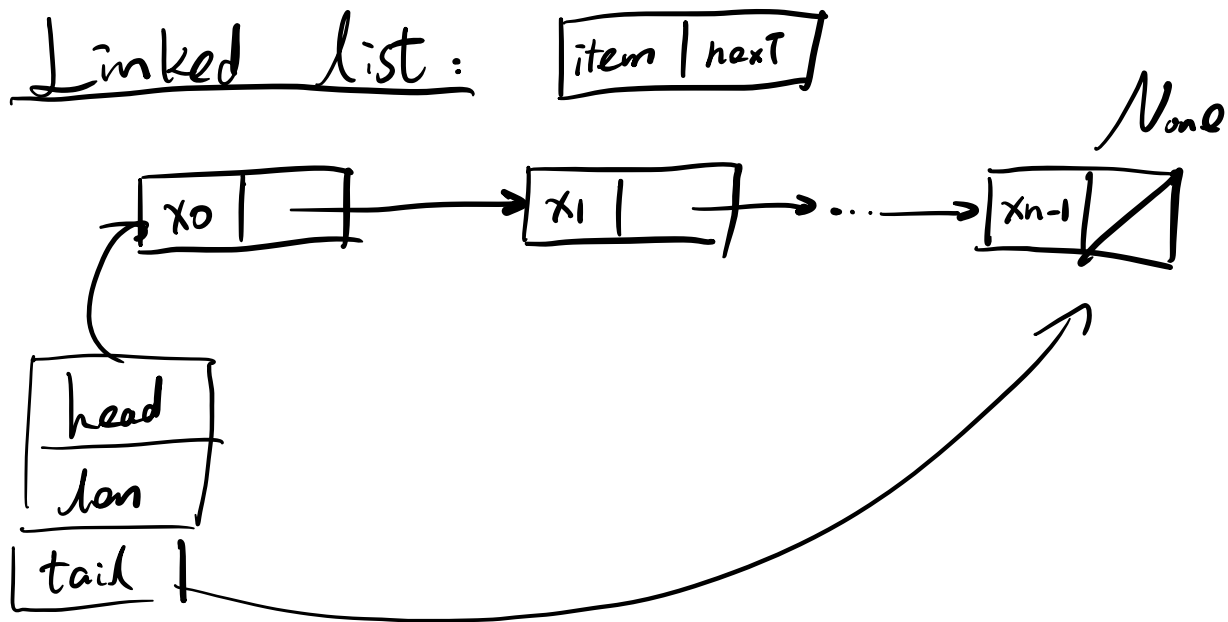
- insert-at  $(i, x)$ : make  $x$  the new  $x_i$ ,

shifting  $x_i \rightarrow x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_{i+2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_{n-1} \rightarrow \underbrace{x_{n'-1}}_{=n+1}$

- delete-at  $(i, x)$ : shift  $x_i \leftarrow x_{i+1} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \underbrace{x_{n'-1}}_{=n-1} \leftarrow x_{n-1}$



- insert / delete - first / last (x) / ( )



Dynamic seq. ops.

static array
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- insert / delete - at ( ) cost  $\Theta(n)$

① shifting

② allocation / copying

## linked list

- insert / delete - first ( )  $\Theta(1)$  time
- get / set - at index  $\Theta(i)$  time  
( $\Theta(n)$  worst case)

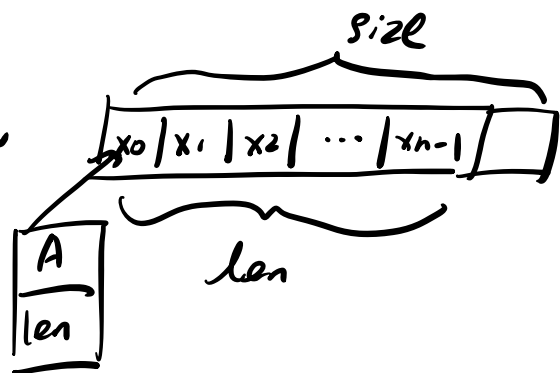
## Dynamic arrays (Python lists)

- relax constraint
- enforce size =  $\Theta(n)$  &  $\geq n$

- maintain  $A[i] = x_i$

- insert - last(x)

$$\begin{cases} A[\text{len}] = x \\ \text{len} += 1 \end{cases}$$



- if  $n = \text{size}$  :

allocate new array of  $2 \cdot \text{size}$

-  $n$  insert - last from empty array

resize at  $n = 1, 2, 4, 8, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \text{resize cost} = \Theta(1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots + n)$$

$$= \Theta\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\lg n} 2^i\right)$$

$$= \Theta\left(2^{\lg n}\right) = \Theta(n)$$

### Amortization

operation takes  $T(n)$  amortized time if

any  $k$  operations take  $\leq k \cdot T(n)$  time

(averaging over operation sequence)