# Linked List

## Introduction

- List of elements which are connected in sequence to each other by a set of pointers.
- Commonly used linear data structure.
- Each element is known as a node.
- A node consists of two parts
  - Data (value or values to be stored in a node).
  - Pointer (links or references to other nodes in a list).
- Types
  - Singly, Doubly, and Circular.

#### Advantages

- Dynamic in nature, i.e. allocates memory when required.
- Insertion and deletion operations can be executed easily.
- Stacks and queues can be implemented easily.
- Reduces the access time.
- Efficient memory utilization, i.e no need to pre-allocate memory.

### Disadvantages

- Wastage of memory as pointers require extra memory space.
- No random access; everything sequential.
- Reverse traversal is difficult.
- Memory space restriction as new node can only be created if space is available in heap.

# **Operations**

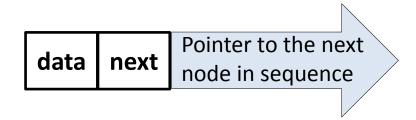
- Traversal (Searching, Displaying)
- Insertion
  - At the beginning.
  - -At the end.
  - At a specific location.
- Deletion
  - At the beginning.
  - -At the end.
  - At a specific location.

# Singly Linked List

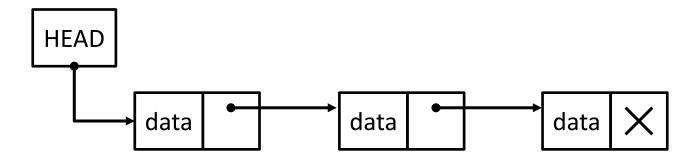
## Introduction

- The most basic type of linked list.
- Two successive nodes are linked together as each node contains address of the next node to be followed, i.e. successor.
- A node may has multiple data fields but only single link for the next node.
- Only forward sequential access is possible (or unidirectional).
- Address of the first node is always stored in a reference node known as front or head.
- The last node does not have any successor and has not preference to **NULL**.

Pictorial representation of a node



Pictorial representation of a singly linked list



### Creation

struct node
{ int data;
 struct node \*next; };

- Define node structure.
- Declare a NULL initialized head node pointer to create an empty list.
   struct node \*head = NULL;
- Dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

head = temp;

- Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.
- Again dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

```
*temp = (struct node *) malloc (sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d",&num);
temp -> data = num;
temp -> next = NULL;
```

Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.

```
temp -> next = head;
head = temp;
```

• This process is repeated for all the nodes. A node can be inserted anywhere in the list.

## Search an element in the list

- Algorithm search(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value to search (num).
- Output: Appropriate message will be displayed.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL AND temp[data] is not equal to value)
- 6. temp = temp[next]
- 7. if (temp is NULL)
- 8. Print [**Element not found**].
- 9. Else
- 10. Print [Element found].

# Display elements in the list

- Algorithm display(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: Display all the elements present in the list.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL)
- 6. Print [temp[data]].
- 7. temp = temp[next].

# Insertion at beginning of the list

- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num.
- 3. temp[next] = head.
- 4. head = temp.

# Insertion at end of the list

- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. **temp[next] = NULL**
- 4. If (head == **NULL**)
- 5. **head** = **temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to NULL)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. **temp1**[**next**] = **temp**

# Insertion after a specific value in the list

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. temp[next] = NULL
- 4. If (head == **NULL**)
- 5. head = temp
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1 != NULL AND temp1[data] != value)
- 9. **temp1** = **temp1**[**next**]

18.End if (line 4).

```
10. if (temp1 == NULL)
           print [Node is not present in the list]
11.
12. else if (temp1[next] is NULL)
          temp1[next] = temp
13.
   else
14.
15.
          temp[next] = temp1[next]
16.
          temp1[next] = temp
17. end if (line 10).
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# Delete from beginning of the list

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: The first node gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. **head = head[next]**
- 6. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.
- 7. end if

## Delete from end of the list

**Algorithm** deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (head). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. 4. while (temp[next] is not NULL) 5. initialize a node pointer (pre) with temp. 6. temp = temp[next] 7. if (temp == head) 8. head = NULL 9. 10. else pre[next] = NULL 11. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

13. end if

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# Delete a specific node from the list

- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL AND temp[data] is not equal to value)
- 6. initialize a node pointer (**pre**) with **temp**.
- 7. temp = temp[next]
- 8. if (temp is NULL)
- 9. Print [**Element not found**].
- 10. Return.

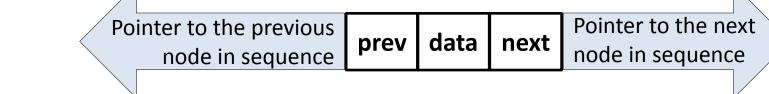
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else if (temp == head)
12.
             head = head[next]
13.
      else if (temp[next] == NULL)
14.
             pre[next] = NULL
15.
      else
16.
             pre[next] = temp[next]
17.
18.
      Release the memory location pointed by temp.
      end if (line 8).
19.
20. end if (line 1).
```

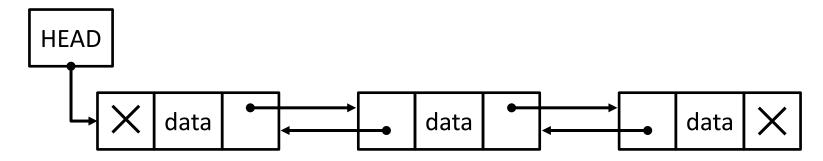
# **Doubly Linked List**

# Introduction

- Sequence of elements in which every element has links to its previous element and next element in the sequence.
- Each node contains three fields: data, link to the next node, and link to the previous node.



 The pictorial representation for doubly linked list is as shown below:



### Advantages:

- Can be traversed in either direction.
- Some operations, such as deletion and insertion before a node, become easier.

### Disadvantages:

- Requires more space.
- List manipulations are slower.
- Greater chances of having bugs.

### Creation

- Define node structure.
- struct node
  { int data;
   struct node \*next, \*prev; };
- Declare a NULL initialized head node pointer to create an empty list.
   struct node \*head = NULL;
- Dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

head = temp;

- Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.
- Again dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

```
*temp = (struct node *) malloc (sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d",&num);
temp -> data = num;
temp -> prev = temp -> next = NULL;
```

Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.

```
temp -> next = head; head -> prev = temp;
head = temp;
```

• This process is repeated for all the nodes. A node can be inserted anywhere in the list.

## Search an element in the list

- Algorithm search(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value to search (num).
- Output: Appropriate message will be displayed.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL AND temp[data] is not equal to value)
- 6. **temp = temp[next]**
- 7. if (temp is NULL)
- 8. Print [**Element not found**].
- 9. Else
- 10. Print [Element found].

# Display elements in the list

- Algorithm display(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: Display all the elements present in the list.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL)
- 6. Print [temp[data]].
- 7. temp = temp[next].

# Insertion at beginning of the list

- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (**temp**).
- 2. temp[data] = num.
- 3. **temp[prev] = NULL**.
- 4. temp[next] = head.
- 5. if (head == NULL)
- 6. **head = temp**.
- 7. else
- 8. **head[prev] = temp**.
- $\Theta$ . **head** = **temp**.

## Insertion at end of the list

- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. temp[prev] = temp[next] = NULL
- 4. If (head == **NULL**)
- 5. head = temp
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to NULL)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. **temp1**[**next**] = **temp**
- 11. temp[prev] = temp1

# Insertion after a specific value in the list

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. temp[prev] = temp[next] = NULL
- 4. If (head == **NULL**)
- 5. head = temp
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1 is not NULL AND temp1[data] is not equal to value)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]

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if (temp1 == NULL)
10.
               print [Node is not present in the list]
11.
       else if (temp1[next] is NULL)
12.
13.
              temp1[next] = temp
14.
              temp[prev] = temp1
15.
       else
16.
              temp[prev] = temp1
               temp[next] = temp1[next]
17.
              temp1[next] = temp
18.
               (temp[next])[prev]= temp
19.
20.
       end if (line 10).
21. End if (line 4).
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# Delete from beginning of the list

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: The first node gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. **head = head[next]**
- 6. if (**head != NULL**)
- 7. head[prev] = NULL
- 8. else
- 9. **head** = **NULL**
- 10. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

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## Delete from end of the list

**Algorithm** deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (**head**). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. 4. while (temp[next] is not NULL) 5. temp = temp[next] 6. if (temp == head) 7. head = NULL 8. 9. else (temp[prev])[next] = NULL 10.

11.

12. end if

Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

# Delete a specific node from the list

- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp != NULL AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. temp = temp[next]
- 7. if (temp is NULL)
- 8. Print [Element not found].
- 9. Return.

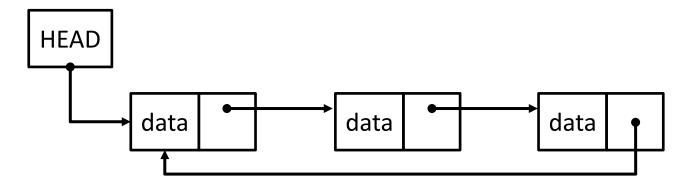
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else if (temp == head)
10.
             deleteBeg(head)
11.
      else if (temp[next] == NULL)
12.
             deleteEnd(head)
13.
      else
14.
15.
             (temp[prev])[next] = temp[next]
16.
             (temp[next])[prev] = temp[prev]
17.
             Release the memory location pointed by temp.
      end if (line 7).
18.
19. end if (line 1).
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# Circular Linked List

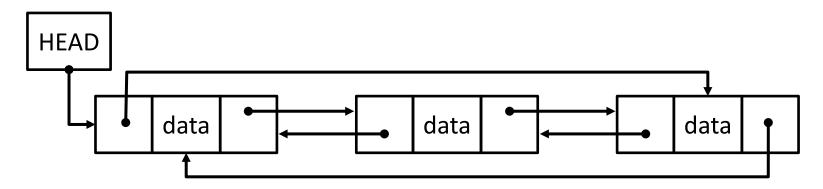
## Introduction

- The first element points to the last element and the last element points to the first element.
- There is no NULL node.
- While traversal, get back to a node from where you have started.
- Pointer to any node can serve as a handle to the complete list.
- Both singly and doubly linked lists can be circular.

Singly linked list as circular



Doubly linked list as circular

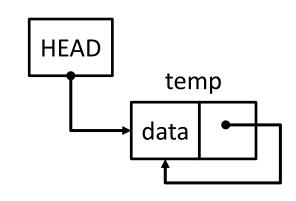


### Creation

- Define node structure.
- Declare a NULL initialized head node pointer to create an empty list.
- Dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.
- Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.
- Again dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.
- Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.
- This process is repeated for all the nodes. A node can be inserted anywhere in the list.

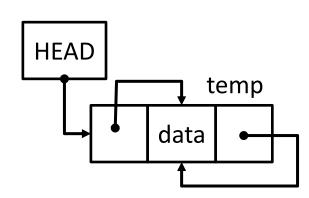
Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.

Singly



Doubly

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head = temp;
temp -> prev = head;
temp -> next = head;
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Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.

 Singly: temp1 is a node pointer pointing to the last node in a linked list.

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temp -> next = head;
temp1 -> next = temp;
head = temp;
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Doubly

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temp -> next = head;
temp -> prev = head -> prev;
head -> prev = temp;
temp -> prev -> next = temp;
head = temp;
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### Search an element in the list

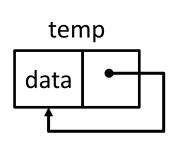
- Algorithm search(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value to search (num).
- Output: Appropriate message will be displayed.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] != head AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. **temp = temp[next]**
- 7. if (temp[data] == value)
- Print [Element found].
- 9. Else
- 10. Print [Element not found].

## Display elements in the list

- Algorithm display(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: Display all the elements present in the list.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] is not head)
- 6. Print [temp[data]].
- 7. temp = temp[next].
- 8. Print [temp[data]].

# Insertion at beginning of the list (singly)

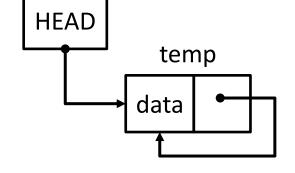
- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num.
- 3. if (**head** == **NULL**)
- 4. temp[next] = temp.



- 5. else
- 6. temp[next] = head.
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to head)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. temp1[next] = temp.
- 11. end if (line 3).
- 12. head = temp.

## Insertion at end of the list (singly)

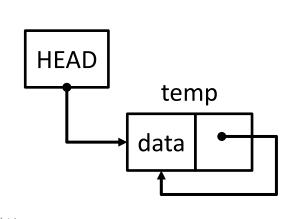
- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. If (head == NULL)
- 4. temp[next] = temp
- 5. **head** = **temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to head)
- 9. **temp1** = **temp1**[**next**]
- 10. **temp1**[**next**] = **temp**
- 16-12-2017 temp[next] = head



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### Insertion after a specific value in the list (singly)

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. If (head == NULL)
- 4. temp[next] = temp
- 5. **head** = **temp**



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16. End if (line 3).

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else
      Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
7.
      while (temp1[next] != head AND temp1[data] != value)
8.
            temp1 = temp1[next]
10.
      if (temp1[next] == head AND temp1[data] != value)
            print [Node is not present in the list]
11.
12.
      else
            temp[next] = temp1[next]
13.
14.
            temp1[next] = temp
      end if (line 10).
15.
```

# Delete from beginning of the list (singly)

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (**head**). **Output**: The first node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else 4. initialize node pointers (temp and temp1) with head. 5. while (temp1[next] is not equal to head) temp1 = temp1[next] 6. **if (temp1 == head)** 7. head == NULL 8. 9. else 10. temp1[next] = head[next]. head = head[next]
- Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

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## Delete from end of the list (singly)

 Algorithm deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (**head**). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. 5. while (temp[next] is not head) initialize a node pointer (pre) with temp. 6. temp = temp[next] 7. if (temp == head) 8. head = NULL 9. 10. else 11. pre[next] = head

Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

## Delete a specific node from the list (singly)

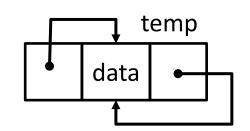
- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] != head AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. initialize a node pointer (pre) with temp.
- 7. temp = temp[next]
- 8. if (temp[data] != value)
- 9. Print [**Element not found**].
- 10. Return.

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else if (temp == head)
11.
12.
             deleteBeg(head)
      else if (temp[next] == head)
13.
            deleteEnd(head)
14.
      else
15.
             pre[next] = temp[next]
16.
17.
      Release the memory location pointed by temp.
      end if (line 8).
18.
19. end if (line 1).
```

# Insertion at beginning of the list (doubly)

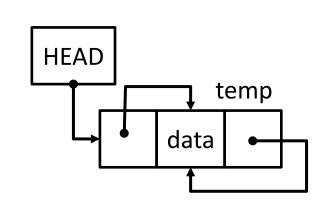
- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num.
- 3. if (**head** == **NULL**)
- 4. temp[next] = temp[prev] = temp.
- 5. else
- 6. **temp[next] = head**.
- 7. temp[prev] = head[prev].
- 8. head[prev] = temp.
- 9. (temp[prev])[next] = temp.



10.20 head = temp.

## Insertion at end of the list (doubly)

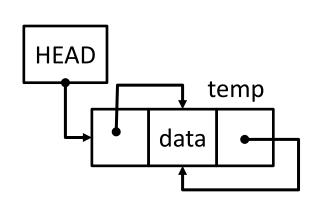
- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- If (head == NULL)
- 4. temp[prev] = temp
- 5. temp[next] = temp
- head = temp



- 7. else
- 8. temp[next] = head
- 9. **temp[prev] = head[prev]**
- 10. (head[prev])[next] = temp
- 11. head[prev] = temp

### Insertion after a specific value in the list (doubly)

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. If (head == NULL)
- 4. temp[prev] = temp[next] = temp
- 5. **head** = **temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] != head AND temp1[data] != value)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]



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if (temp1[next] == head AND temp1[data] != value)
10.
11.
              print [Node is not present in the list]
       else
12.
              temp[prev] = temp1
13.
14.
              temp[next] = temp1[next]
15.
              temp1[next] = temp
              (temp[next])[prev] = temp
16.
       end if (line 10).
17.
18. End if (line 3).
```

## Delete from beginning of the list (doubly)

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: The first node gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. if (temp[next] == head)
- 6. **head** == **NULL**
- 7. else
- 8. (head[prev])[next] = head[next]
- 9. (head[next])[prev] = head[prev]
- 10. head = head[next]
- 14-12-2017 Release the memory location pointed by temp.

# Delete from end of the list (doubly)

- **Algorithm** deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (**head**). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. 4. while (temp[next] is not head) 5. temp = temp[next] 6. if (temp == head) 7. head = NULL 8. 9. else (temp[prev])[next] = head 10. head[prev] = temp[prev] 11.
- 12. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

## Delete a specific node from the list (doubly)

- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] != head AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. temp = temp[next]
- 7. if (temp[data] != value)
- 8. Print [Element not found].
- 9. Return.

19. end if (line 1).

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else if (temp == head)
10.
             deleteBeg(head)
11.
12.
      else if (temp[next] == head)
             deleteEnd(head)
13.
      else
14.
             (temp[prev])[next] = temp[next]
15.
16.
             (temp[next])[prev] = temp[prev]
17.
             Release the memory location pointed by temp.
      end if (line 7).
18.
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