

LEC 04

**CSE 123**

# Linked Nodes

BEFORE WE START

*Talk to your neighbors:*

*What's your favorite  
data structure to use?*

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Questions during Class?

Raise hand or send here

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# Lecture Outline

- **Announcements** 
- Reference Semantics Review
- Contiguous / Non-Contiguous Memory Review
- ListNode Practice

# Announcements

- Creative Project 0 feedback is out!
- Resubmission Cycle 0 opens today, closes on Fri (Oct 10)
  - Normally resubmissions will be open Mon – Fri each week
- Programming Assignment 0 due tonight, Oct 8 at 11:59pm!
  - See generic [Programming Assignment rubric](#) posted on website
- Creative Project 1 will be released tomorrow, Thurs Oct 9
  - Focused on design and implementation of data structures
- Quiz 0 next week (Tues, Oct 14)
  - See Quiz Logistics announcement on Ed
  - Practice quiz available (practice solutions Friday)

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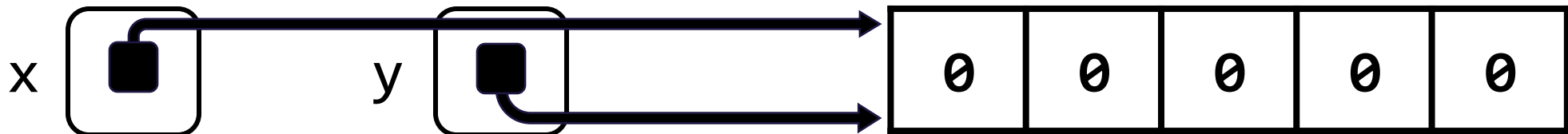
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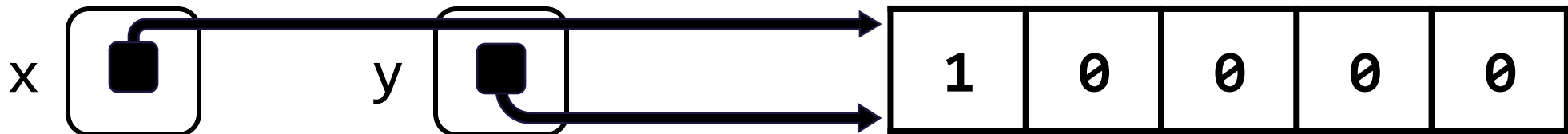
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*Memory*

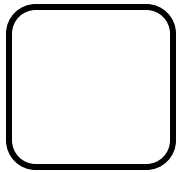
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# Contiguous vs. Non-contiguous: array (1)

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  - `int[] arr = new int[10];`

*Memory*

arr

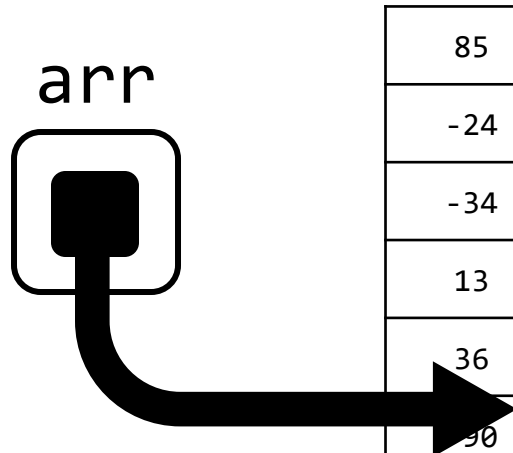


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# Contiguous vs. Non-contiguous: array (2)

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  - `int[] arr = new int[7];`

*Memory*



The diagram shows a variable 'arr' in a box on the left. A thick black arrow points from a square icon inside the 'arr' box to the fifth row of the memory table. The fifth row is highlighted in yellow and contains the values 36, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 44, and 59.

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*We call this “contiguous” memory*

# ListNode

- Java class representing a “**node**”
- Two fields to store discussed state:
  - Fields are public?! We’ll come back to this
- Why can `ListNode` be a field in the `ListNode` class?

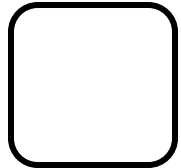
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public class ListNode {  
    public int data;  
    public ListNode next;  
}
```

# Contiguous vs. Non-contiguous: ListNode (1)

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  - `ListNode list = new ListNode(1, new ListNode(2));`

*Memory*

list



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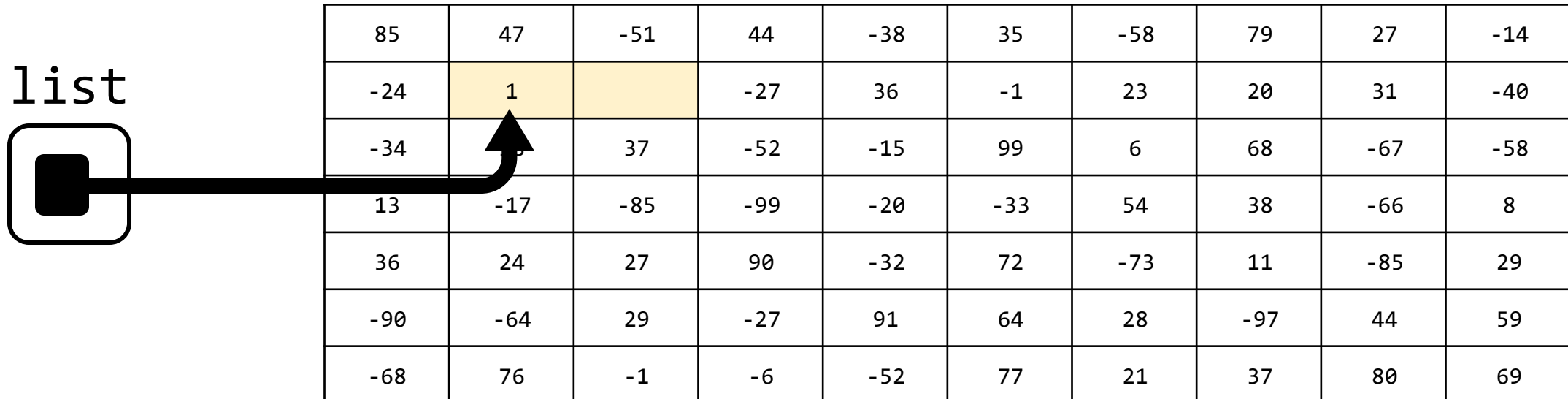


# Contiguous vs. Non-contiguous: ListNode (2)

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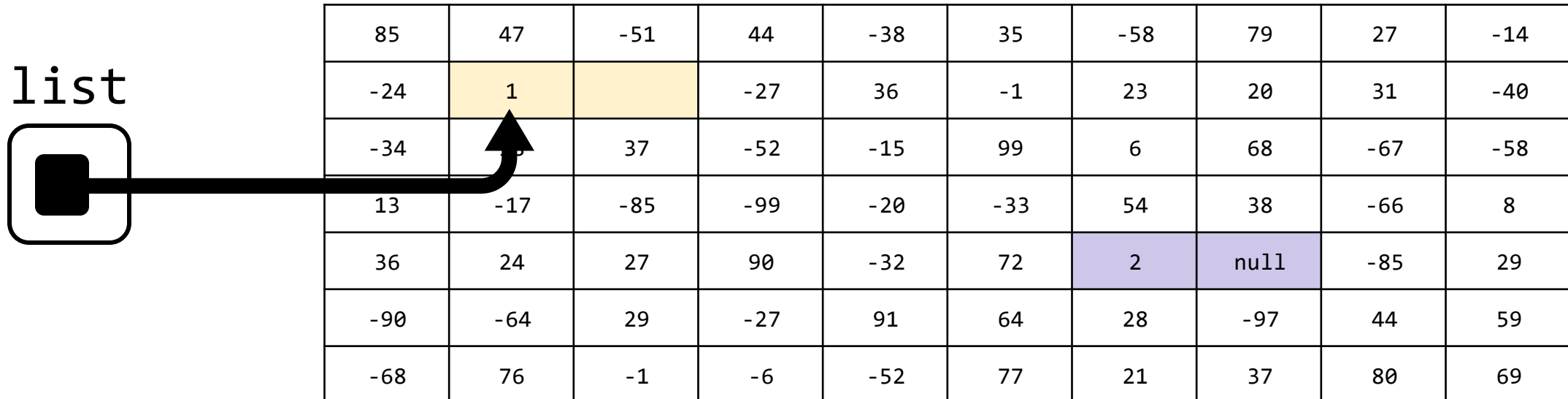
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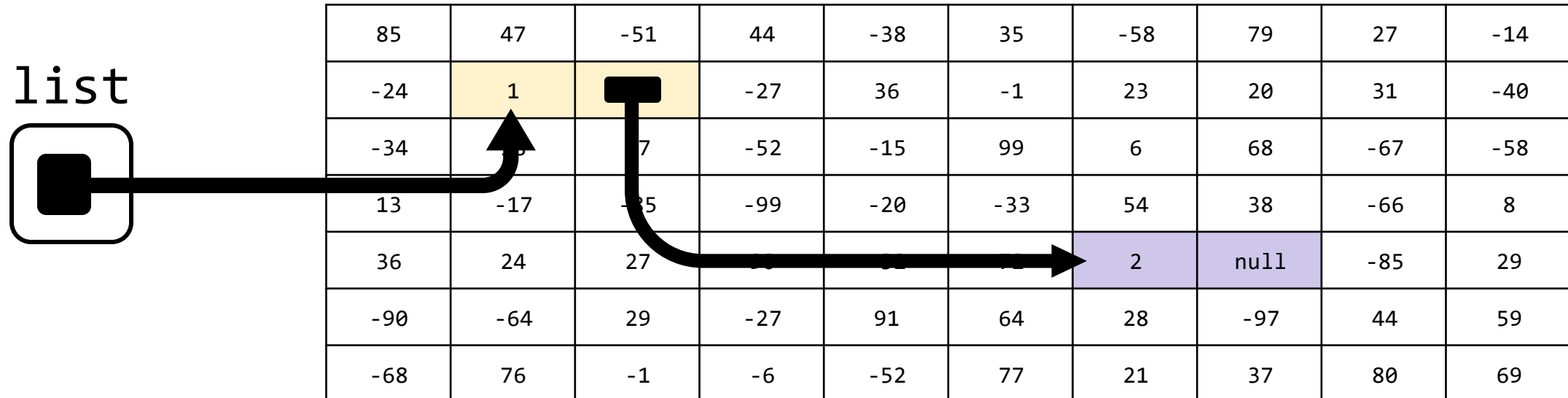
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# Contiguous vs. Non-contiguous: Summary

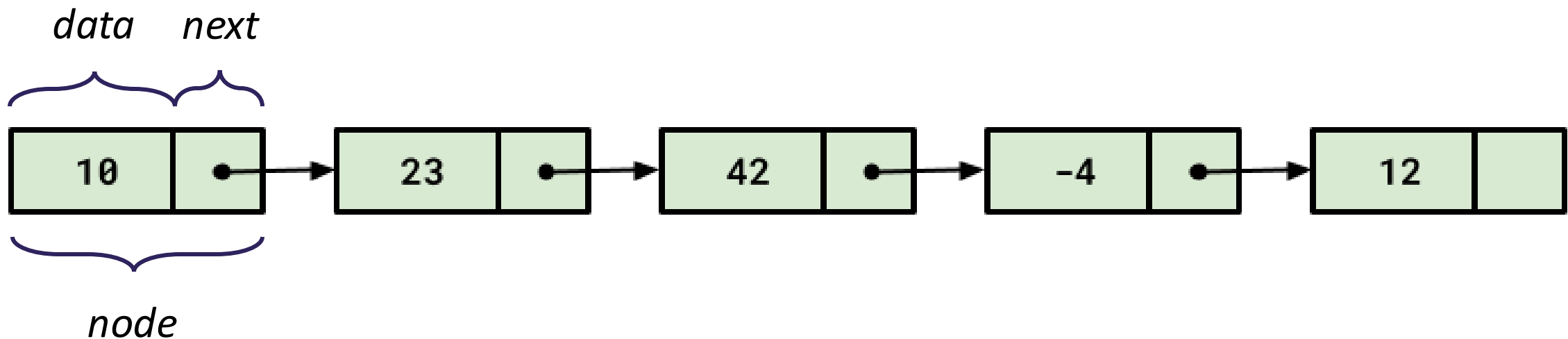
- Computer memory = one really, *really* big array.
- Contiguous memory = impossible to resize directly
  - Surrounding stuff in memory (we can't just overwrite)
  - Best we can manage is get more space and copy
- Non-contiguous memory = easy to resize
  - Just get some more memory and link it to the rest

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# Linked Nodes

- We want to chain together ints “**non-contiguously**”
- Accomplish this with nodes we link together
  - Each node stores an int (*data*) and an reference to the next node (*next*)





# Iterating over ListNodes

- General pattern iteration code will follow:

```
ListNode curr = front;  
while (curr != null) {  
    // Do something  
  
    curr = curr.next;  
}
```