

# Problem 1: LRU Cache

First. This problem asks to “*All operations must take  $O(1)$  time.*”.

To solve this problem we need to support constant time operations for **put()** and **get()**

Then I asked: what is a data structure that let's us access values in constant time? And the answer was a **Hashtable**

Then I asked: How are we going to know which of the values in the Hashmap is the least recently used? And how are we going to do operations **add()** and **remove()** quickly?

Then the answer was a **Doubly Linked List**. because if we have instant access to a known node, we can remove it in constant time because I have the references to the **previous** and **next** nodes.

## Time and Space Complexity

get --> Time  $O(1)$ , Space  $O(1)$ ,

set --> Time  $O(1)$ , Space  $O(1)$ , we can add and remove items in constant time because we have the reference to the node