

# DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS

## LECTURE 4

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- A *list* can be seen as a sequence of elements of the same type,  $\langle l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n \rangle$ , where there is an order of the elements, and each element has a *position* inside the list.
- In a list, the order of the elements is important (positions are important).
- The number of elements from a list is called the length of the list. A list without elements is called *empty*.

- A List is a container which is either *empty* or
  - it has a unique *first* element
  - it has a unique *last* element
  - for every element (except for the last) there is a unique *successor* element
  - for every element (except for the first) there is a unique *predecessor* element
- In a list, we can insert elements (using positions), remove elements (using positions), we can access the successor and predecessor of an element from a given position, we can access an element from a position.

- Every element from a list has a unique position in the list:
  - positions are relative to the list (but important for the list)
  - the position of an element:
    - identifies the element from the list
    - determines the position of the successor and predecessor element (if they exist).

- Position of an element can be seen in different ways:
  - as the *rank* of the element in the list (first, second, third, etc.)
    - similarly to an array, the position of an element is actually its index
  - as a *reference* to the memory location where the element is stored.
    - for example a pointer to the memory location
- For a general treatment, we will consider in the following the *position* of an element in an abstract manner, and we will consider that positions are of type *TPosition*

- A position  $p$  will be considered *valid* if it denotes the position of an actual element from the list:
  - if  $p$  is a pointer to a memory location,  $p$  is valid if it is the address of an element from a list (not NIL or some other address that is not the address of any element)
  - if  $p$  is the rank of the element from the list,  $p$  is valid if it is between 1 and the number of elements.
- For an invalid position we will use the following notation:  $\perp$



- Domain of the ADT List:

$\mathcal{L} = \{l \mid l \text{ is a list with elements of type TElem, each having a unique position in } l \text{ of type TPosition}\}$

- **init( $l$ )**
  - **descr:** creates a new, empty list
  - **pre:** true
  - **post:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l$  is an empty list

- **first(l)**
  - **descr:** returns the TPosition of the first element
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
  - **post:**  $first \leftarrow p \in TPosition$

$$p = \begin{cases} \text{the position of the first element from } l & \text{if } l \neq \emptyset \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **last(l)**
  - **descr:** returns the TPosition of the last element
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
  - **post:**  $last \leftarrow p \in TPosition$ 
$$p = \begin{cases} \text{the position of the last element from } l & \text{if } l \neq \emptyset \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **valid**( $l, p$ )
  - **descr:** checks whether a TPosition is valid in a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition$
  - **post:**  $valid \leftarrow \begin{cases} true & \text{if } p \text{ is a valid position in } l \\ false & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- **next**( $l, p$ )
  - **descr:** goes to the next TPosition from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, \text{valid}(l, p)$
  - **post:**

$$\text{next} \leftarrow q \in TPosition$$

$$q = \begin{cases} \text{the position of the next element after } p & \text{if } p \text{ is not the last position} \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid

- **previous**( $l, p$ )
  - **descr:** goes to the previous TPosition from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, \text{valid}(l, p)$
  - **post:**

$$\text{previous} \leftarrow q \in TPosition$$

$$q = \begin{cases} \text{the position of the element before } p & \text{if } p \text{ is not the first position} \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid

- `getElement(l, p)`
  - **descr:** returns the element from a given `TPosition`
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, \text{valid}(l, p)$
  - **post:**  $\text{getElement} \leftarrow e, e \in TElem, e = \text{the element from position } p \text{ from } l$
  - **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid



- $\text{position}(l, e)$ 
  - **descr:** returns the TPosition of an element
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**

$position \leftarrow p \in TPosition$

$$p = \begin{cases} \text{the first position of element } e \text{ from } l & \text{if } e \in l \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **setElement**( $l, p, e$ )
  - **descr:** replaces an element from a  $TPosition$  with another
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, e \in TElem, valid(l, p)$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ , the element from position  $p$  from  $l'$  is  $e$ ,  
 $setElement \leftarrow el, el \in TElem, el$  is the element from position  $p$  from  $l$  (returns the previous value from the position)
  - **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid

- `addToBeginning(l, e)`
  - **descr:** adds a new element to the beginning of a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added at the beginning of  $l$

- `addToEnd(l, e)`
  - **descr:** adds a new element to the end of a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added at the end of  $l$

- **addBeforePosition**( $l, p, e$ )
  - **descr:** inserts a new element before a given position
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, e \in TElem, \text{valid}(l, p)$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}, l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added in  $l$  before the position  $p$
  - **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid

- **addAfterPosition**( $l, p, e$ )
  - **descr:** inserts a new element after a given position
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, e \in TElem, \text{valid}(l, p)$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}, l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added in  $l$  after the position  $p$
  - **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid

- **remove**( $l, p$ )
  - **descr:** removes an element from a given position from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, p \in TPosition, \text{valid}(l, p)$
  - **post:**  $\text{remove} \leftarrow e, e \in TElem, e$  is the element from position  $p$  from  $l, l' \in \mathcal{L}, l' = l - e$ .
  - **throws:** exception if  $p$  is not valid

- **remove**( $l, e$ )
  - **descr:** removes the first occurrence of a given element from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**

$$remove \leftarrow \begin{cases} true & \text{if } e \in l \text{ and it was removed} \\ false & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- $\text{search}(l, e)$ 
  - **descr:** searches for an element in the list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**

$$\text{search} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } e \in l \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\text{isEmpty}(l)$ 
  - **descr:** checks if a list is empty
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
  - **post:**

$$\text{isEmpty} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } l = \emptyset \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **size(l)**
  - **descr:** returns the number of elements from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
  - **post:**  $size \leftarrow$  the number of elements from  $l$

- `destroy(l)`
  - **descr:** destroys a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
  - **post:**  $l$  was destroyed

- **iterator**( $l$ ,  $it$ )
  - **descr:** returns an iterator for a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
  - **post:**  $it \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $it$  is an iterator over  $l$ , the current element from  $it$  is the first element from  $l$ , or, if  $l$  is empty,  $it$  is invalid

# TPosition - Integer

- In Python and Java, TPosition is represented by an index.
- We can add and remove using index and we can access elements using their index (but we have iterator as well for the List).
- For example (Python):  
insert (int index, E object)  
index (E object)
  - Returns an integer value, position of the element (or exception if *object* is not in the list)
- For example (Java):  
void add(int index, E element)  
E get(int index)  
E remove(int index)
  - Returns the removed element

- If we consider that TPosition is an Integer value (similar to Python and Java), we can have an *IndexedList*
- In case of an *IndexedList* the operations that work with a position take as parameter integer numbers representing these positions
- There are less operations in the interface of the *IndexedList*
  - Operations *first*, *last*, *next*, *previous*, *valid* do not exist

- **init( $l$ )**
  - **descr:** creates a new, empty list
  - **pre:** true
  - **post:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l$  is an empty list



- `getElement(l, i)`
  - **descr:** returns the element from a given position
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, i \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $i$  is a valid position
  - **post:**  $getElement \leftarrow e, e \in TElem, e = \text{the element from position } i \text{ from } l$
  - **throws:** exception if  $i$  is not valid

- **position**( $l, e$ )
  - **descr:** returns the position of an element
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**

$$position \leftarrow i \in \mathcal{N}$$

$$i = \begin{cases} \text{the first position of element } e \text{ from } l & \text{if } e \in l \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- `setElement(l, i, e)`
  - **descr:** replaces an element from a position with another
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, i \in \mathcal{N}, e \in TElem, i$  is a valid position
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ , the element from position  $i$  from  $l'$  is  $e$ ,  
 $setElement \leftarrow el, el \in TElem, el$  is the element from position  $i$  from  $l$  (returns the previous value from the position)
  - **throws:** exception if  $i$  is not valid

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  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added at the beginning of  $l$

- **addToEnd( $l, e$ )**
  - **descr:** adds a new element to the end of a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added at the end of  $l$

- `addToPosition(l, i, e)`
  - **descr:** inserts a new element at a given position (it is the same as *addBeforePosition*)
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, i \in \mathcal{N}, e \in TElem, i$  is a valid position (size + 1 is valid for adding an element)
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}, l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added in  $l$  at the position  $i$
  - **throws:** exception if  $i$  is not valid

- **remove**( $l, i$ )
  - **descr:** removes an element from a given position from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, i \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $i$  is a valid position
  - **post:**  $remove \leftarrow e, e \in TElem$ ,  $e$  is the element from position  $i$  from  $l$ ,  $l' \in \mathcal{L}, l' = l - e$ .
  - **throws:** exception if  $i$  is not valid

- `remove(l, e)`
  - **descr:** removes the first occurrence of a given element from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**

$$remove \leftarrow \begin{cases} true & \text{if } e \in l \text{ and it was removed} \\ false & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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  - **descr:** searches for an element in the list
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- `isEmpty()`
  - **descr:** checks if a list is empty
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- In STL (C++), TPosition is represented by an iterator.

- For example - vector:

iterator insert(iterator position, const value\_type& val)

- Returns an iterator which points to the newly inserted element

iterator erase (iterator position);

- Returns an iterator which points to the element after the removed one

- For example - list:

iterator insert(iterator position, const value\_type& val)

iterator erase (iterator position);

- If we consider that TPosition is an Iterator (similar to C++) we can have an *IteratedList*.
- In case of an *IteratedList* the operations that take as parameter a position use an Iterator (and the position is the current element from the Iterator)
- Operations *valid*, *next*, *previous* no longer exist in the interface of the List (they are operations for the Iterator).

- **init()**
  - **descr:** creates a new, empty list
  - **pre:** true
  - **post:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l$  is an empty list



- **first(l)**

- **descr:** returns an Iterator set to the first element
- **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$
- **post:**  $first \leftarrow it \in Iterator$

$$it = \begin{cases} \text{an iterator set to the first element} & \text{if } l \neq \emptyset \\ \text{an invalid iterator} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\text{last}(l)$

- **descr:** returns an Iterator set to the last element

- **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$

- **post:**  $\text{last} \leftarrow it \in \text{Iterator}$

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- `getElement(l, it)`
  - **descr:** returns the element from the position denoted by an iterator
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, it \in \text{Iterator}, \text{valid}(it)$
  - **post:**  $\text{getElement} \leftarrow e, e \in \text{TElem}, e = \text{the element from } l \text{ from the current position}$
  - **throws:** exception if  $it$  is not valid

- **position**( $l, e$ )
  - **descr:** returns an iterator set to the first position of an element
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**

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- `addToEnd(l, e)`
  - **descr:** inserts a new element at the end of a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}, e \in TElem$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added at the end of  $l$

- **addToPosition**( $l$ ,  $it$ ,  $e$ )
  - **descr:** inserts a new element at a given position specified by the iterator (it is the same as *addAfterPosition*)
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $it \in \text{Iterator}$ ,  $e \in \text{TElem}$ ,  $\text{valid}(it)$
  - **post:**  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l'$  is the result after the element  $e$  was added in  $l$  at the position specified by  $it$
  - **throws:** exception if  $it$  is not valid



- **remove**( $l$ ,  $it$ )
  - **descr:** removes an element from a given position specified by the iterator from a list
  - **pre:**  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $it \in \text{Iterator}$ ,  $\text{valid}(it)$
  - **post:**  $\text{remove} \leftarrow e$ ,  $e \in \text{TElem}$ ,  $e$  is the element from the position from  $l$  denoted by  $it$ ,  $l' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $l' = l - e$ .
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  - **post:**  $l$  was destroyed

# ADT SortedList

- We can define the ADT *SortedList*, in which the elements are memorized in an order given by a relation.
- You have below the list of operations for ADT *List*
  - `init(l)`
  - `first(l)`
  - `last(l)`
  - `valid(l, p)`
  - `next(l, p)`
  - `previous(l, p)`
  - `getElement(l, p)`
  - `position(l, e)`
  - `setElement(l, p, e)`
  - `addToBeginning(l, e)`
  - `addToEnd(l, e)`
  - `addPosition(l, p, e)`
  - `remove(l, p)`
  - `remove(l, e)`
  - `search(l, e)`
  - `isEmpty(l)`
  - `size(l)`
  - `destroy(l)`
  - `iterator(l, it)`
- Which operations do no longer exist for a *SortedList*? What operations should be added? Should we change the parameters of some operations?

- The interface of the ADT *SortedList* is very similar to that of the ADT *List* with some exceptions:
  - The *init* function takes as parameter a relation that is going to be used to order the elements
  - We no longer have several *add* operations (*addToBeginning*, *addToEnd*, *addToPostion*), we have one single *add* operation, which takes as parameter only the element to be added (and adds it to the position where it should go based on the relation)
  - We no longer have a *setElement* operation (might violate ordering)
- We can consider *TPosition* in two different ways for a *SortedList* as well  $\Rightarrow$  *SortedIndexedList* and *SortedIteratedList*



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- This gives us the main disadvantage of the array as well:
  - $\Theta(n)$  complexity for operations (add, remove) at the beginning of the array

# Linked Lists

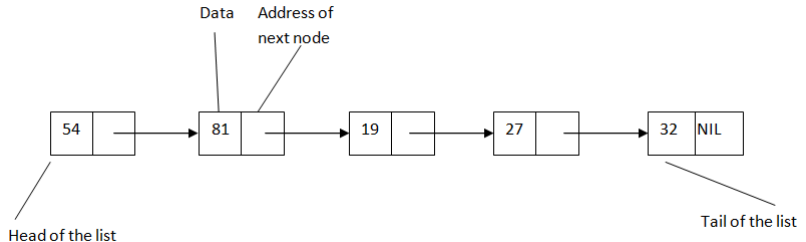
- A *linked list* is a linear data structure, where the order of the elements is determined not by indexes, but by a pointer which is placed in each element.
- A linked list is a structure that consists of *nodes* (sometimes called *links*) and each node contains, besides the data (that we store in the linked list), a pointer to the address of the next node (and possibly a pointer to the address of the previous node).
- The nodes of a linked list are not necessarily adjacent in the memory, this is why we need to keep the address of the successor in each node.

# Linked Lists

- Elements from a linked list are accessed based on the pointers stored in the nodes.
- We can directly access only the first element (and maybe the last one) of the list.

# Linked Lists

- Example of a linked list with 5 nodes:



# Singly Linked Lists - SLL

- The linked list from the previous slide is actually a *singly linked list* - *SLL*.
- In a SLL each node from the list contains the data and the address of the next node.
- The first node of the list is called *head* of the list and the last node is called *tail* of the list.
- The tail of the list contains the special value *NIL* as the address of the next node (which does not exist).
- If the head of the SLL is *NIL*, the list is considered empty.

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## SLL:

head:  $\uparrow$  SLLNode *//address of the first node*

- Usually, for a SLL, we only memorize the address of the head. However, there might be situations when we memorize the address of the tail as well (if the application requires it).

# Singly Linked List - Example

```
Head of list: 7265856
Address of node: 7265856
Information from node: 1
Address of next: 7266360
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Address of node: 7266360
Information from node: 2
Address of next: 7266248
-----
Address of node: 7266248
Information from node: 3
Address of next: 7266192
-----
Address of node: 7266192
Information from node: 4
Address of next: 7266528
-----
Address of node: 7266528
Information from node: 5
Address of next: 0
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```

- We can observe that there is no relation between the address of consecutive nodes
- We could not guess/compute the address of the next node

- Possible operations for a singly linked list:
  - search for an element with a given value
  - add an element (to the beginning, to the end, to a given position, after a given value)
  - delete an element (from the beginning, from the end, from a given position, with a given value)
  - get an element from a position
- These are *possible* operations; usually we need only part of them, depending on the container that we implement using a SLL.

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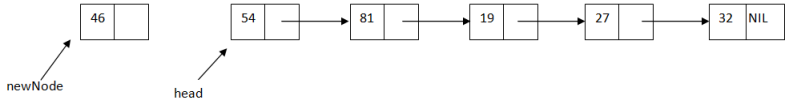
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- Complexity:  $O(n)$  - we can find the element in the first node, or we may need to verify every node.

# SLL - Walking through a linked list

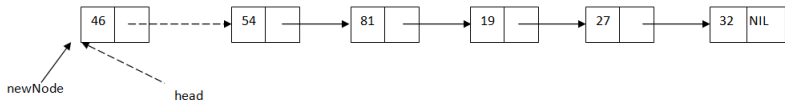
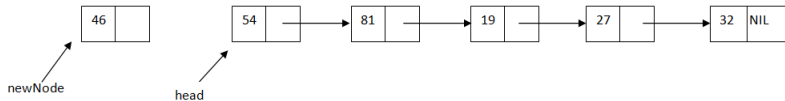
- In the *search* function we have seen how we can walk through the elements of a linked list:
  - we need an auxiliary node (called *current*), which starts at the head of the list
  - at each step, the value of the *current* node becomes the address of the successor node (through the  $current \leftarrow [current].next$  instruction)
  - we stop when the current node becomes *NIL*

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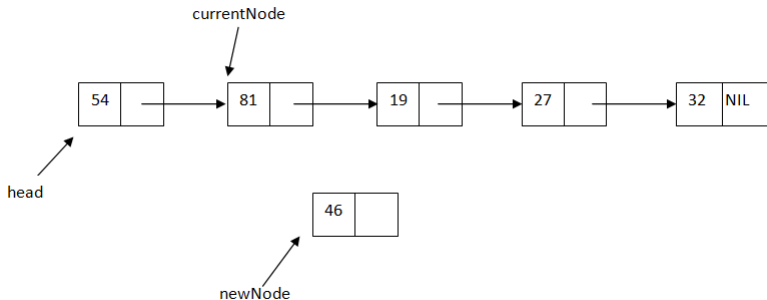
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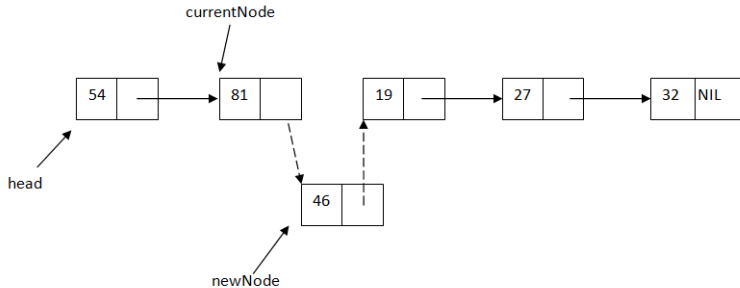
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# SLL - Insert after a node

- Suppose that we have the address of a node from the SLL and we want to insert a new element after that node.



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**subalgorithm** insertAfter(sll, currentNode, elem) **is:**

*//pre: sll is a SLL; currentNode is an SLLNode from sll;*

*//elem is a TElem*

*//post: a node with elem will be inserted after node currentNode*

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# Insert before a node

- Think about the following case: if you have a node, how can you insert an element in front of the node?

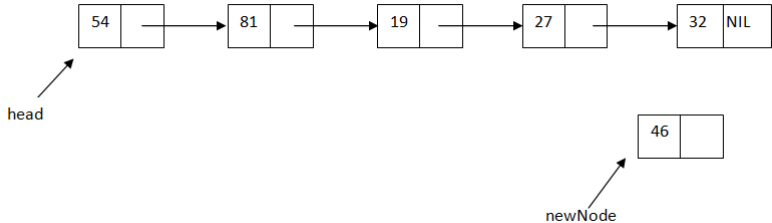


# SLL - Insert at a position

- We usually do not have the node after which we want to insert an element: we either know the position to which we want to insert, or know the element (not the node) after which we want to insert an element.
- Suppose we want to insert a new element at integer position  $p$  (after insertion the new element will be at position  $p$ ). Since we only have access to the *head* of the list we first need to find the position *after* which we insert the element.

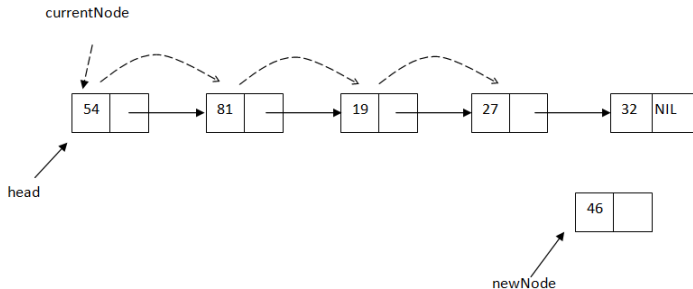
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- We want to insert element 46 at position 5.



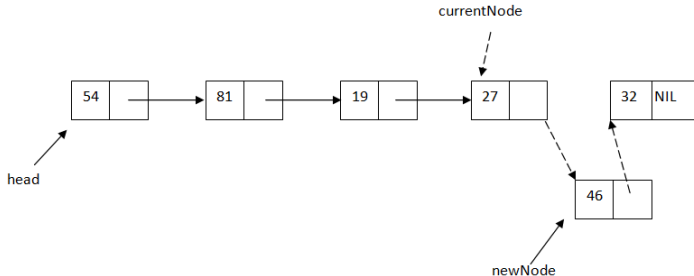
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- We need the 4<sup>th</sup> node (to insert element 46 after it), but we have direct access only to the first one, so we have to take an auxiliary node (*currentNode*) to get to the position.



# SLL - Insert at a position

- Now we insert after node *currentNode*



# SLL - Insert at a position

**subalgorithm** insertPosition(sll, pos, elem) **is:**

*//pre: sll is a SLL; pos is an integer number; elem is a TElem*

*//post: a node with TElem will be inserted at position pos*

**if** pos < 1 **then**

    @error, invalid position

**else if** pos = 1 **then** *//we want to insert at the beginning*

    newNode ← allocate() *//allocate a new SLLNode*

    [newNode].info ← elem

    [newNode].next ← sll.head

    sll.head ← newNode

**else**

    currentNode ← sll.head

    currentPos ← 1

**while** currentPos < pos - 1 **and** currentNode ≠ NIL **execute**

        currentNode ← [currentNode].next

        currentPos ← currentPos + 1

**end-while**

*//continued on the next slide...*

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    [newNode].info  $\leftarrow$  elem
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# Get element from a given position

- Since we only have access to the head of the list, if we want to get an element from a position  $p$  we have to go through the list, node-by-node until we get to the  $p^{th}$  node.
- The process is similar to the first part of the *insertPosition* subalgorithm



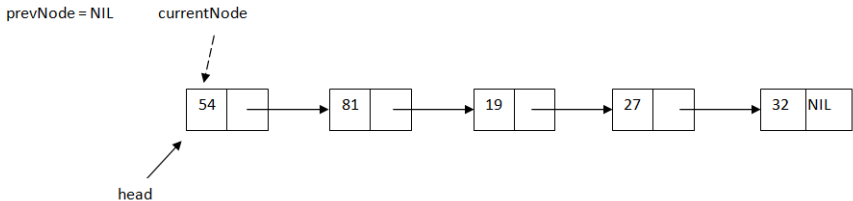
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- When we want to delete a node from the middle of the list (either a node with a given element, or a node from a position), we need to find the node *before* the one we want to delete.
- The simplest way to do this, is to walk through the list using two pointers: *currentNode* and *prevNode* (the node before *currentNode*). We will stop when *currentNode* points to the node we want to delete.

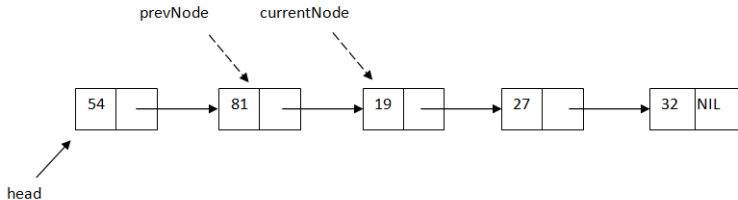
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- Suppose we want to delete the node with information 19.



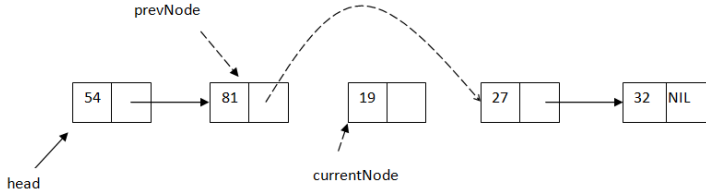
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- Move with the two pointers until *currentNode* is the node we want to delete.



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- Delete *currentNode* by *jumping over it*



# SLL - Delete a given element

**function** deleteElement(sll, elem) **is:**

*//pre: sll is a SLL, elem is a TElem*

*//post: the node with elem is removed from sll and returned*

currentNode  $\leftarrow$  sll.head

prevNode  $\leftarrow$  NIL

**while** currentNode  $\neq$  NIL **and** [currentNode].info  $\neq$  elem **execute**

prevNode  $\leftarrow$  currentNode

currentNode  $\leftarrow$  [currentNode].next

**end-while**

**if** currentNode  $\neq$  NIL **AND** prevNode = NIL **then** *//we delete the head*

sll.head  $\leftarrow$  [sll.head].next

**else if** currentNode  $\neq$  NIL **then**

[prevNode].next  $\leftarrow$  [currentNode].next

[currentNode].next  $\leftarrow$  NIL

**end-if**

deleteElement  $\leftarrow$  currentNode

**end-function**

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