

Lists, Stacks, and Queues (I)

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Module #2: Lists, Stacks, and Queues (part I)

Outline:

- The List ADT.
- Array implementation of a List.
- Linked-List implementation of a List.
- Complexity analysis:
 - Array vs Linked List implementation.

Abstract Data Type (ADT)



- **Definition:** ADT is a set of objects together with a set of operations.
- **Important points:**
 - Nowhere in an ADT's definition is there any mention of how the set of operations is implemented.
 - Objects such as lists, sets, and graphs are **ADT**, just as integers, reals, and booleans are **data types**.
 - For the set ADT we might have such operations as **add**, **remove**, and **contains**. Alternatively, we might only want the two operations **union** and **find**.

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The List ADT. Definition



- **List** - linear sequence of an arbitrary number of items of the form $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{N-1}$
- **Important points:**
 - The size of this list is N .
 - Empty list - special list of size 0.
 - For any list (except the empty list)
 - A_i follows (or succeeds) A_{i-1} ($i < N$)
 - A_{i-1} precedes A_i ($i > 0$).
 - The position of element A_i in a list is i .

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The List ADT. Some Operations



- ***printList***,
- ***makeEmpty***,
- ***find*** - returns the position of the first occurrence of an item;
- ***insert*** and ***remove*** - generally insert and remove some element from some position in the list;
- ***findKth*** returns the element in some position (specified as an argument).
- **Example:** L = (34, 12, 52, 16, 12)
 - *find*(52) = 2
 - *insert*(27, 2) returns L = (34, 12, 27, 52, 16, 12)
 - *remove*(52) returns L = (34, 12, 27, 16, 12)
 - *findKth*(3) = 16

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The List ADT. Simple Array implementation



- We can implement a **List ADT** using an array.
- The most serious problem with using an array - to estimate the maximum size of the list.
- This estimate is not needed in Java, or any modern programming language.
- Example code fragment:
 - (1) Classical version (**re-define array**):

```
int[] arr = new int[10];
...
// Later on we decide arr needs to be larger.
int[] newArr = new int[ arr.length * 2 ];
for( int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++ )
    newArr[ i ] = arr[ i ];
arr = newArr;
```

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The List ADT. Simple Array implementation



- Example code fragment (cont...):

(2) After **Java 1.5** (using an **ArrayList**):

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
// ArrayLists expand automatically when needed

...

public void doit()
{
    ArrayList<String> mylist = new ArrayList<String>();
    mylist.add("aaa");
    int size = mylist.size();
    System.out.println("Array size= " + size + ", First element = " +
        mylist.get(0))
}
...
```

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The List ADT. Complexity of Operations



- Using Array implementation!
 - *printList* is $O(N)$
 - *find* is $O(N)$ (worst case)
 - *findKth* is $O(1)$
 - *insert* and *remove* – $O(N)$ (worst case)



If **insertions** and **deletions** occur over the whole list, and in particular, at the front of the list, then the **array implementation** is not a good option.

Alternative - **Linked List!**

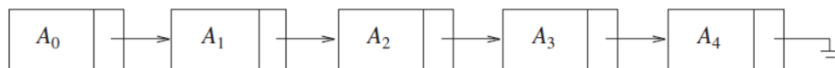


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The Linked List. Definition



- **Linked List** - consists of a collection of **nodes**, which are not necessarily adjacent in memory.
- Each **node** contains the element (or data) and a link to a node containing its successor (next link). The last cell's next link references null.



■ Important points:

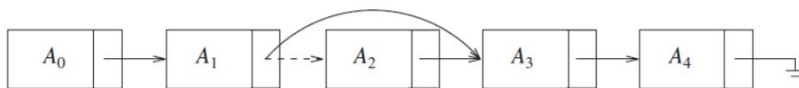
- **printList** or **find(x)** is $O(M)$ (start at the first node in the list and then traverse the list by following the next links);
- **findKth** - is no longer quite as efficient as an array implementation;
- **findKth(i)** takes " $O(i)$ " time and works by traversing down the list in the obvious manner.

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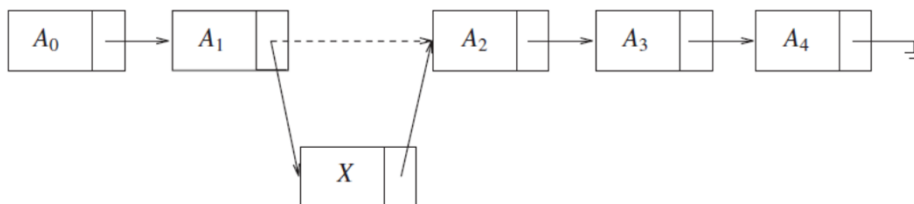
The Linked List. Remove & Insert



- The **remove** method can be executed in one next reference change.



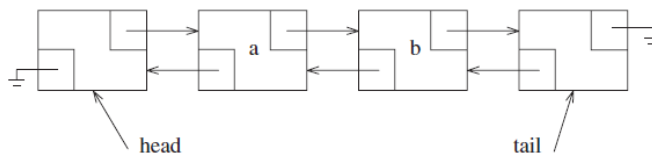
- The **insert** method requires obtaining a new node from the system by using a new call and then executing two reference movements.



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The Linked List. Special cases.

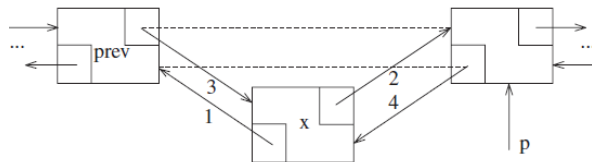
- Add to the front or Remove the first item - $O(1)$ time if a link to the front of the linked list is kept.
- Add at the end - $O(1)$ time if we maintain a link to the last node.
- Removing the last item is more complicated.
 - Solution: For every node maintains a link to its previous node in the list too. This is a **doubly linked list**.



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Insertion in a Doubly Linked List

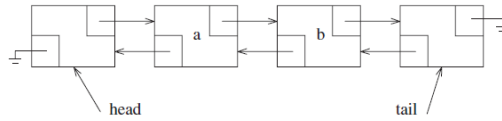
- add before: How a new node containing **x** is spliced in between a node referenced by **p** and **p.prev**



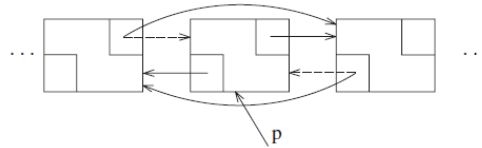
```
Node newNode = new Node( x, p.prev, p );  
p.prev.next = newNode;  
p.prev = newNode;
```

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Removing in a Doubly Linked List



- The logic of removing a node from a doubly linked list



```
p.prev.next = p.next;  
p.next.prev = p.prev;
```

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