

Arrays disadvantages

① size is fixed, if array is full and a new array to be created when inserting a new element, time complexity for that operation becomes $O(n)$.

② Insertion at the beginning and middle is costly

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
arr =	20	10	8	4	6	2	9

Insert(3) at 3rd index.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
arr =	20	10	8	4	3	6	2	9

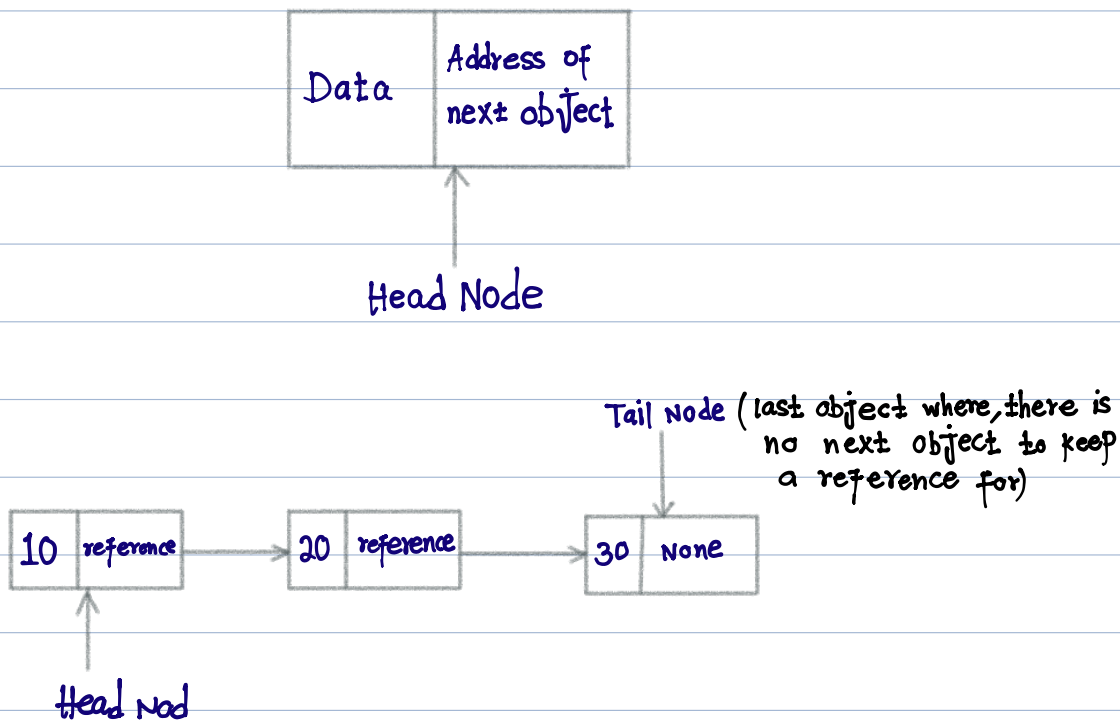
It can be observed that inserting one element in the middle shifts all elements after it by one index towards the right side.

③ Implementation of queue & deque data structures are difficult with arrays.

Linked List

a linear data structure where, every object keep a reference the next object in the memory, those objects can be in completely different locations in memory.

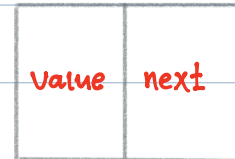
There is a special node called the head node, where the reference to 1st node is kept, once head node is found, whole linked list can be traversed



Node: It can be represented using class in python, it has two fields, data field where the actual data is stored and an Address field where the reference to next node is stored

class Node:

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def __init__(self, value):  
    self.data = value  
    self.next = None
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head = Node(10)



node1 = Node(20)

tail = Node(30)

head.next = node1



node.next = tail



tail.next = None

