# **Linear Structures**



## Agenda

- 1. Arrays
- 2. Linked Lists
- 3. Queues
- 4. Stacks
- 5. Applications





## **Array**

- Arrays are objects of a "built-in" class in Java, which can be used to store a fixed number of elements of the same type.
- There are other types of "arrays" implemented in packages
- Elements in an array can be accessed via indices, ranging from 0 to (array.length – 1).

## **Array**

In Java - an array is formed via 3 steps: declare, create, and initialise.

```
// declare -> no memory allocation at this point
int[] a;
// create -> allocate memory
a = new int[5];
// initialize; only assign one element at a time
a[0] = 1;
...
// another way: int[] a = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

## **Array**

- Without initialisation, array elements are set to default values
  - 0 for numeric data types
  - \u0000 for char types
  - false for Boolean types
- If you want to change the number of elements in an array, the only way is to create a new array then clone the data to the new array

You can use a multi-dimensional array to store a matrix or a table (first brackets are rows; second brackets are columns)

 Elemental arrays can have different lengths, but must be of the same type.

Similarly, n-dimensional arrays can be created:

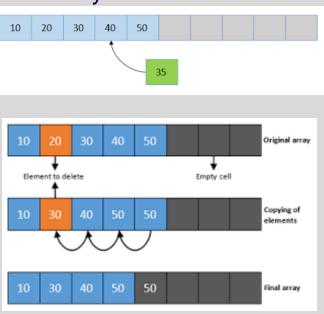
```
// create integer array of size 2*3*4
int[][][] a = new [2][3][4];
// rows = 2, columns = 3, cells = 4
```

{0,0,0,0}	{0,0,0,1}	{0,0,1,0}
{0,1,0,0}	{1,0,0,0}	{1,1,1,1}

```
// create integer array of size 2*3*4
int[][][] a = {
                    \{\{0,0,0,0,0\}, \{0,0,0,1\}, \{0,0,1,0\}\},\
                    \{\{0,1,0,0\}, \{1,0,0,0\}, \{1,1,1,1\}\}
 \{0,0,0,0\} \mid \{0,0,0,1\} \mid \{0,0,1,0\}
 \{0,1,0,0\} \mid \{1,0,0,0\} \mid \{1,1,1,1\}
// 1<sup>st</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> column, 1<sup>st</sup> element
a[0][1][0] = 0;
```

### **Issues with Arrays**

- Need to pre-define the maximum size a lot of wasted space
  - Some languages do have the concept of dynamic arrays
- How do we add or delete items....
  - Adding can easily add new item to the end of the array - but if the array is sorted we need to shift all the items to the right
  - Deleting we need to shift all the items to the left or have to manage sparse arrays
- Question where do we have to manage sparse arrays?



# **Array – Time & Space Complexity**

ARRAY	Average	Worst
Access	O(1)	O(1)
Search	O(n)	O(n)
Insertion	O(n)	O(n)
Deletion	O(n)	O(n)
Space	O(n)	O(n)

## **Array – Performance Analysis**

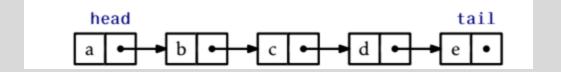
- Strengths
  - Convenient for storing and processing a collection of data
  - Randomly access in constant time
- Weaknesses:
  - o Fixed size → have to determine array size upfront
  - Inserting or removing elements are costly
- We need another data structure that
  - Is faster to insert/remove
  - Can be expanded/shrunk easily

# **Singly Linked Lists**



#### **Linked List**

- Linked list is a sequence of nodes; each node has connection(s) to the node(s) next to it.
- What is a node? Think about a cabin in a train
  - Space to contain data (the cabin)
  - Reference(s) to the next node(s) (the hooks)
- Add/insert/remove elements → just update the hooks



#### **Linked List**

The first node in the sequence is the head, the last node in the sequence is the tail.

A Node is used to wrap both the data and the pointer to the

next Node.

A List is a collection of Node.

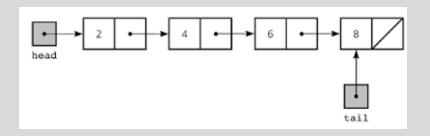
```
T data;
Node<T> next;

public Node(T data) {
   this.data = data;
   this.next = null;
}
```

static class Node<T> {

## SLL – Simple Implementation

```
public class LinkedList<T> implements List<T> {
  private int size;
  private Node<T> pointer;
  private Node<T> head;
  public LinkedList() {
    size = 0;
   head = null:
    pointer = null;
 @Override
  public int size() {
    return size;
```



- The size attribute stores the number of elements in a list.
- The pointer attribute is used to iterate through the list elements.

#### SLL – Insert

Insert at the head

```
private boolean insertAtHead(T value) {

   Node<T> n = new Node<T>(value);
   n.next = head;
   head = n;
   size++;
   return true;
}
```

Insert at any location

```
@Override
public boolean insertAt(int index, T value) {
  if (index > size) {
    return false;
 if (index == 0) {
    return insertAtHead(value);
  Node<T> current = head;
  Node<T> previous = null;
 while (index > 0) {
    previous = current;
    current = current.next;
    index--;
  Node<T> node = new Node<T>(value);
  node.next = current;
 previous.next = node;
  size++;
  return true;
```

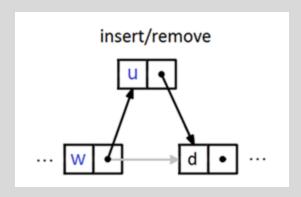
#### SLL – Insert Before/After a Node

Insert before/after a Node

```
@Override
public boolean insertBefore(T searchValue, T value) {
  if (head == null) {
    return false;
  if (head.data.equals(searchValue)) {
    return insertAtHead(value);
  Node<T> current = head;
  Node<T> previous = null;
 while (current != null) {
    if (current.data.equals(searchValue)) {
     Node<T> node = new Node<T>(value);
     node.next = current;
     previous.next = node;
     size++;
     return true;
   previous = current;
    current = current.next;
  return false;
```

```
@Override
public boolean insertAfter(T searchValue, T value) {
 if (head == null) {
   return false;
 Node<T> current = head;
 Node<T> previous = null;
 while (current != null) {
   if (current.data.equals(searchValue)) {
     previous = current;
      current = current.next;
     Node<T> node = new Node<T>(value);
     node.next = current;
      previous.next = node;
      size++;
      return true;
    previous = current;
    current = current.next;
 return false;
```

#### SLL – Remove ith Node



```
private boolean removeAtHead() {
    if (head == null) {
        return false;
    }
    head = head.next;
    size--;
    return true;
}
```

```
@Override
public boolean removeAt(int index) {
  if (index >= size) {
    return false;
  if (index == 0) {
    return removeAtHead();
  Node<T> current = head;
  while (--index > 0) {
    current = current.next;
  current.next = current.next.next;
  size--;
  return true;
```

#### SSL – Search

• Find  $i^{th}$  node: starting from head node, then traverse the list to reach the node of interest  $\rightarrow$  it is O(n).

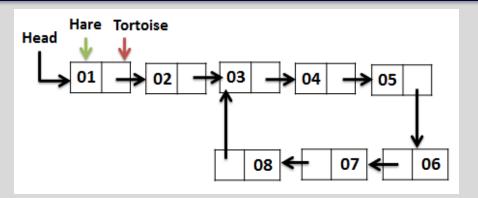
```
@Override
public T get(int index) {
  if (index >= size) {
    return null;
  Node\langle T \rangle p = head;
  while (index > 0) {
    p = p.next;
    index--;
  return p.data;
```

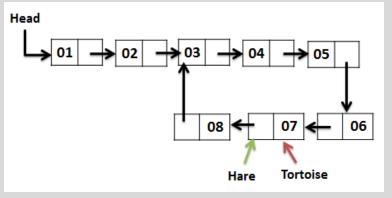
Cannot traverse in backward direction

## Discussion - Using a Linked List

- How do you delete an element? What complexities do we need to address?
- How do you find an element in the list? What issues do we need to address?
- How do you find the last element in the list?
- How do you find the 3<sup>rd</sup> element from the end of a linked list?
- How would you find a loop in a linked list?

## Floyd's Algorithm





#### **Complexity:**

Time Complexity: O(n)

Space

Complexity: O(1)

The pattern of Hare and Tortoise movements are shown below.

Hare	Tortoise
1	1
3	2
5	3
7	4
3	5
5	6
7	7

#### Floyd's Cycle Detection Algorithm

#### Aka as the "Tortoise and Hare Algorithm"

- 1. Start Tortoise and Hare at the first node of the List
- 2. If Hare reaches end of the List, return as there is no loop in the list
- Else move Hare one step forward
- 4. If Hare reaches end of the List, return as there is no loop in the list
- 5. Else move Hare and Tortoise one step forward
- 6. If Hare and Tortoise point to same Node return, found loop in the List
- 7. Else start with STEP 2

#### How would you solve these?

- Print every second entry in a linked list
- Print/delete the middle element of a linked list
- Removing the duplicates in a linked list?
- How do you swap every two nodes in a linked list without moving the data: For example 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 becomes 2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 5

Note: you can use only arrays/linked lists to solve above tasks

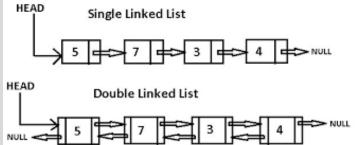
# **Doubly Linked Lists**



## **Doubly Linked List (DLL)**

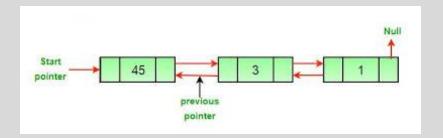
DLL is very similar to SLL, however each node in DLL (except head and tail) has references to **both** the node follows it and the node precedes it.

```
class DNode {
    // data of generic type T
    T x;
    // reference to adjacent DNodes
    DNode prev, next;
}
```



### **Doubly Linked List (DLL)**

In DLL, head.prev and tail.next are null



 Alternatively, a dummy node may be created to be referenced from and to the tail and the head respectively

### **DLL – Simple Implementation**

```
// Implement the Node class
public class Node {
    int data;
    Node prev, next;
    public Node(int value) {
       data = value;
       prev = null;
       next = null;
```

```
(Node) (Node) next (int) data
```

### **DLL – Simple Implementation**

```
// Implement the Doubly Linked List class
public class DLL {
   Node head, tail;
    int length;
    public DLL(int value) { // create a list of 1 node
       head = new Node(value);
       tail = head;
       length = 1;
```

### **DLL Append and Print**

```
public void appendNode(Node aNode) {
   tail.next = aNode; // at the end of the list
   aNode.prev = tail;
   tail = tail.next;
   length += 1;
                             // keep track of size
public void printList() {
   Node cur = head;
   while (cur != null) {
       System.out.println(cur.data);
       current = cur.next; // traverse the list
```

#### DLL - Search

- Starting either from head node or tail node, then traverse the list to reach the node of interest
- 0(1 + min{i, n i}) to reach i<sup>th</sup> node (twice faster than in SLL)
- However, how you know from which end to start??

#### DLL - Search

```
Node getNode(int i) {
   Node p = null;
   if (i < n / 2) {
       p = head;
       for (int j = 0; j < i; j++)
           p = p.next;
   } else {
       p = tail;
       for (int j = n-1; j > i; j--)
           p = p.prev;
   return p;
```

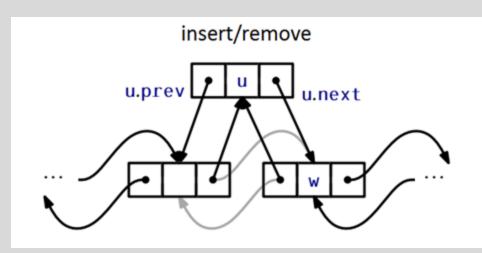
Does that mean DLL is better than SLL?

 → There are twice number of references to handle.

Get and set value of i<sup>th</sup> node: similar to SLL

#### DLL – Insert before node w

```
Node addBefore(Node w, T data) {
   Node u = new Node();
   u.data = data;
   u.prev = w.prev;
   u.next = w;
   u.next.prev = u;
   u.prev.next = u;
   length++;
   return u;
```



# LL – Time & Space Complexity

Linked List	Average SLL / DLL	Worst SLL / DLL
Access	O(n) / O(n)	O(n) / O(n)
Search	O(n) / O(n)	O(n) / O(n)
Insertion	O(1) / O(1)	O(1) / O(1)
Deletion	O(1) / O(1)	O(1) / O(1)
Space		O(n) / O(n)

#### **Sorted vs Unsorted Lists**

- Searching an unsorted list
  - Compare the search item with the current node in the list. If the info is the same stop the search; otherwise, make the next node the current node
  - Repeat until either the item is found or no more data is left in the list
- Searching a sorted list
  - Compare the search item with the current node in the list. If the info of current node is greater or equal than the search item, stop; otherwise, make the next node the current node
  - Repeat until either an item in the list that is greater than or equal to the search item is found - or no more data is left in the list
- What is the complexity of each approach?

#### **Linked List Discussion**

- Searching sorted and unsorted lists is O(n) but, on average, sorting lists are twice as fast.
- Inserting into unsorted lists is O(1) and to sorted lists is O(n).
- LL are more complex to implement and use than an array....
- Not all data collections are sequential: collection of books, structure of a company, etc.
- No specific logic on the sequence of the items in the list
- A big part of node is not used to store data
- O(n) complexity limits to find and retrieve limits their usefulness

#### **Comparing Arrays vs List**

- Arrays easy to use, but have fixed size linked lists are variable size
- Next Item in an array is implied. Next item in linked list is explicit
- Array based implementations requires less memory per item
- Array items accessed directly and have equal access time O(1). One must traverse a linked list for i<sup>th</sup> item – access time varies - O(n).
- Static array-based implementations are good for small number of items.
   Linked lists are best when the number of items can be large
- Using dynamically allocated arrays will waste storage and time. Link based implementations are exactly as long as the number of items

# **Special Lists**



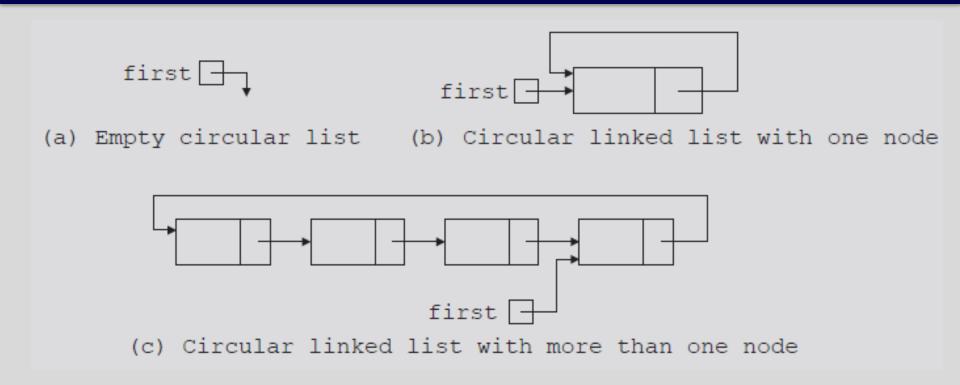
#### **Array-based List**

- Depend on the application, either the constant time access or the changeable size gets favour
- If access time is more important, a list can be built on a array
- Array indices play role of references
- An array larger than the list size is normally used to reserve some space
- If the list size grows exceeded array size, then new array is created and data is transfer.

#### **Circular List**

- In both SLL and DLL, we have to keep track of head and tail references.
- Mistakes in updating these two references may result in data lost or program failure
- One way to avoid these reference issues is to use a circular DLL.
- In this structure, the tail and head are connected to each other to make a circle, and a dummy node (contains no data) is used as a starting point of the list.

#### **Circular List**

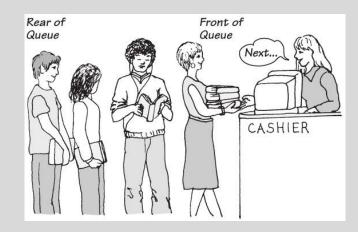


# Queues

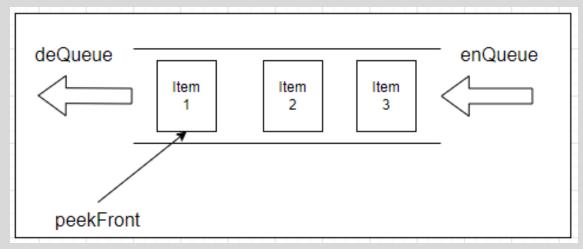


#### The Queue ADT

- A queue is like a line of people FIFO (First in, first out)
  - New items enter at the back (rear) of the queue
  - Items leave the queue from the front
- Example
  - Teller at a bank or cashier in a supermarket
- Queue operations include:
  - Test whether a queue is empty
  - Add new entry to back of queue
  - Remove entry at front of queue
  - Read entry at front of queue



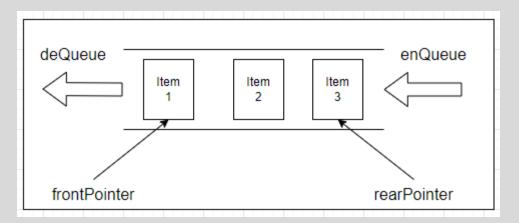
## **Queue Operations**



- enQueue
- deQueue
- peekFront

#### **Queue Implementation**

Using an array as the underlying data structure



- Create an array arr of size N (the maximum number of elements in the queue)
- Maintain two pointers: front and rear

#### **Array–Based Queue Implementation - 1**

- front is always zero
- enQueue
  - o arr[rear] = newElement
  - o rear++
- deQueue
  - o rear--
  - for i is from 0 to (rear 1) // shift all elements to the left
    - arr[i] = arr[i+1]
- peekFront
  - return arr[0]
- The complexities of enQueue, deQueue, peekFront operations?

#### Array-Based Queue Implementation - 2

- Use both front and rear
- enQueue
  - o arr[rear] = newElement
  - rear = (rear + 1) % N
- deQueue
  - front = (front + 1) % N
- peekFront
  - return arr[front]
- How to check if a queue is full or empty?
- What are the complexities in this case?

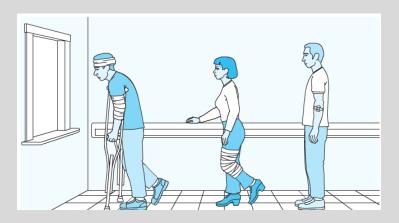
#### List-Based Queue Implementation

- Use a linked list instead of an array
- Change from front to head and rear to tail
- enQueue: append a new node to the tail
- deQueue: remove the node pointed to by head
- peekFront: return the node pointed to by head
- What are the complexities?

#### The Priority Queue

#### Operations

- Test whether priority queue empty
- Add new entry to priority queue in sorted position based on priority value
- Remove from priority queue entry with highest priority
- Get entry in priority queue with highest priority
- Example
  - Hospital emergency room



#### **Priority Queue Implementation**

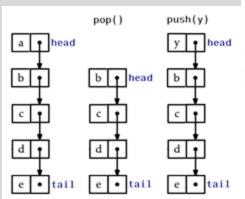
- Below is a naïve approach for the enQueue operation
  - Find the correct position of the new element
    - How?
  - Insert the element at the correct position
    - If an array is used as the underlying data structure, a right shift is required before doing the insertion
- What is the complexity of this enQueue?
- Can we do better?
  - Use the heap data structure (learn later)

# Stacks



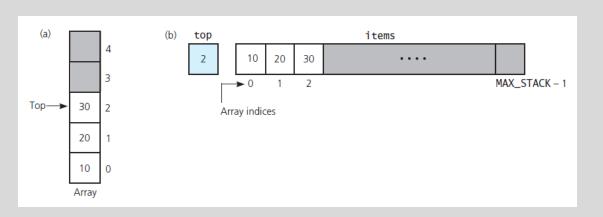
#### The Stack ADT

- A stack is like a tower of building blocks LIFO (Last in, first out)
  - New items enter the top of the stack
  - Items leave the stack from the top
- Stack operations
  - Test whether a stack is empty
  - Push an entry to top of the stack
  - Pop the top of the stack
  - Read the last entry added to the stack



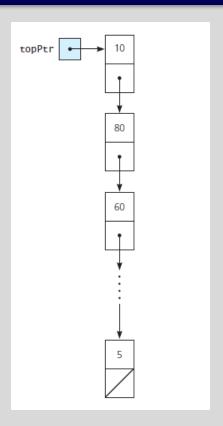


## **Stack Implementations**



**Array Based Implementation** 

Link Based Implementation



#### **Application - Matching Parenthesis**

- An expression can contain 3 types of delimiters (). {}, []
  - Valid abc[d(ef)gh]i{jk}
  - Invalid abc[d(ef)gh}i{j], abc(de}
- Use a stack to solve this task

```
For each char in string
```

```
If char = {, (, or [ then stack.push {, ( or [ respectively

If char = }, ) or ] then
    if stack.peek == a {, ( or [ respectively then pop else fail

If stack is empty then succeed else fail
```

## **Application - Infix Expressions**

Grammar that defines language of fully parenthesized infix expression

```
<infix> = <identifier> | (<infix> < operator> < infix>)
<operator> = + |-|*|/
<identifier> = a|b|...|z
```

- What are the values of the following expressions?
  - 5+2+3, 5 2 \* 2, 5 4 3, 5 4 + 3, 15/4/2, 2\*\* 3\*\*2, 8÷2\*(4+4)
- Are there other/better ways of writing an arithmetic expression?

#### **Algebraic Expressions**

- Infix binary operator appears between its operands: a + b
- Prefix operator appears before its operands: + a b
- Postfix operator appears after its operands: a b +
- Note that when converting, the sequence of the operands is the same, just the operators need move and parentheses are removed

- No need for ( ) in prefix/postfix
  - o a+(b\*c), + a \* b c, a b c \* +
  - $\circ$  (a + b) \* c, \* + a b c, a b + c \*
- Convert to prefix and postfix
  - $\circ$  (a + b) \* (c d)
  - o 2+3+4
  - o (2+3) \* 4
  - o (2+3) \* (5-4)
  - $\circ$  ((2 + (6\*3)) (5+2))

## **Evaluating Postfix Expressions**

Key entered	Calculator action		Stack (bottom to top):
2	push 2		2
3 4	push 3 push 4		2 3 2 3 4
4	pusit 4		2 3 4
+	operand2 = peek	(4)	2 3 4
	pop operand1 = peek	(3)	2 3 2 3
	рор	(3)	2
	result = operand1 + operand2	(7)	2.7
	push result		2 7
*	operand2 = peek	(7)	2 7
	pop	(2)	2
	operand1 = peek pop	(2)	2
	result = operand1 * operand2	(14)	
	push result		14

## Postfix Expr Evaluation Algorithm

```
stack s = empty
for each postfix expression token T (from left to right)
    if T == operand
        s.push(T)
    else
        operand1 = s.peek()
        s.pop()
        operand2 = s.peek()
        s.pop()
        s.push(result of (operand2 T operand1))
return s.peek()
```

# **Converting Infix to Postfix**

<u>ch</u>	aStack (bottom to top)	<u>postfixExp</u>	
a		a	
_	_	a	Converting
(	<b>-</b> (	a	
b	-(	ab	a - (b + c * d) /e
+	-(+	ab	
C	-(+	abc	
*	-(+*	abc	
d	-(+ *	abcd	
)	-(+	abcd*	Move operators from stack to
	-(	abcd*+	postfixExp until "( "
	_	abcd*+	
/	-/	abcd*+	Copy operators from
е	-/	abcd*+e	stack to postfixExp
		abcd*+e/-	

## **Infix to Postfix Algorithm**

```
stack s = empty, postfixExp = empty
while (infixExp != empty)
    token = extract next token from infixExp
    if token == operand
        add token to postfixExp
    else
        while (precedence(token) <= precedence(top(s)))</pre>
            pop(s) and add to postfixExp
        push token to s
while (s != empty)
    pop(s) and add to postfixExp
```

#### Comparison of Stack and Queue

- Can be implemented using an Array or a List
- Push inserts a new item at the top of the stack, enqueue inserts it at the rear of queue
- Pop removes the most recent item from the top of the stack, dequeue removes the first item from the front
- peek gets the most recent item from the top, peekFront gets the first item from the front of the queue
- isEmpty checks if any items exist in the ADT

# Queue +isEmpty(): boolean +enqueue(newEntry: ItemType): boolean +dequeue(): boolean +peekFront(): ItemType

```
Stack

+isEmpty(): boolean
+push(newEntry: ItemType): boolean
+pop(): boolean
+peek(): ItemType
```

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