# Discussion 3 Solutions Spring 2017

### More Practice with Linked Lists

Recall the definition of SLList from lecture:

```
public class SLList {
    private class IntNode {
        public int item;
        public IntNode next;
        public IntNode(int item, IntNode next) {
            this.item = item;
            this.next = next;
    }
    private IntNode first;
    public void addFirst(int x) {
        first = new IntNode(x, first);
}
```

#### 1.1 Insert

Add a method to the SLList class that inserts a new element at the given position. If the position is past the end of the list, insert the new node at the end of the list. For example, if the SLList is  $5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 2$ , insert (10, 1) should result in  $5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 2$ .

```
public void insert(int item, int position) {
    if (first == null || position == 0) {
        addFirst(item);
        return;
    IntNode currentNode = first;
    while (position > 1 && currentNode.next != null) {
        position--;
        currentNode = currentNode.next;
    IntNode newNode = new IntNode(item, currentNode.next);
    currentNode.next = newNode;
}
```

#### 1.2 Reverse

Add another method to the SLList class that reverses the elements. Do this using the existing IntNodes (you should not use new).

```
public void reverse() {
    // One way to think about this method is that we're going to
    // traverse through the IntNodes, and for each IntNode, we're going
    // to insert it at the front of the new list. To do this, we'll
    // maintain two pointers: one to the current front node of our
    // newly reversed list (frontOfReversed), and one to the next
    // node in the un-reversed part of the old list (nextNodeToAdd).
    IntNode frontOfReversed = null;
    IntNode nextNodeToAdd = first;
    while (nextNodeToAdd != null) {
        IntNode remainderOfOriginal = nextNodeToAdd.next;
        // Put nextNodeToAdd on the front of the reversed list.
        nextNodeToAdd.next = frontOfReversed;
        // Update the pointers.
        frontOfReversed = nextNodeToAdd;
        nextNodeToAdd = remainderOfOriginal;
    first = frontOfReversed;
}
```

Bonus: If you wrote reverse() iteratively, write a second version that uses recursion (you may need a helper method). If you wrote it recursively, write an iterative version.

```
private IntNode reverseRecursiveHelper(IntNode front) {
    if (front == null || front.next == null) {
        return front;
    } else {
        // Reverse everything except the front node.
        IntNode reversed = reverseRecursiveHelper(front.next);
        // Put the front onto the back of the new reversed list.
        // Since everything after front got reversed, front.next is
        // the LAST thing in reversed. Change this last thing's
        // next pointer to point to front, so front is now at the back
        // of reversed.
        front.next.next = front;
        // Since the front is now the last element, its next pointer
        // should be null.
        front.next = null;
        return reversed;
public void reverse() {
    first = reverseRecursiveHelper(first);
}
```

#### 2.1 Insert

Write a method that non-destructively inserts item into array x at the given position. The method should return the resulting array. For example, if x = [5, 9, 14, 15], item = 6, and position = 2, then the method should return [5, 9, 6, 14, 15]. If position is past the end of the array, insert item at the end of the array.

```
public static int[] insert(int[] x, int item, int position) {
    int[] newX = new int[x.length + 1];
    position = Math.min(x.length, position);
    for (int i = 0; i < position; i++) {
        newX[i] = x[i];
    }
    // Alternately, if you can remember the syntax for this method:
    // System.arraycopy(x, 0, newX, 0, position);
    newX[position] = item;
    for (int indexInOld = position; indexInOld < x.length; indexInOld++) {
        newX[indexInOld + 1] = x[indexInOld];
    }
    // Alternately:
    // System.arraycopy(x, position, newX, position + 1, x.length - position)
    return newX;
}</pre>
```

Is it possible to write a version of this method that returns void and changes  $\times$  in place (i.e., destructively)?

No, because arrays have a fixed size, so to add an element, you need to create a new array.

#### 2.2 Bonus: reverse

Write a method that destructively reverses the items in x. For example calling reverse on an array [1, 2, 3] should change the array to be [3, 2, 1].

```
public static void reverse(int[] x) {

  for (int i = 0; i < x.length / 2; i++) {
    int j = x.length - i - 1;
    // Can separate following into "swap" method
    int temp = x[i];
    x[i] = x[j];
    x[j] = temp;
}</pre>
```

## 2.3 Bonus: xify

Write a non-destructive method xify(int[] x) that replaces the number at index i with x[i] copies of itself. For example, xify([3, 2, 1]) would return [3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1].

```
public static int[] xify(int[] x) {
    int total = 0;
    for (int item : x) {
        total += item;
    }
    int[] newX = new int[total];
    int newIndex = 0;
    for (int item : x) {
        for (int counter = 0; counter < item; counter++) {
            newX[newIndex] = item;
            newIndex++;
          }
    }
    return newX;
}</pre>
```