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Doubly Linked List

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A doubly linked list contains **three** fields:

- Data
- link to the next node
- link to the previous node.

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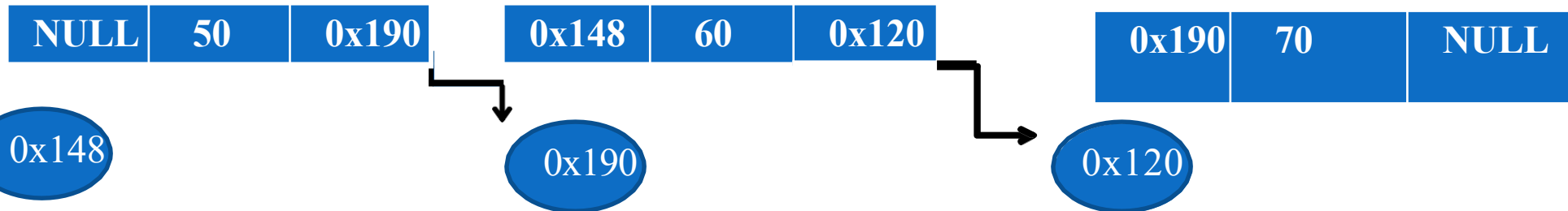
Doubly Linked List :Node Structure



A

B

C





➤ Advantages:

- Can be traversed in either direction (may be essential for some programs)
- Some operations, such as deletion and inserting before a node, become easier

➤ Disadvantages:

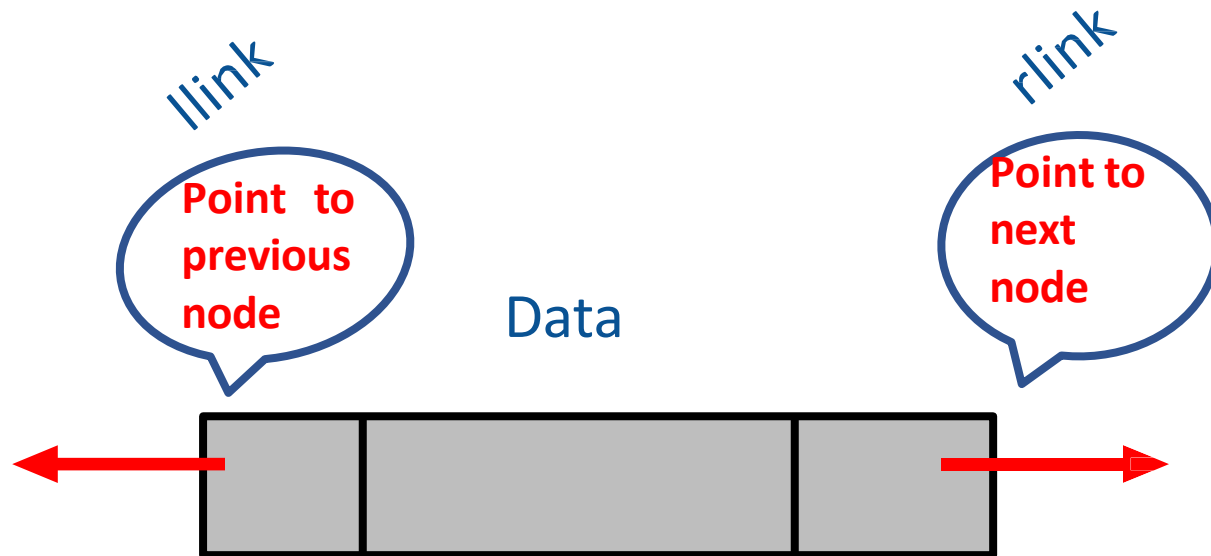
- Requires more space
- List manipulations are slower (because more links must be changed)
- Greater chance of having bugs (because more links must be manipulated)

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Doubly Linked List Node definition

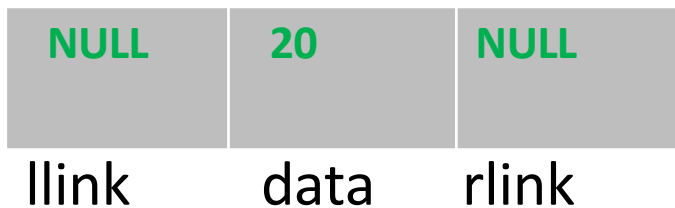


```
struct node
{
    int data;
    node*llink;
    node*rlink;
};
```



Creating a node

- Allocate memory for the node dynamically
- If the memory is allocated successfully
set the data part to user defined value
set the llink (address of previous node) and rlink (address of next node) part to NULL





Inserting a node

There are 3 cases

- Insertion at the beginning
- Insertion at the end
- Insertion at a given position



Insertion at the beginning

What all will change

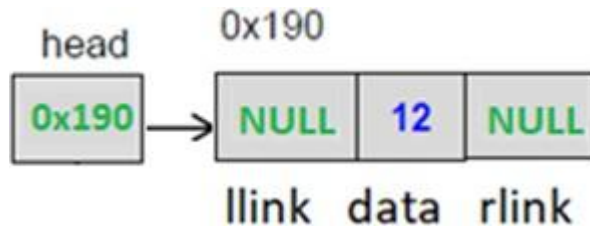
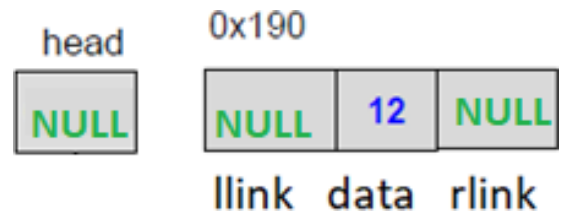
If the linked list empty(case 1)

Head/Start pointer

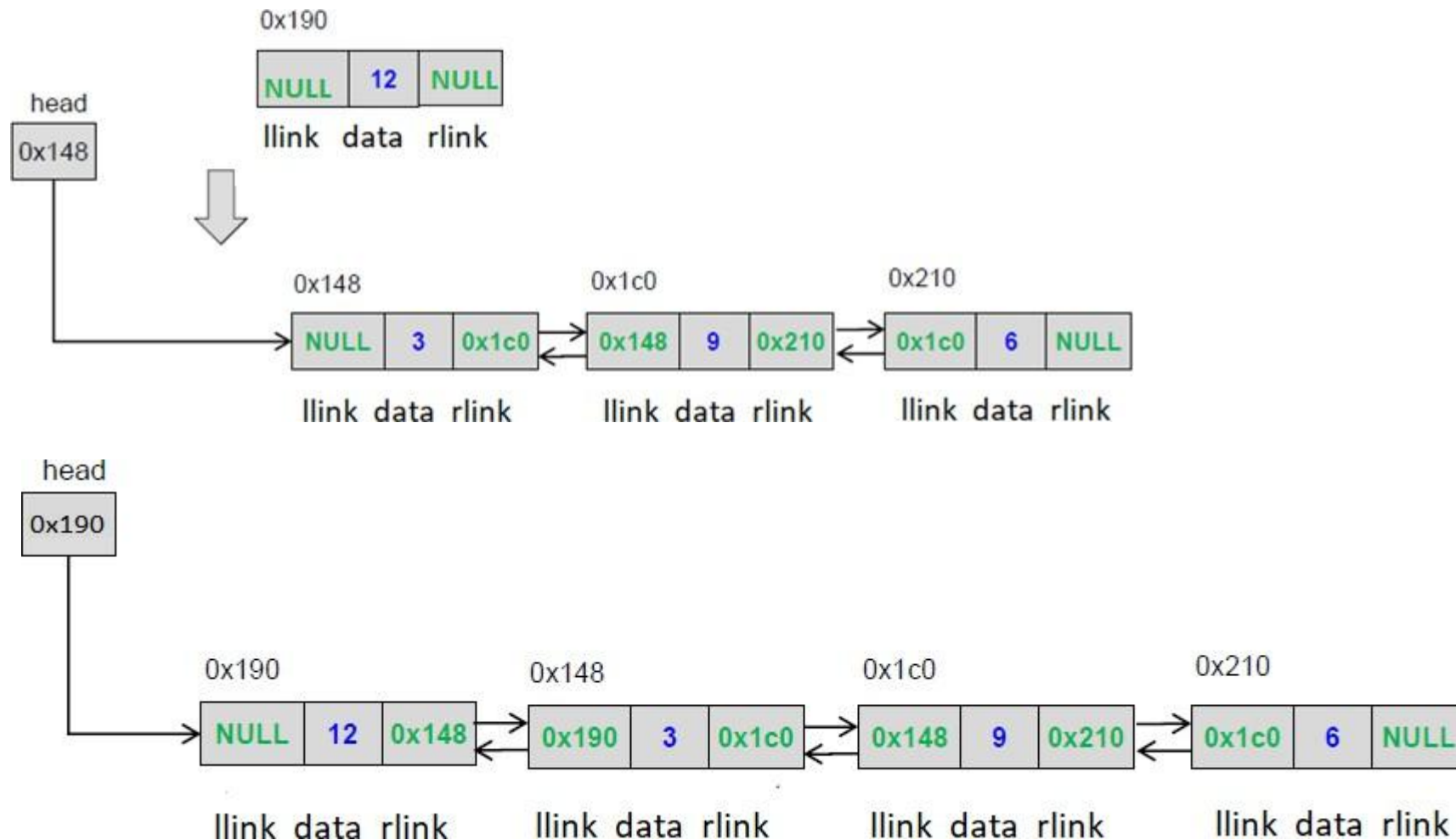
else (case2)

- Head/Start pointer
- New front's llink and rlink
- Old front's llink

Insertion at the beginning (Case1)



Insertion at the beginning(Case 2)





Insertion at the end

What all will change

If the linked list empty(same as case 1 of insert at front)

Head/Start pointer(case 2)

else

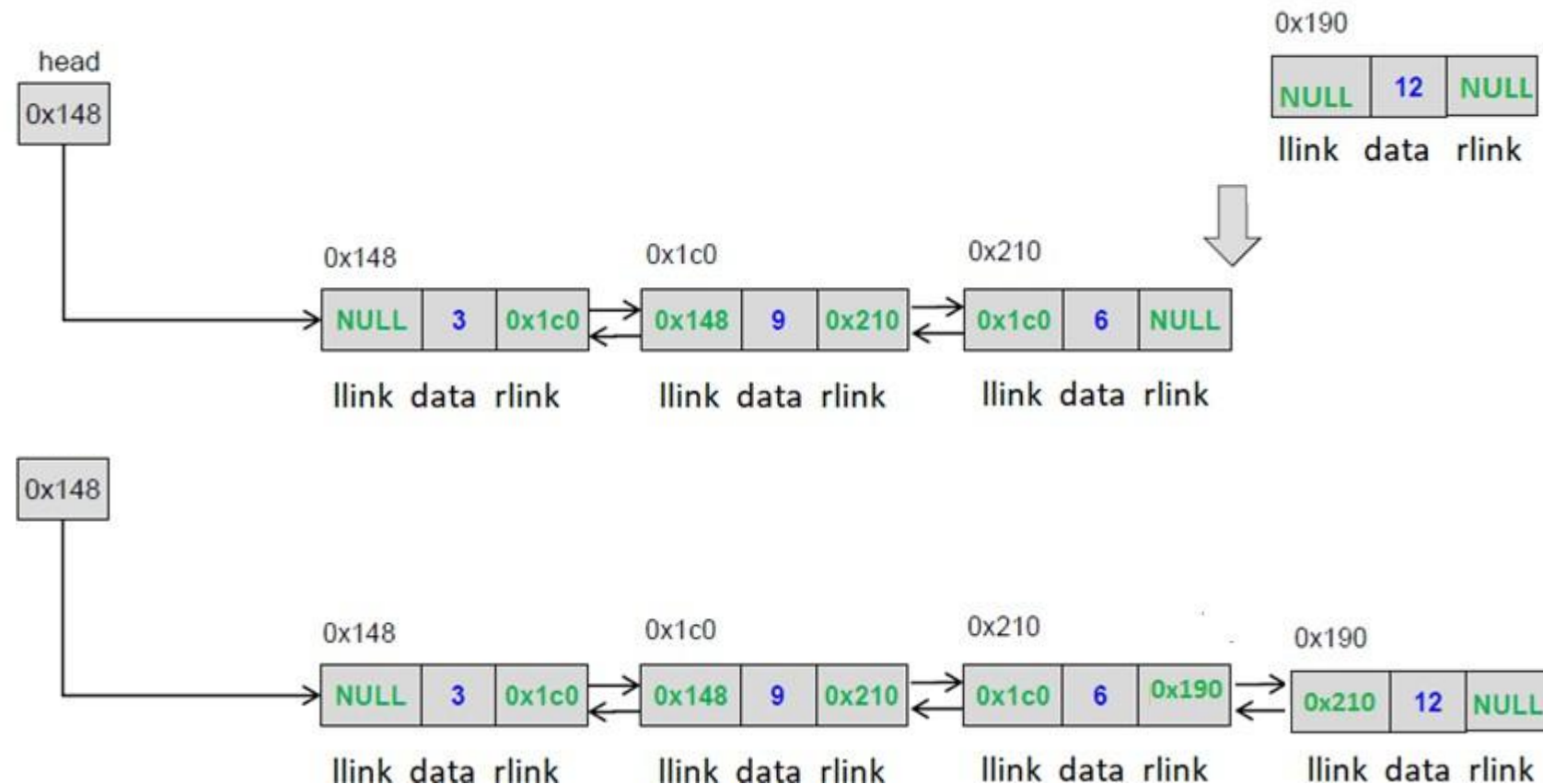
- Last node's rlink
- New node's llink

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Insertion at the end





Insertion at the given position

- Create a node

If the list is empty

- make the start pointer point towards the new node;

Else

- Traverse the linked list to reach given position
- Keep track of the previous node

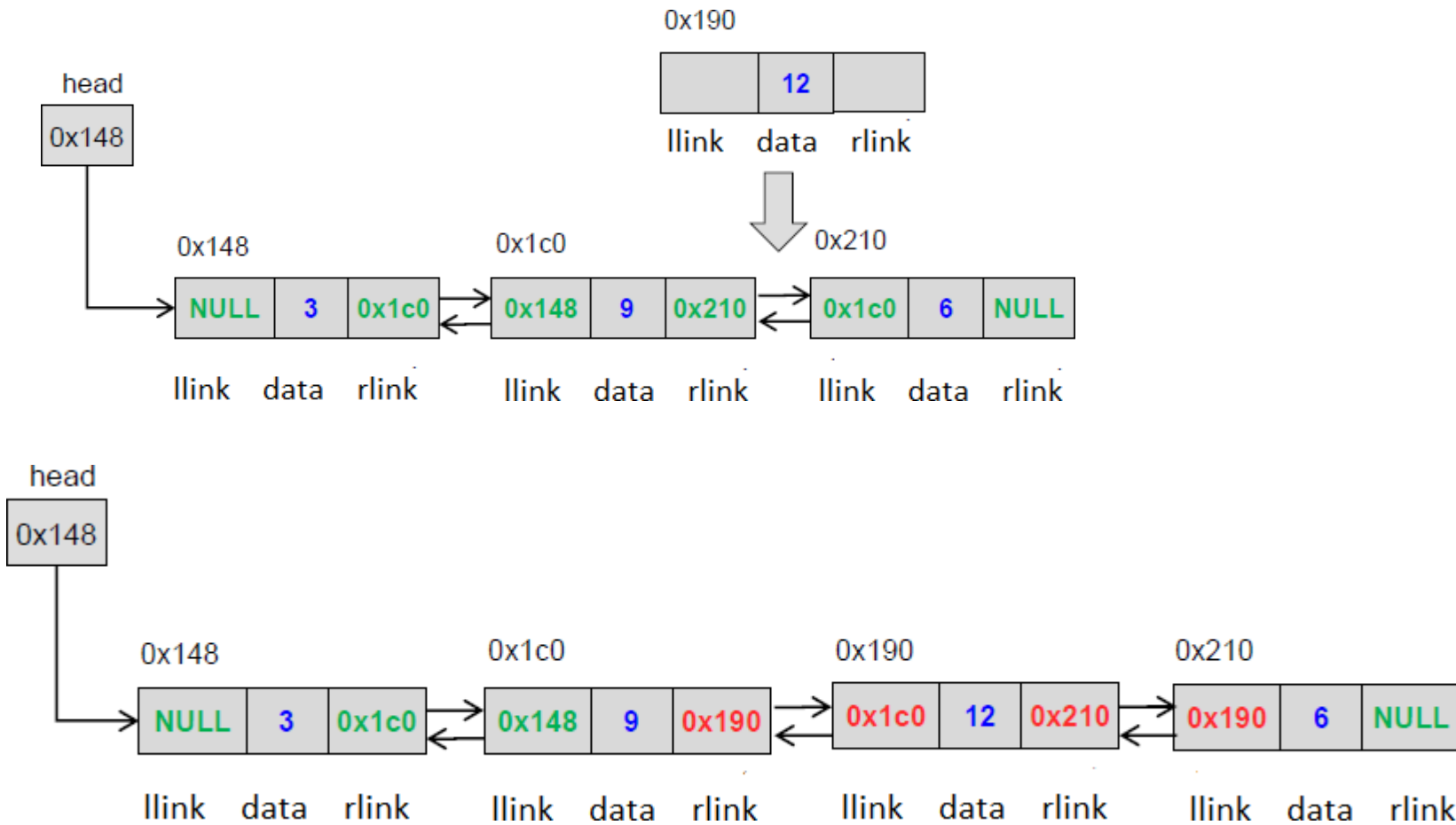
If it is an intermediate position

- Change previous node rlink to point to the newnode
- Newnode's llink to point to previous node and rlink to point to the next node
- Next node llink to point to the newnode

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Insertion at the given position





Deleting a node

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- Deleting first node
- Deleting last node
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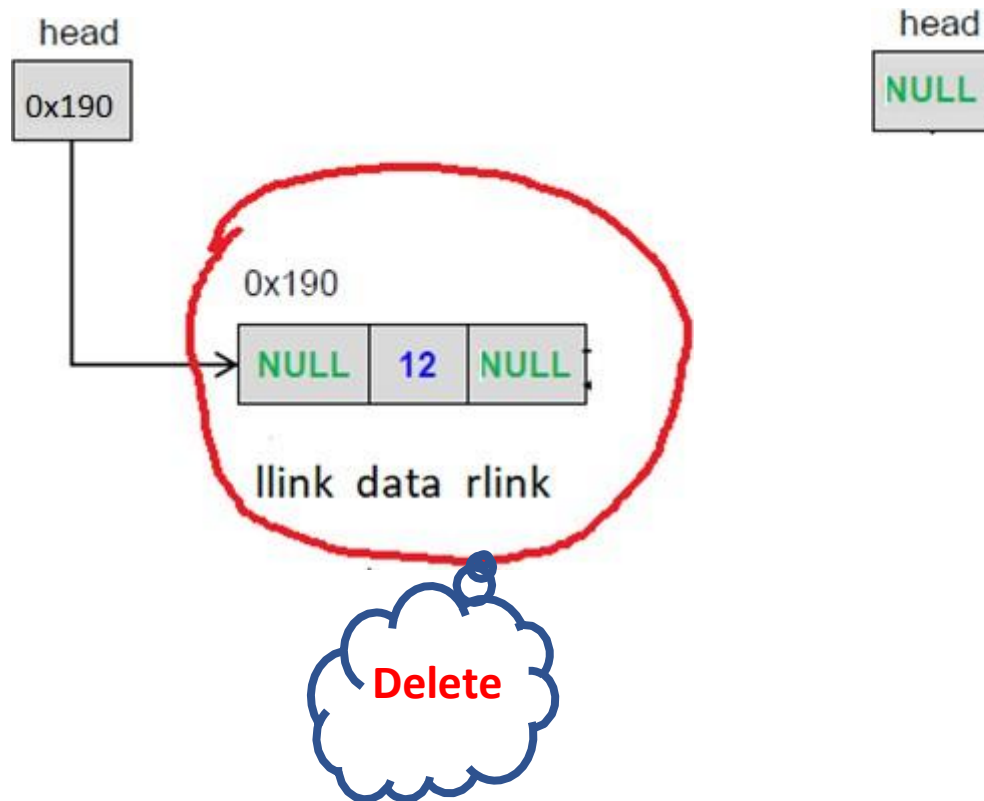
Deleting first node

What will change??

- Case I : Empty Linked List
- Case II : Linked list with a single node
 - first node gets freed up
 - head points to NULL
- Case III : Linked List with more than one node
 - Second node llink gets changed to NULL
 - first node gets freed off
 - head points to second node

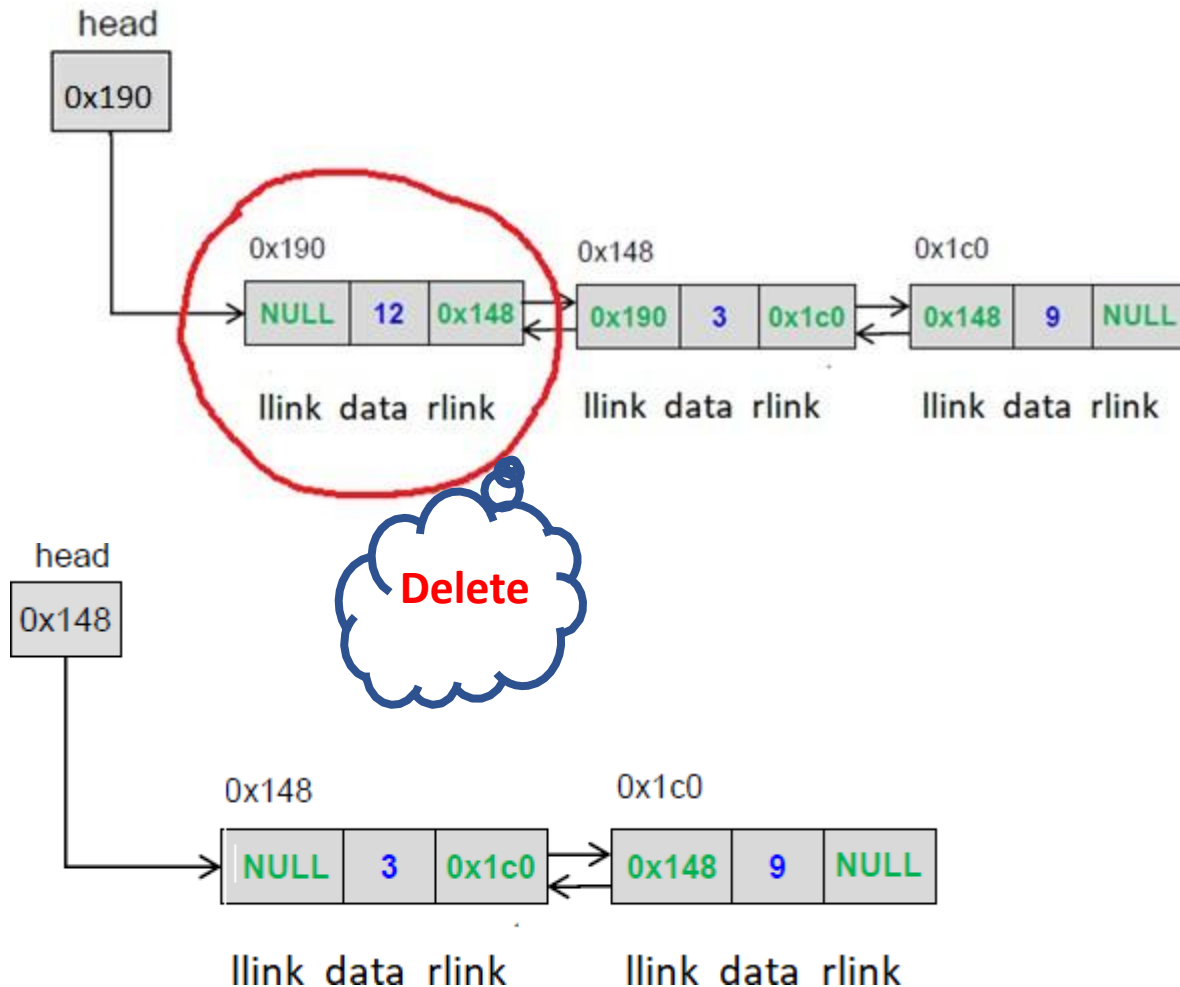
Deleting first node

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Deleting first node

- Case III : Linked List with more than one node





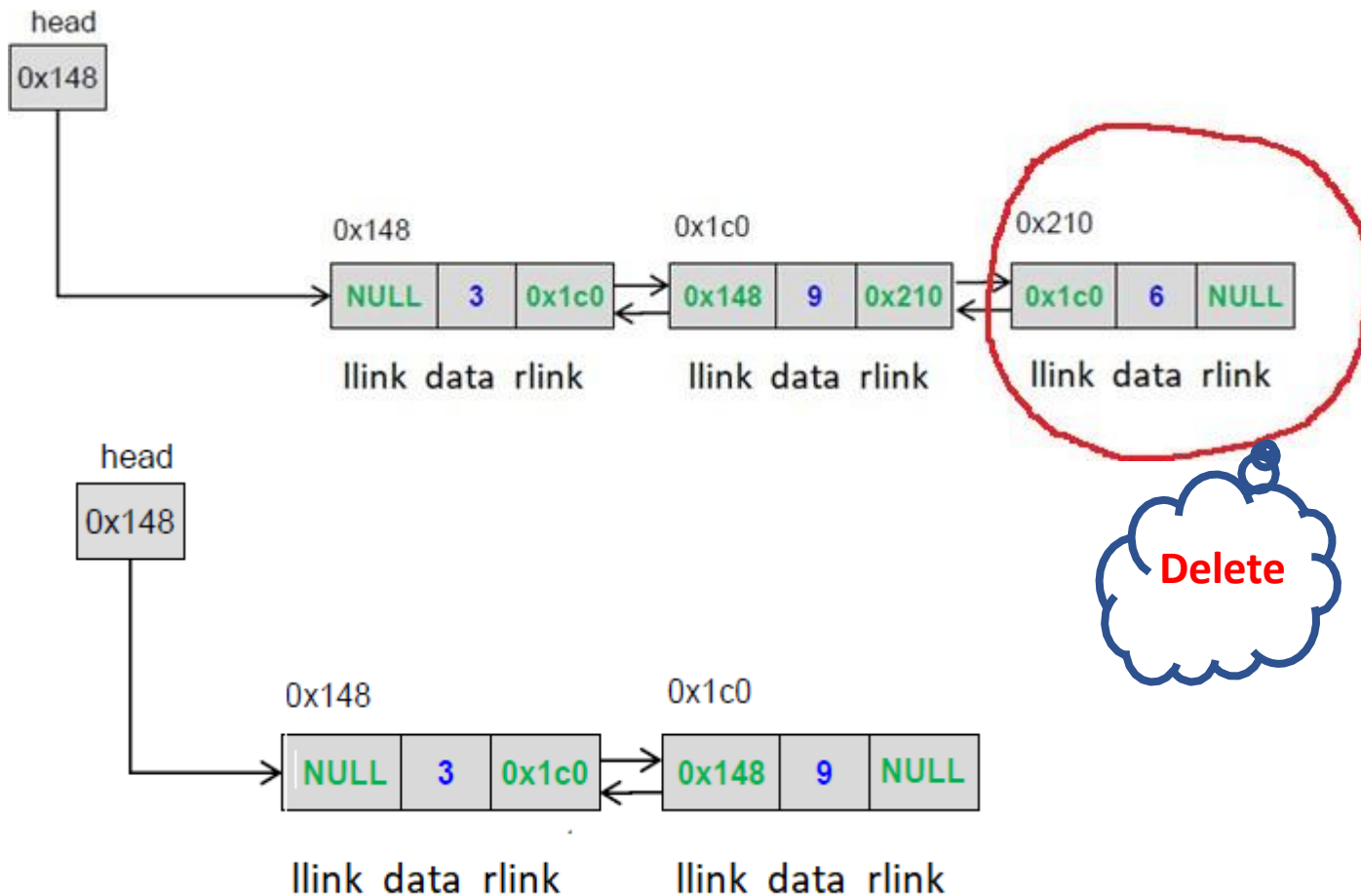
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Deleting last node

- Case II : Linked List with more than one node



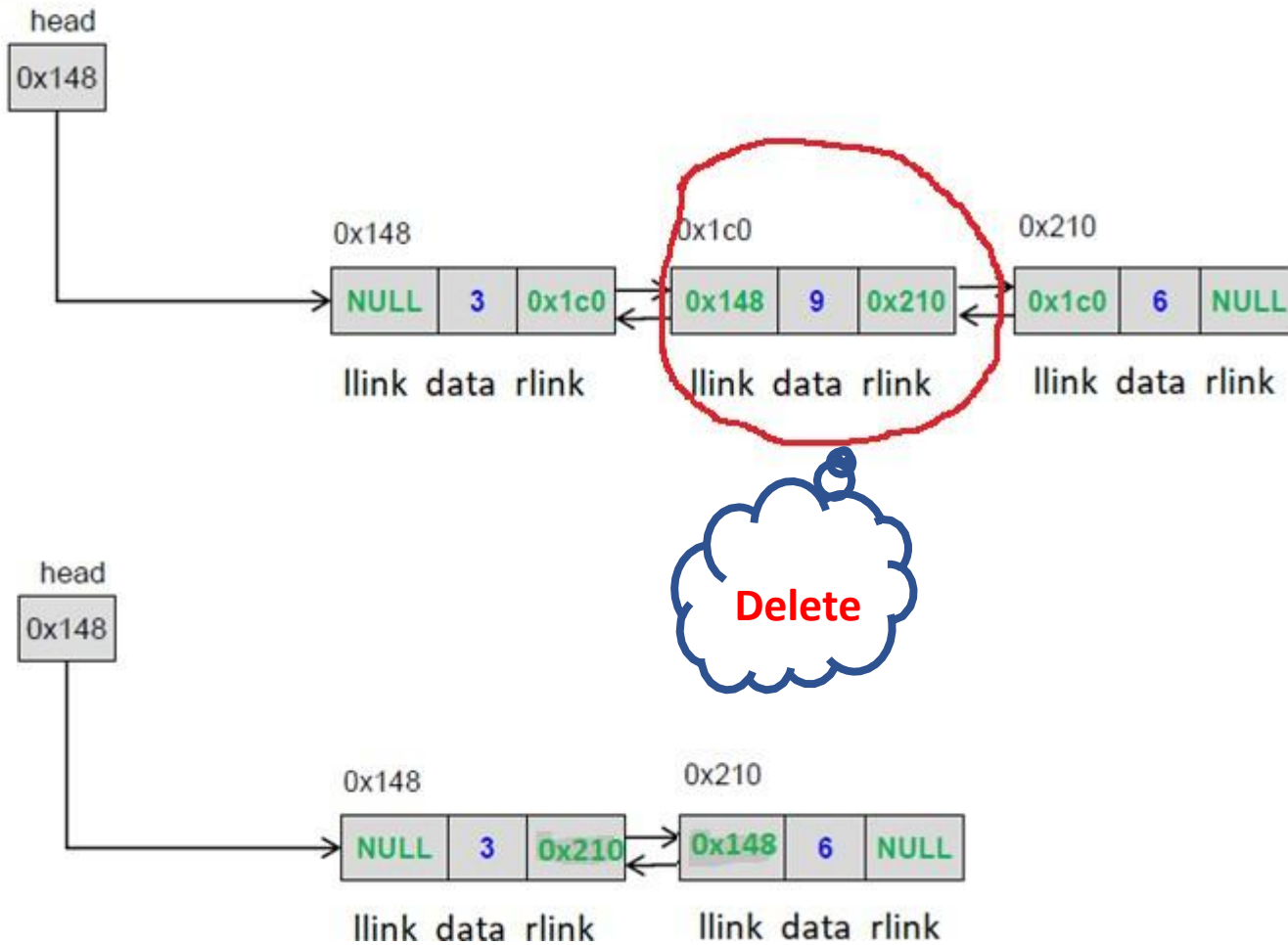
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Deleting a node at intermediate position

- Case II : Linked List with more than one node





Doubly Linked List insert operation

Apply the concepts to implement following operations for a Doubly linked list

- reverse a doubly linked list
- Find the node pairs with a given sum in a doubly linked list
- Insert a node after a node with a given value
- Remove duplicate nodes from a doubly linked list



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3. To insert at the end of a DLL, which step is incorrect?

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5. When deleting a node target (not head/tail) in a DLL, which of the following is correct?

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