

Linked List Basics

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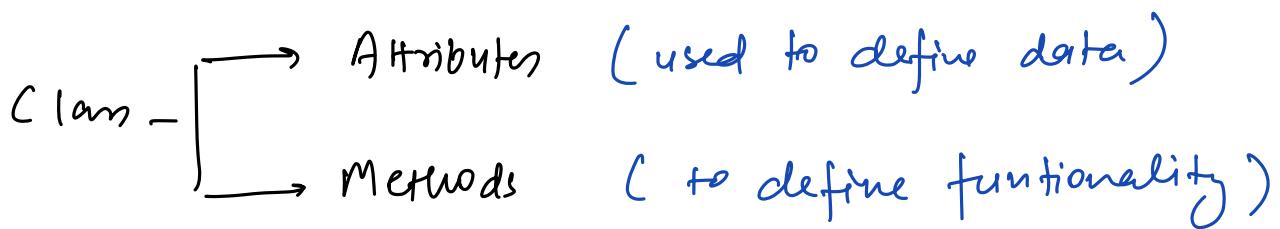
Class → It is a blueprint (for objects)

eg floor plan of a house/ building

Object → Real instance of a class

eg Physical house/ building

(one class can have multiple objects)



Class Car {

- brand
- color
- category
- mileage
- :

} attributes/
property

| objects | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Car 1 : | Car 2 |
| brand → mercedes | brand → ferrari |
| color → blue | color → red |
| category → sedan | category → f1 |
| mileage → 8 | mileage → 4 |
| : | : |

drive () } methods)
AC ()
music () } functionality
:
:

| | |
|---------|---------|
| drive() | drive() |
| ACC | ACC |
| music() | music() |
| : | : |
| : | : |
| : | : |

Some functionalities in all
objects of some class.

```
Class Student {  
    ↑  
Attributes: String name  
           int id  
           :  
           Study()  
?
```

`Student s1 = new Student()
[# 2368]`

object reference
of Student class

name: Paurav
id = 32

S1. name = "Gaurav"

$$\text{Sp. id} = 32$$

↳ dot is used to access attributes of

S1. Study()

Student S2 = new Student()

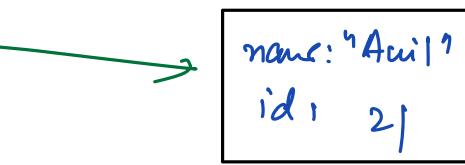
S2.name = "Amit"

S2.id = 21

Student S3; | → NULL

print(S3.name)

↳ null pointer exception error



#1234

shallow copy

Student S4 = S2;

print(S4.name) → "Amit"

S4.name = "Rahul"

print(S2.name) → "Rahul"

same object referenced
by multiple obj. references

Object vs Object reference

S1 = new Student()

Student S1

S2 = S1

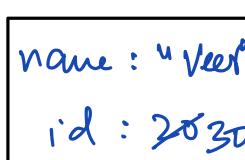
Student S2

S3.id = 30

S1.id → 30

S2.id → 30

S3.id → 30



S3 = S1

Student S3

S2 = null

S1.id → 30

S2.id → ERROR

S3.id → 30

Deep Copy : diff. objects for diff. obj. references

Student $s_1 = \text{new Student}()$

$s_1.\text{name} = "Sanjay"$

$s_1.\text{id} = 87$

name: "Sanjay"
id = 87

[# 6741]

Student $s_2 = \text{new Student}()$

$s_2.\text{name} = s_1.\text{name}$

$s_2.\text{id} = s_1.\text{id}$

name: "Sanjay"
id = 87

[# 6911]

$s_1.\text{name} = "Kiran"$

$\text{print}(s_2.\text{name}) \rightarrow "Sanjay"$

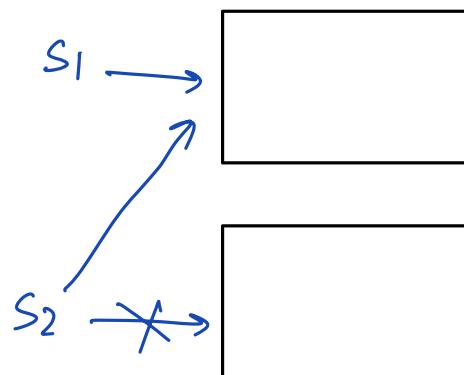
Deep
Copy

Student $s_3 = \text{new Student}(s_1)$

$s_1 = \text{new Student}()$

$s_2 = \text{new Student}()$

$s_2 = s_1$



Question

Create a class Rectangle that supports following methods:

1. find area of rectangle
2. Check if rectangle is square or not?

Class Rectangle {

 int length, breadth;

 Rectangle (int x, int y) {

 length = x, breadth = y

 } int area () {

 return length * breadth;

}

 bool isSquare () {

 return (length == breadth);

}

}

 Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle (4, 6)

 print (r2.area ()) → 24

 Rectangle r = new Rectangle ()

 r.length = 4

 r.breadth = 6

 l = 4
 b = 6

 print (r.area ()) → 24

Constructor

Special method used to initialize the attributes of a class at a time of object creation.

→ 1. name is same as class name

2. no return type

class Rectangle {

 int l, b;

 Rectangle(x, y) {

 l = x, b = y

}

 Rectangle(Rectangle r) {

 l = r.l, b = r.b

}

}

Object reference inside a class

class Node {

 int data;

 Node next; // obj. reference

 Node(int x) {

 data = x

 next = null

}

}

a.data → 1

a.next.data → 2

a.next.next.data → 3

Rectangle r₁ = new Rectangle(4,6)

Rectangle r₂ = new Rectangle(r₁)

Linked list

Node a = new Node(1)

[#1]
data = 1
next = null

Node b = new Node(2)

[#5]
data = 2
next = null

Node c = new Node(3)

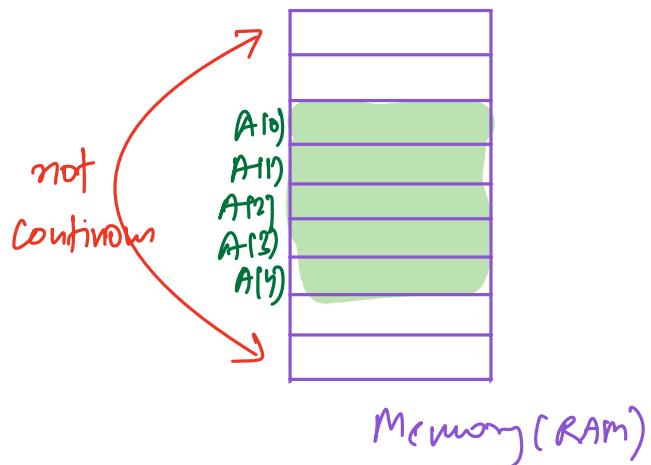
[#20]
data = 3
next = null

Linked List vs Array

Array: $O(1)$ random access

int A[5]

$A[i] \rightarrow O(1) \text{ TC}$



Can you store $B[4]$ in the memory?

↳ Can't store since we don't have

4 contiguous locations [Memory fragmentation]

At Start

At end

At K^{th} position
(random)

$O(N)$

$O(1)$

$O(N)$

Inser~~tion~~

$O(N)$

$O(1)$

$O(N)$

Delet~~ion~~

3
insert 3
at start

\Rightarrow

3|1|2| | | |

Shift existing elements to
right & then insert

linked list



```
class Node {
    int data;
    Node next;
    Node (int val) {
        data = val;
        next = null;
    }
}
```

Create a list of n values $\rightarrow A[n]$

Node head = new Node (A[0])

head.next = new Node (A[1])

head.next.next = new Node (A[2])

head.next.next.next = new Node (A[3])

Print
head.data

head.next.data

:

:

:

:

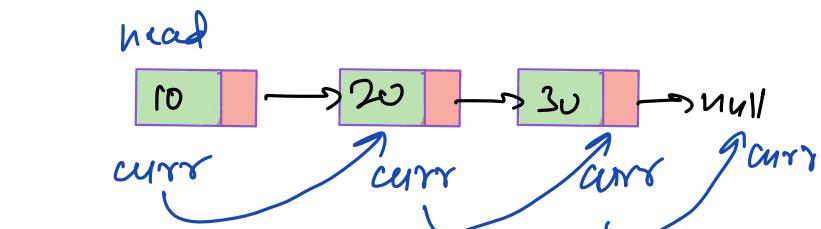
Iterate over LL

Node curr = head

while (curr != null) {

print(curr.data)

curr = curr.next



$\Rightarrow 10 \ 20 \ 30$

Create LL using loop

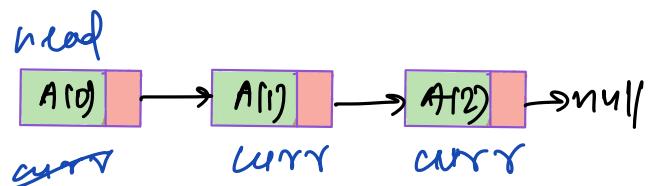
Node head = new Node(A[0])

Node curr = head

for (i=1; i < n; ++i) {

 curr.next = new Node(A[i])

 curr = curr.next



}

Insert At Start

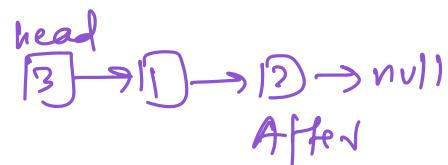
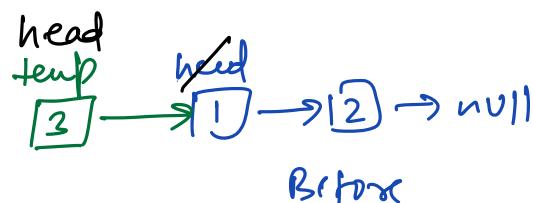
Node insertAtStart(head, val) {
 ⁼³

 Node temp = new Node(val)

 temp.next = head

 head = temp

 return head



TC : O(1)

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Insert At end

```
Node insertAtEnd (head ,val){
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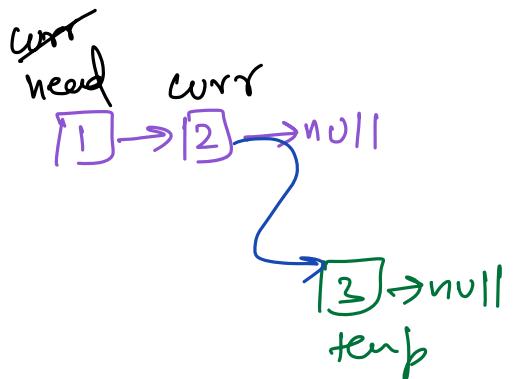
```
    Node temp = new Node (val)
```

```
    if (head == null)  
        return temp
```

```
    Node curr = head
```

```
    while (curr.next != null) {  
        curr = curr.next
```

null exception
if head=null



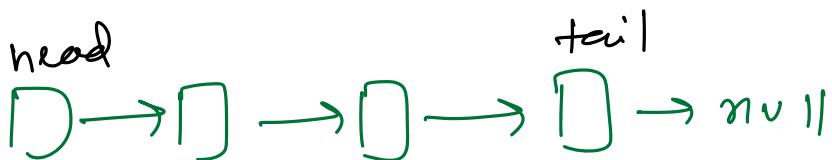
TC: O(N)

}

```
    curr.next = temp
```

```
    return head
```

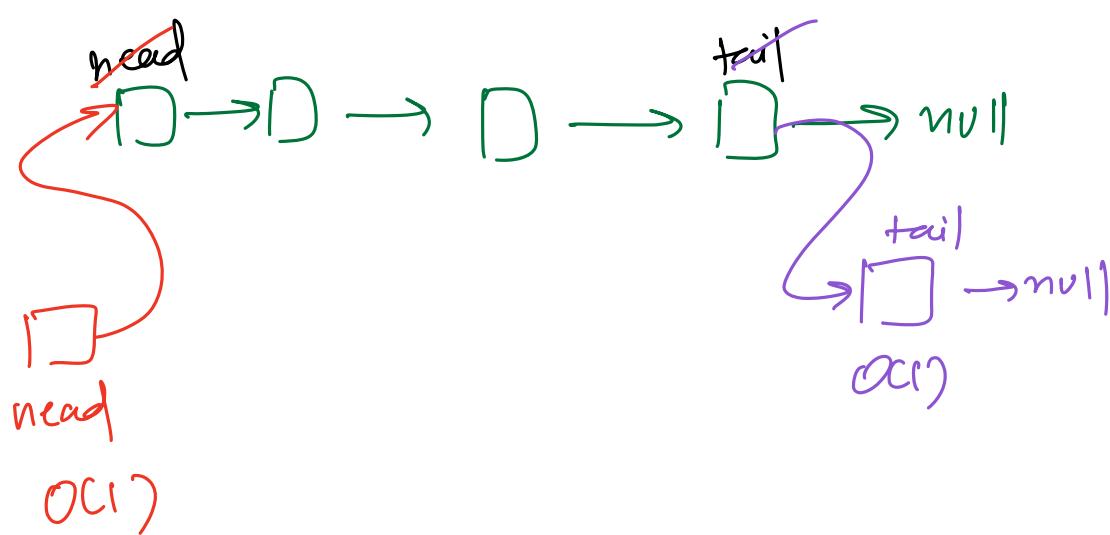
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Using tail reference we can insert at end in O(1)

```
tail.next = temp
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```
tail = temp
```

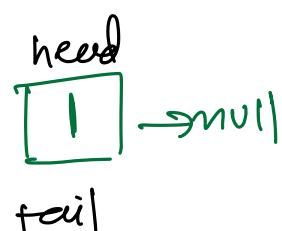


$$\text{head} = \text{tail} = \text{null}$$

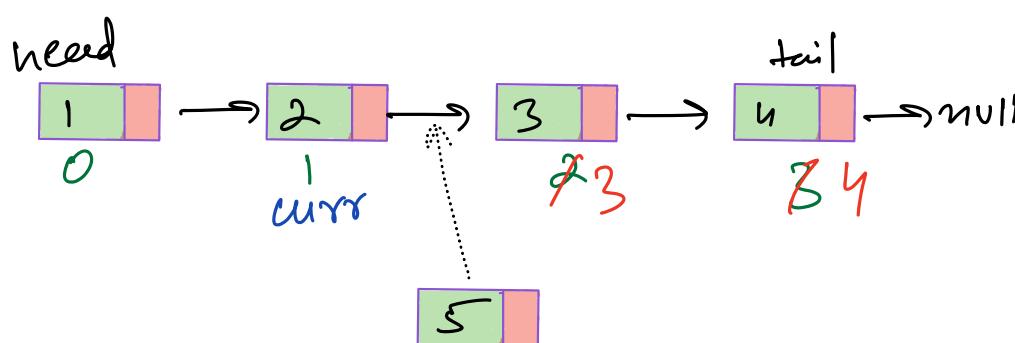
`temp = new Node(1)`

`tail = temp`

`head = temp`



Insert at k^{th} position (random)



Node insertAtK (head , val , K) {
 temp = new Node (val)
 curr = head

if (K == 0)
 return insertAtStart (head , val);

for (i = 0 ; i < K - 1 ; +i .) {

curr = curr . next

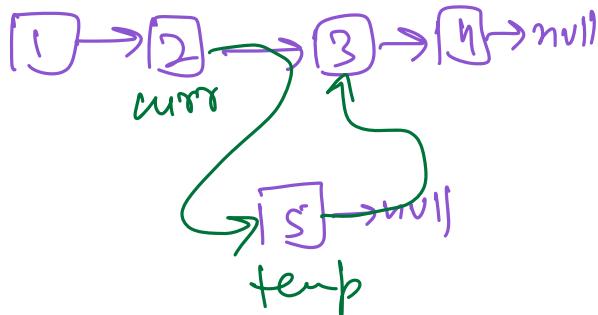
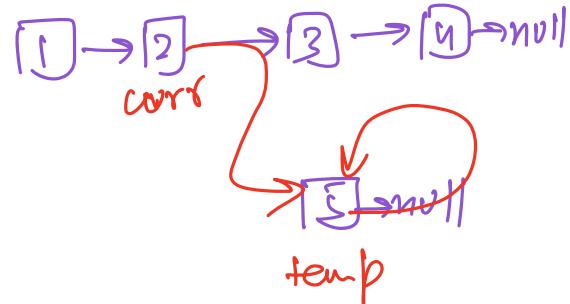
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X curr . next = temp
 temp . next = curr . next

✓ temp . next = curr . next
 curr . next = temp

return head

3



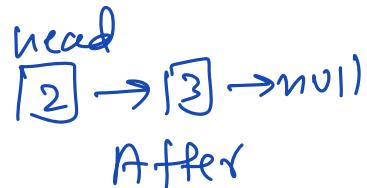
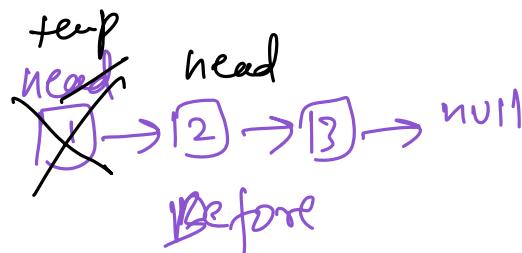
TC : $O(K) : O(N)$

Delete At Start

temp = head

head = head . next

delete (temp)



Delete At End
Delete At K

} \rightarrow f(w)

Recommendations

1. Write code on Paper
2. Dry run
3. Never use "hit & trial"
4. Edge cases \rightarrow LL is null ? ($\text{head} = \text{null}$)
size of LL = 1 ?
size of LL = 2 / 3 ?
Problem specific