Linked Structures

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A Bag collection

Revisit the Bag collection with a look at an alternate implementation that uses dynamic memory for the physical storage instead of an array.

```
public interface Bag<T> {
   boolean     add(T element);
   boolean     remove(T element);
   boolean     contains(T element);
   int         size();
   boolean     isEmpty();
   Iterator<T> iterator();
}
```

```
public class ArrayBag<T> implements Bag<T> {

   private T[] elements;
   . . .
}
```

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {

   private ???;
   . . .
}
```

ArrayBag

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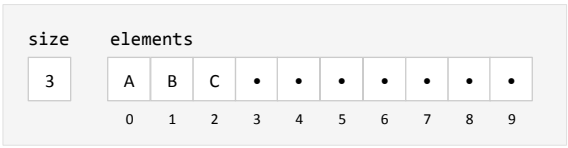

Advantages of using an array:

- fast random access to any element
- efficient use of memory
- built into the language; a "common currency" for any data storage scheme

A storage scheme using dynamic memory will address these disadvantages at the cost of losing random access.

Disadvantages of using an array:

- inefficient to insert or delete anywhere but the end; must shift left/right
- need to "resize" when full/sparse

LinkedBag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {

   private ??? front;
   private int size;
   . . .
}
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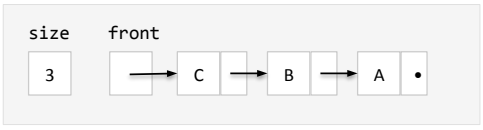


Individual containers are explicitly linked together. Each container holds one element and a reference to another container.

LinkedBag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {

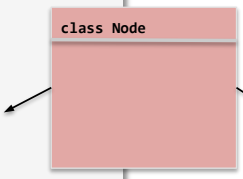
   private Node front;
   private int size;
   . . .

   private class Node {

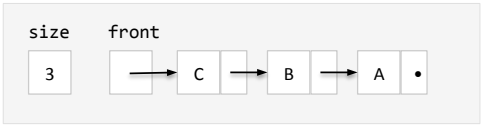

      . . .

   }

}
```



Nested or top-level?



LinkedBag

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public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {

   private Node front;
   private int size;
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   private class Node {
      private T element;

      private Node next;
      . . .
   }
```
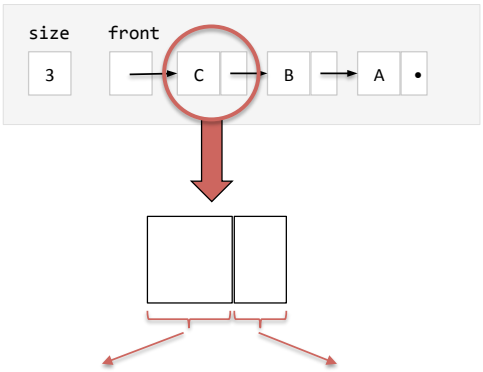

A recursive structure [more to come…]

```
}
```



A reference to the element/ value this node stores.

A reference to the next node in the chain.

The Node class

```
private class Node {
   private Object element;
   private Node next;

   public Node(Object e) {
      element = e;
   }

   public Node(Object e, Node n) {
      element = e;
      next = n;
   }
}
```

Constructors, garbage

```
n = new Node(1);

n = new Node(2, n);

n = new Node(3);

n = null;
```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Basic linking

```
n = new Node(1);
n = new Node(2, n);
n.next = new Node(3, n.next);


n = new Node(1, new Node(2));
n.next.next = new Node(3, null);
n = new Node(4, n.next);
```

Participation

Q: Which chain of nodes is created by the following code?

```
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n.next = new Node(2, new Node(3));

n = new Node(4, n.next.next);
```
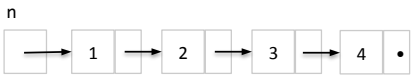

A.



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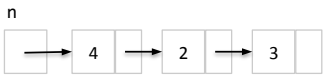

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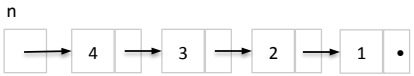


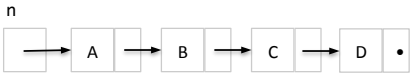
D.

Calculating length

```
public int length(Node n) {




}
```



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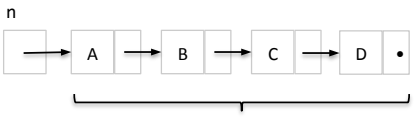
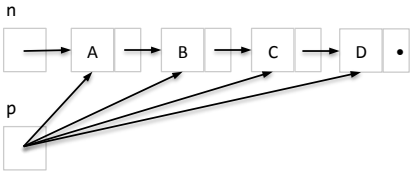


There are four nodes reachable from n, so the "length" of the chain is 4.

Calculating length

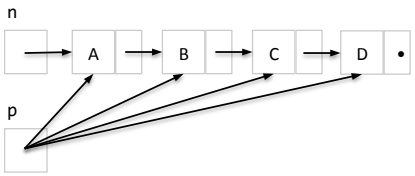
```
public int length(Node n) {
   Node p = n;

   while (p != null) {

      p = p.next;
   }

}
```



This is a common traversal pattern that you will use in many different situations when you have to **traverse** the chain of nodes one by one.

Calculating length

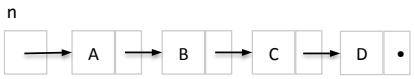
```
public int length(Node n) {
   Node p = n;
   int len = 0;
   while (p != null) {
      len++;
      p = p.next;
   }
   return len;
}
```



Simply add the statements that perform the desired computation as each node is accessed.

Linear search

```
public boolean contains(Node n, Object target) {




}
```



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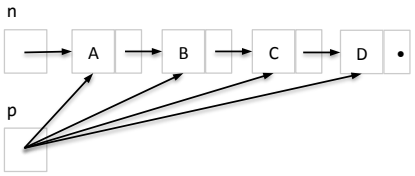

Linear search

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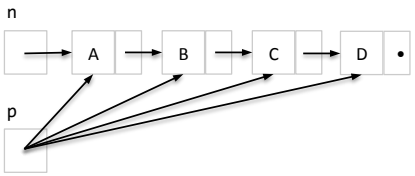
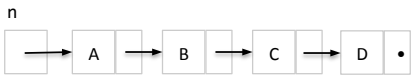
public boolean contains(Node n, Object target) {
   Node p = n;
   while (p != null) {
      if (p.element.equals(target)) {
         return true;
      }
      p = p.next;
   }
   return false;
}
```

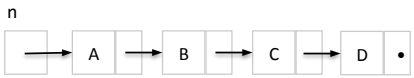


Inserting nodes

Inserting a new first node

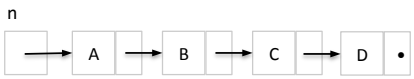


Inserting anywhere else

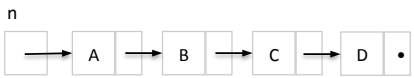


Deleting nodes

Deleting the first node



Deleting any other node



Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

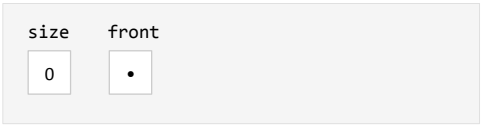
   public LinkedBag() {
      front = null;
      size = 0;
   }

   public int size() {
      return size;
   }

   public boolean isEmpty() {
      return size == 0;
   }
}
```

No memory allocation!

```
Bag bag = new LinkedBag();
```

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bag.add("A");
bag.add("B");
bag.add("C");
```

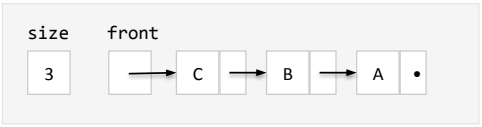

Linked Bag

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public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
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   public boolean add(T element) {




   }




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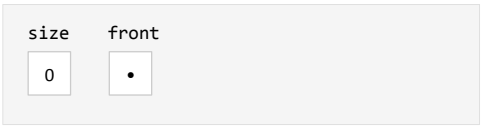


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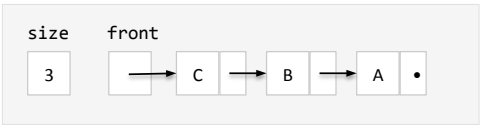

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   public boolean add(T element) {
      Node n = new Node(element);
      n.next = front;
      front = n;
      size++;
      return true;
   }

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```

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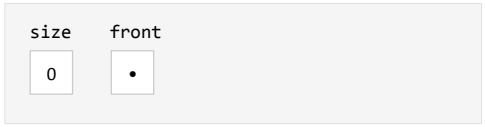


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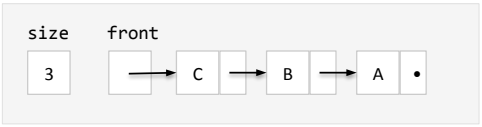

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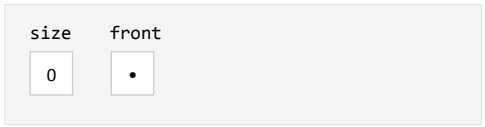


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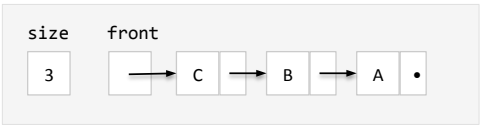

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      while (p != null) {
         if (p.element.equals(target)) {
            return true;
         }
         p = p.next;
      }
      return false;
   }

}
```

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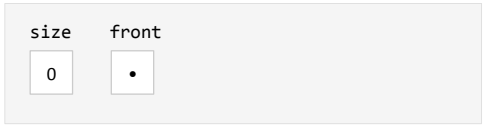


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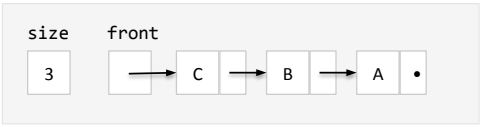

Linked Bag

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public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
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   public boolean remove(T element) {

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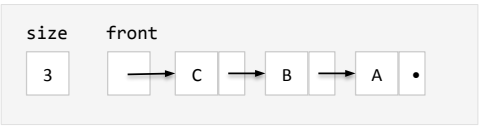


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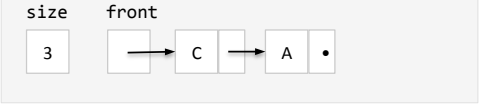

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                                          attempt to locate element
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   }
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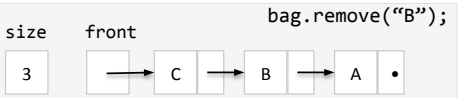
bag.remove("B");



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   public boolean remove(T element) {
      Node n = front;
      Node prev = null;
      while ((n != null) &&
             (!n.element.equals(element))) {
         prev = n;
         n = n.next;
      }                                   attempt to locate element
      if (n == null)   return false;      unable to locate
      if (n == front)  front = front.next;
      else             prev.next = n.next;
      size--;                             located, so remove it
      return true;
   }
}
```

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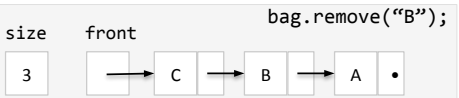

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      }
      if (n == null)   return false;
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      size--;
      return true;
   }
}
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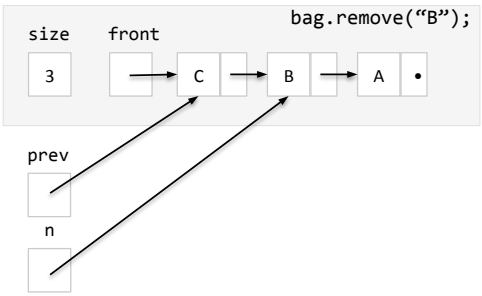
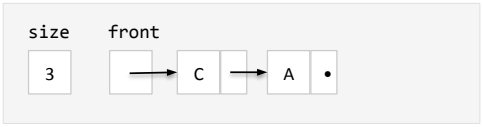


To delete the node that contains "B" we need a reference to its predecessor.



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      }
      if (n == null)   return false;
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      else             prev.next = n.next;
      size--;
      return true;
   }
}
```
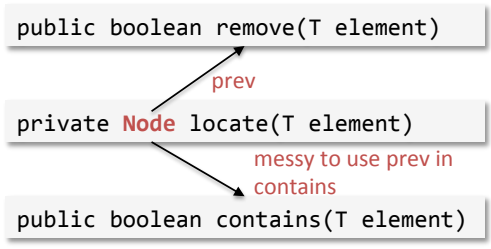

Refactoring

Just as in the array-based implementation, the linear search common to both contains and remove is an obvious candidate for refactoring.

But, the "drag behind" traversal using prev makes this more difficult and messy.



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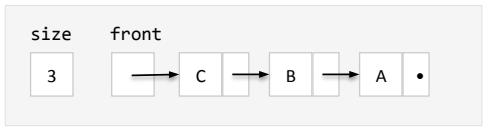

Singly linked

LinkedBag

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   }

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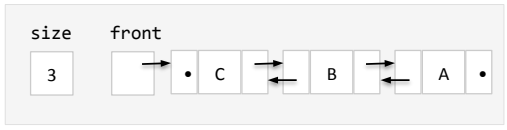

Doubly linked

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      }
      if (n == null)   return false;
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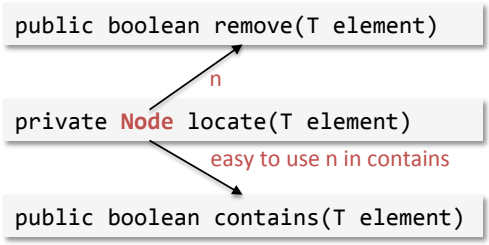
Having prev built into the node allows us to refactor and only return n.



Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   private Node locate(T element) {
      Node n = front;
      while (n != null) {
         if (n.element.equals(element))
            return n;

         n = n.next;
      }
      return null;
   }

}
```

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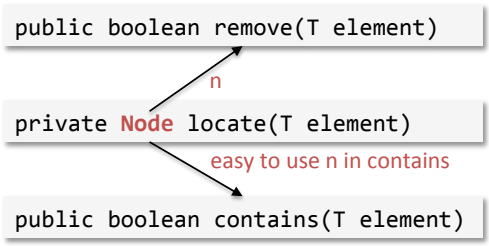

Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   public boolean contains(T element) {
      return locate(element) != null;
   }

}
```

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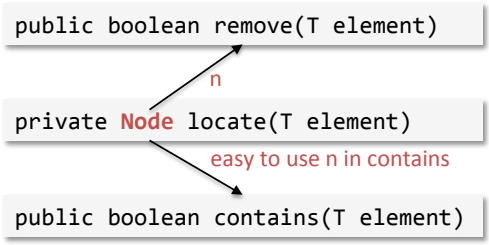

Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   public boolean remove(T element) {
      Node n = locate(element);

      if (n == null)   return false;

      if (n == front)  front = front.next;
      else             prev.next = n.next;

      size--;
      return true;
   }

}
```

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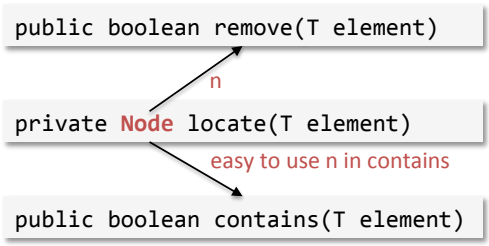

Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   public boolean remove(T element) {
      ...
      if (n == front) {
         front = front.next;
         front.prev = null;
      }
      else {
         n.prev.next = n.next;
         if (n.next != null) {
            n.next.prev = n.prev;
         }
      }
      ...
   }
}
```

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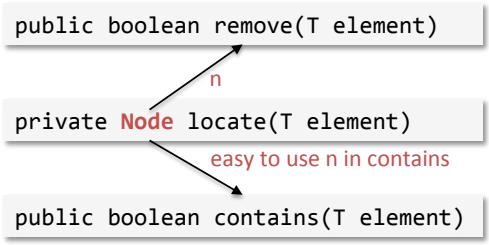


Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   public boolean add(T element) {

      Node n = new Node(element);
      n.next = front;
      if (front != null) {
         front.prev = n;
      }
      front = n;
      size++;
      return true;
   }


}
```

Refactoring

The add method will have to change to account for the doubly linked node.

Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   public Iterator<T> iterator() {

   }

 }
```

public class LinkedIterator<T>
implements Iterator<T>

Nested class

Has access to private fields; don't have to expose them in any way.

Top-level class

Can be used by different collection classes.

Linked Bag

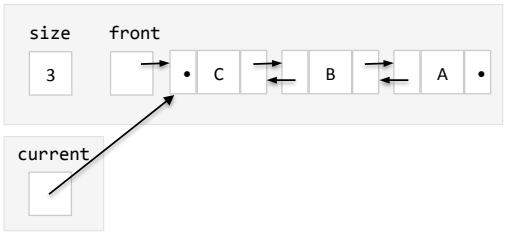
```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   public Iterator<T> iterator() {
      return new LinkedIterator();
   }

   private class LinkedIterator
                   implements Iterator<T> {
      private Node current = front;

      public boolean hasNext() { ... }
      public T next() { ... }
      public void remove() { ... }
   }

 }
```



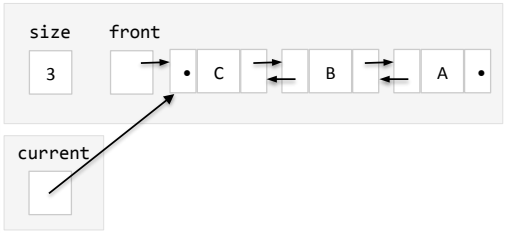
Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   private class LinkedIterator
                   implements Iterator<T> {
      private Node current = front;

      public boolean hasNext() {
         return current != null;
      }

      public void remove() {
         throw new
            UnsupportedOperationException();
      }
   }
}
```



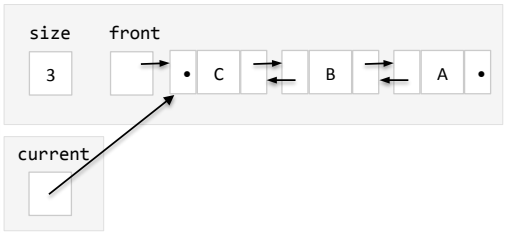
Linked Bag

```
public class LinkedBag<T> implements Bag<T> {
   private Node front;
   private int size;

   private class LinkedIterator
                   implements Iterator<T> {
      private Node current = front;

      public boolean next() {
         if (!hasNext())
            throw new
                   NoSuchElementException();

         T result = current.element;
         current = current.next;
         return result;
      }
   }
}
```



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}
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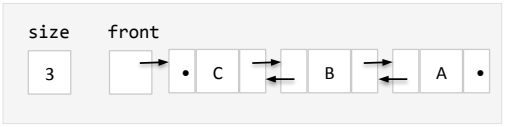


Advantages of using linked nodes:

- Given a reference to a node, efficient to insert or add before or after that node; no shifting required

Disadvantages of using linked nodes:

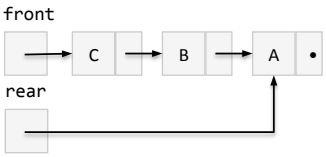
- no random access;
- less efficient use of memory
- not built in; nodes are user-created

Common variations

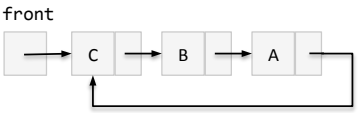
Singly linked v. Doubly linked

Dummy/Header nodes

Front and rear pointers



Circular



Plus many others, and various combinations of these …

Performance

Bag method	ArrayBag	LinkedBag
boolean **add**(T element)	O(1)*	O(1)
boolean **remove**(T element)	O(N)	O(N)
boolean **contains**(T element)	O(N)	O(N)
int **size**()	O(1)	O(1)
boolean **isEmpty**()	O(1)	O(1)
Iterator<T> **iterator**()	O(1)	O(1)

Make sure your understand why, both at the code level and the conceptual level.

**amortized cost*

No real difference in time performance with either implementation, except for the amortized cost of the array-based add. The linked implementation will have a higher memory overhead, however.

Performance

	Bag Collection		Set Collection	
Interface method	**Array**	**Nodes**	**Array**	**Nodes**
boolean **add**(T element)	O(1)	O(1)		
boolean **remove**(T element)	O(N)	O(N)		
boolean **contains**(T element)	O(N)	O(N)		
int **size**()	O(1)	O(1)		
boolean **isEmpty**()	O(1)	O(1)		
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boolean **contains**(T element)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)
int **size**()	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
boolean **isEmpty**()	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
Iterator<T> **iterator**()	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)

Performance

	Bag Collection		Set Collection			
method	**Array**	**Nodes**	**Array**	**Nodes**	**Ordered Array**	**Ordered Nodes**
add	O(1)	O(1)	O(N)	O(N)		
remove	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)		
contains	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)		
size	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)		
isEmpty	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)		
iterator	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)		

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remove	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)
contains	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	**O(log N)**	O(N)
size	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
isEmpty	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
iterator	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)

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remove	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	~~O(N)~~
contains	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	O(N)	**O(log N)**	~~O(N)~~
size	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
isEmpty	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
iterator	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)

If we could use binary search on a node-based data structure, then add(), remove(), and contains() would all be **O(log N)**. *[more to come…]*