



Why did the computer
show up late to work?

It had a hard drive !

Source: <https://www.rd.com/jokes/computer/>

CMPT 225

Lecture 5 – **Linked list**-based implementation of **List** ADT class

Last Lecture

- ✓ Continued with **Step 3 – Implementation of List ADT class**
 - ✓ **Array**-based implementation of **List** ADT
 - ✓ Differentiated between **stack-allocated** (automatically allocated) and **heap-allocated** (dynamically allocated) **arrays**
- ✓ Introduced 2nd data structure (CDT): **linked list**
- ✓ Built **linked list**: pointers and node objects
- ✓ **Linked list** operations
 - ✓ insert @ front (**prepend**)
 - ✓ Generalization Principle

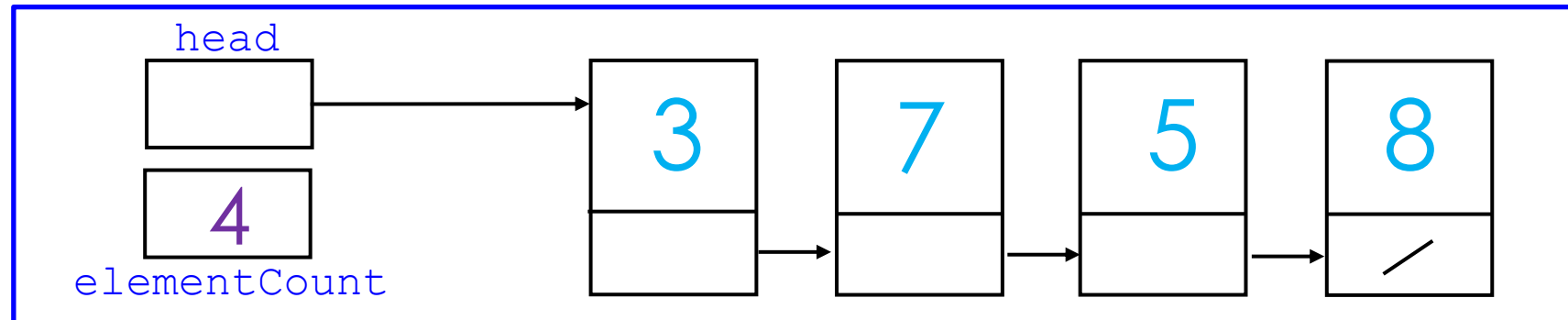
Today's Menu

- Finish looking at **Linked list** operations
- And various configurations of **linked lists**
 - Know when to use them (know their **forte**)
- **Step 3 – Implementation** - **Linked list**-based implementation of **List** ADT class
 - Introduce a **Node** class
- Compare the two implementations of our **List** ADT class:
 - **Array**-based implementation
 - **Linked list**-based implementation

REVIEW

Traverse a linked list

Time efficiency of this operation:
(expressed in Big O notation)



Local
variable: `current`

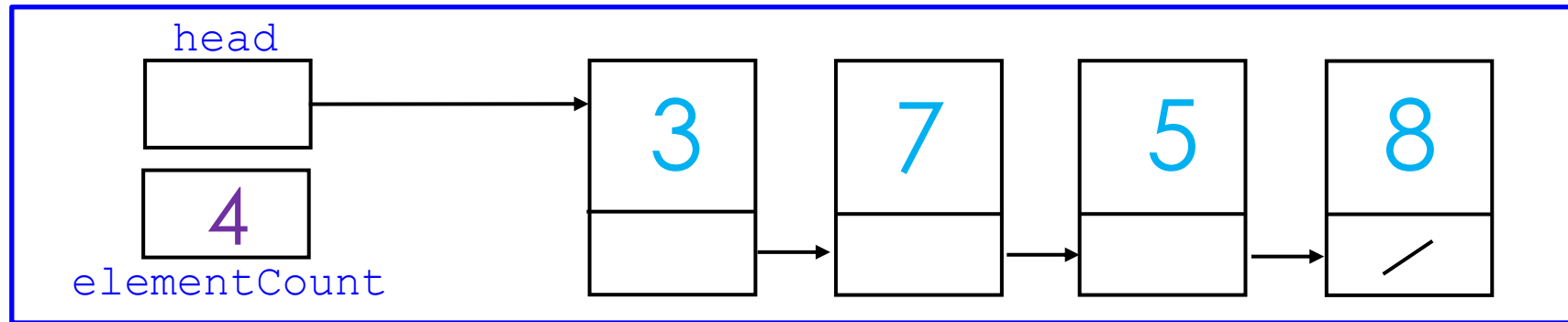


pseudocode

```
// Anchor head of linked list
1. if ( head != nullptr )
    2. Node* current = head;
    3. while (current->next != nullptr)
        4. current = current->next;
```

REVIEW

Traverse - Do we need the **anchor**?



pseudocode

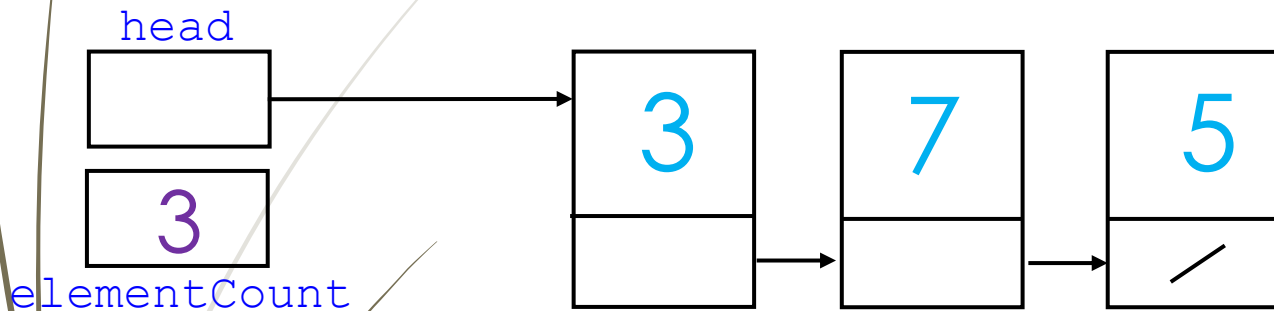
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// Traverse linked list
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        3. head = head->next;
```

Time efficiency of this operation:
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REVIEW

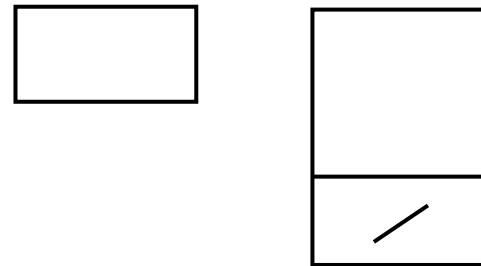
Insert an element into a linked list

➡ insert @ end (**append**)



Local
variable: **current**

newNode



pseudocode

```
... append(int newElement)
1. Node *newNode = new Node(newElement);
2. if (newNode != nullptr)
3.   if (head == nullptr)
4.     head = newNode;
   else
     // Move to the end of the list
5.   Node* current = head;   // Anchor
6.   while (current->next != nullptr)
7.     current = current->next;
8.   current->next = newNode;
9. elementCount++;
```

A word about inserting an element into a linked list

➤ @ specific location

- When **linked list** is used as a data structure (CDT) for a **position-oriented** data collection ADT class like a **List**, we can indicate at which position we would like to insert an element
 - **position** is a parameter of the **insert** method

OR

- When **linked list** is used as a data structure (CDT) for a **value-oriented** data collection ADT class like a **List** (which is kept sorted), in order to keep it sorted, **we insert the element in sort order into the List** using a **search key** (i.e., an element's attribute)
- Alternatively, we could first prepend the element into the **List** (this is time efficient, i.e., $O(1)$), then we sort the **List** (sorting algorithms can be $O(n^2)$ or $O(n \log(n))$). As you can see, this 2nd way of “keeping the **List** sorted when we insert” is **not time efficient!**

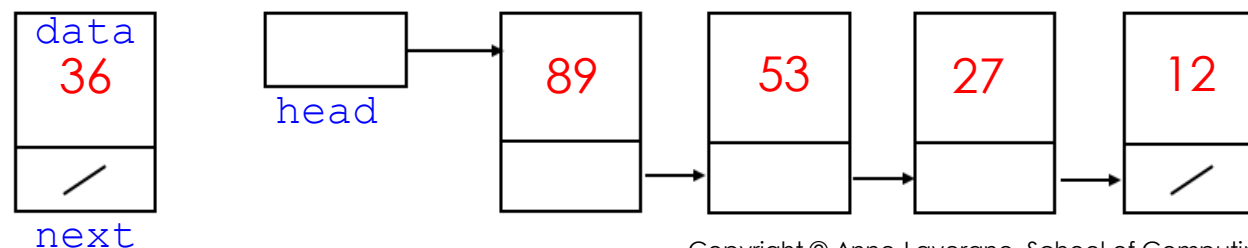
Algorithm 1

Algorithm 2

Class invariant for this

List class: the List is always sorted by ...
e.g. ascending or descending alphabetical/numerical sort order of search key ...
depending on the problem we are solving.

List kept in descending sort order of data:

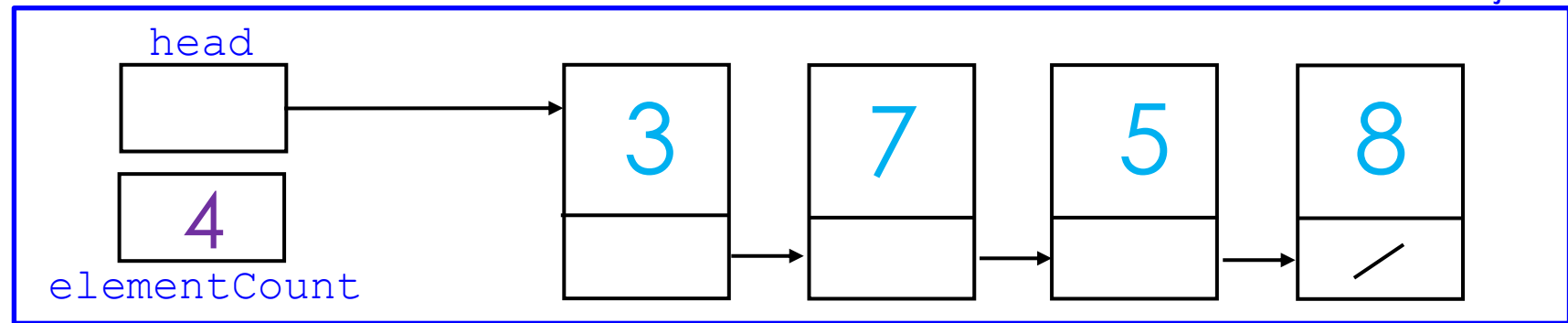


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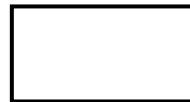
Time efficiency of this operation:
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Remove an element from a linked list

➤ remove @ front



nodeToRemove



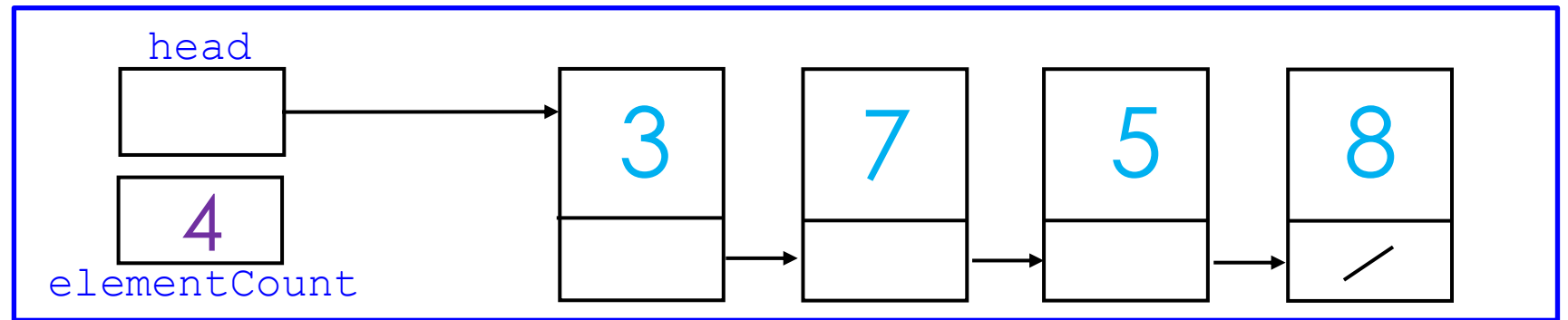
pseudocode

```
... removeAtFront( )  
1. if (head != nullptr)  
    2. Node * nodeToRemove = head;  
    3. head = head->next;  
    // Return node to the system  
    4. nodeToRemove->next = nullptr;  
    5. delete nodeToRemove;  
    6. nodeToRemove = nullptr;  
    7. elementCount--;
```

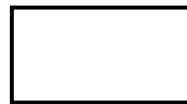

Time efficiency of this operation:
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Remove an element from a linked list

➤ remove @ end



current



pseudocode

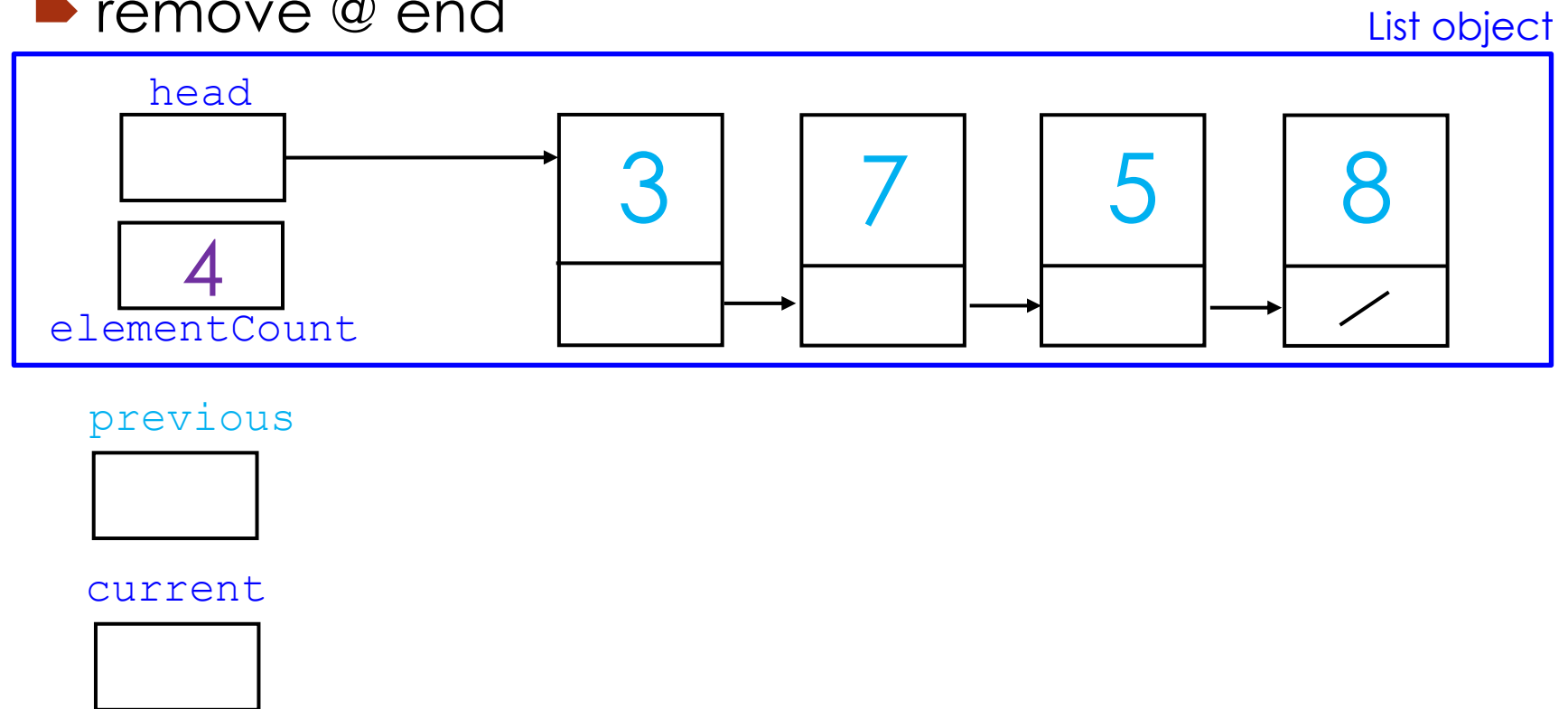
```
... removeAtEnd( )  
1. if (head != nullptr)  
    // Move to the end of the list  
2. Node * current = head; // Anchor  
3. while (current->next != nullptr)  
    4. current = current->next;  
    // Then what???
```

Issue with **Traverse** and possible solutions

1. Using a local variable **previous**
2. Adding another **link** into the **List**
3. Using a **Look Ahead** mechanism
=> **current->next->next**

1. Removal – with **previous**

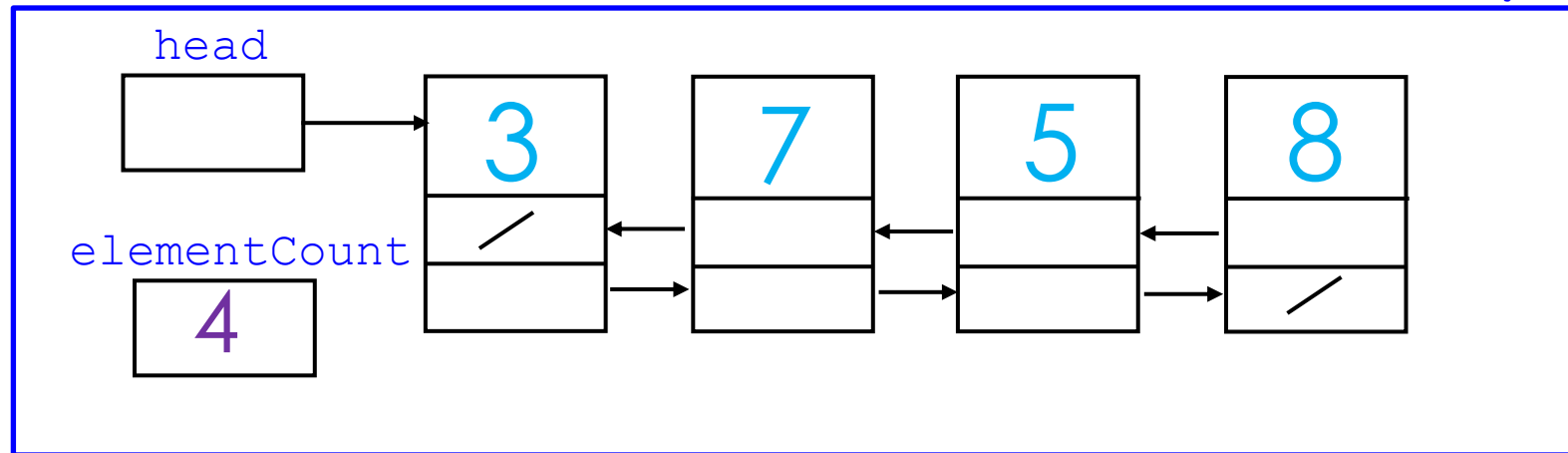
➤ remove @ end



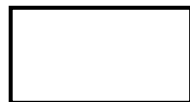
2. Removal – adding another *link* into the List

➤ remove @ end

List object



current



Removing an element from a **linked list**

➤ @ specific location

- When **linked list** is used as a data structure (CDT) for a **position-oriented** data collection ADT class like a **List**, we can indicate the position of the element we wish to remove
 - **position** is a parameter of the **remove** method

OR

- When **linked list** is used as a data structure (CDT) for a **value-oriented** data collection ADT class like a **List** (which is kept sorted), we can indicate which element to remove by supplying a **search key** (i.e., an element's attribute)
 - **search key** is a parameter of the **remove** method

Class invariant for this List class: the List is always kept in sorted order

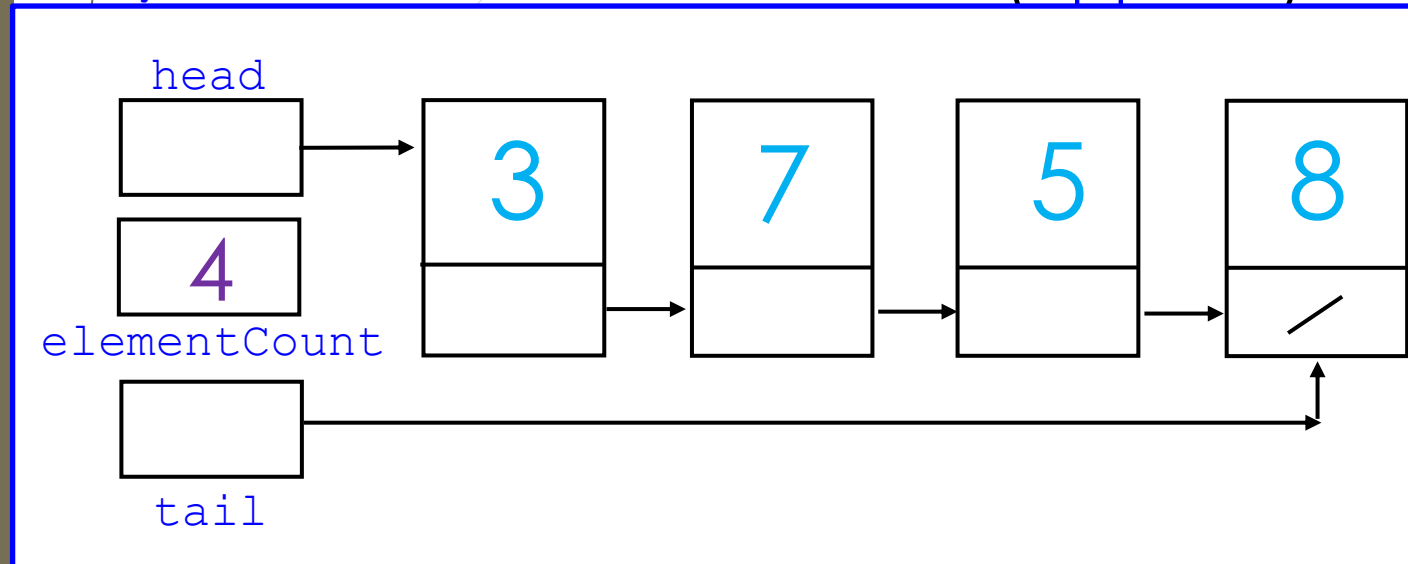
Improving the insertion of an element @ end

$O(n) \rightarrow O(1)$

**Doubly Headed Singly Linked list
=> DHSL list**

List object

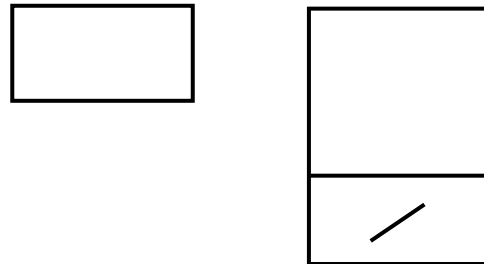
➡ insert @ end (**append**)



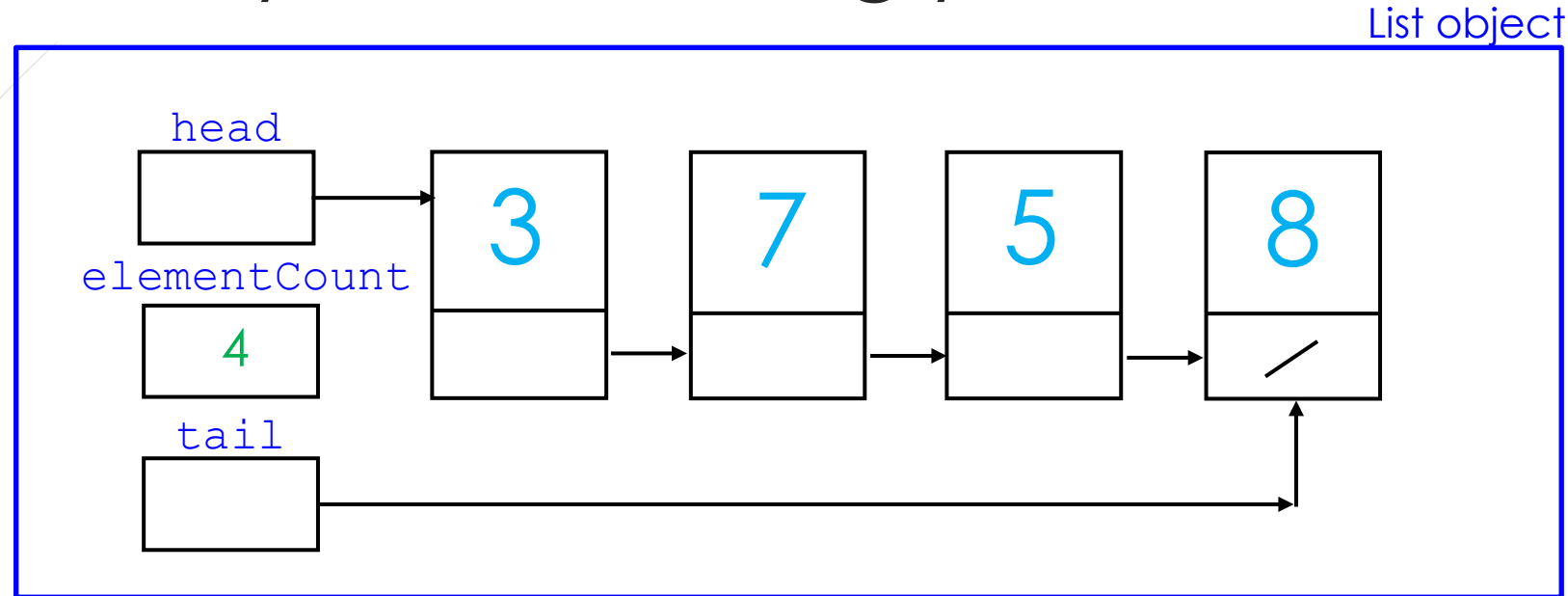
pseudocode

```
... append(int newElement)
1. Node *newNode = new Node(newElement);
2. if (newNode != nullptr)
3.   if (tail == nullptr) // or head == nullptr
4.     head = newNode;      when List empty
5.     tail = newNode;
   else
6.   tail->next = newNode;
7.   tail = newNode;
10. elementCount++;
```

newNode



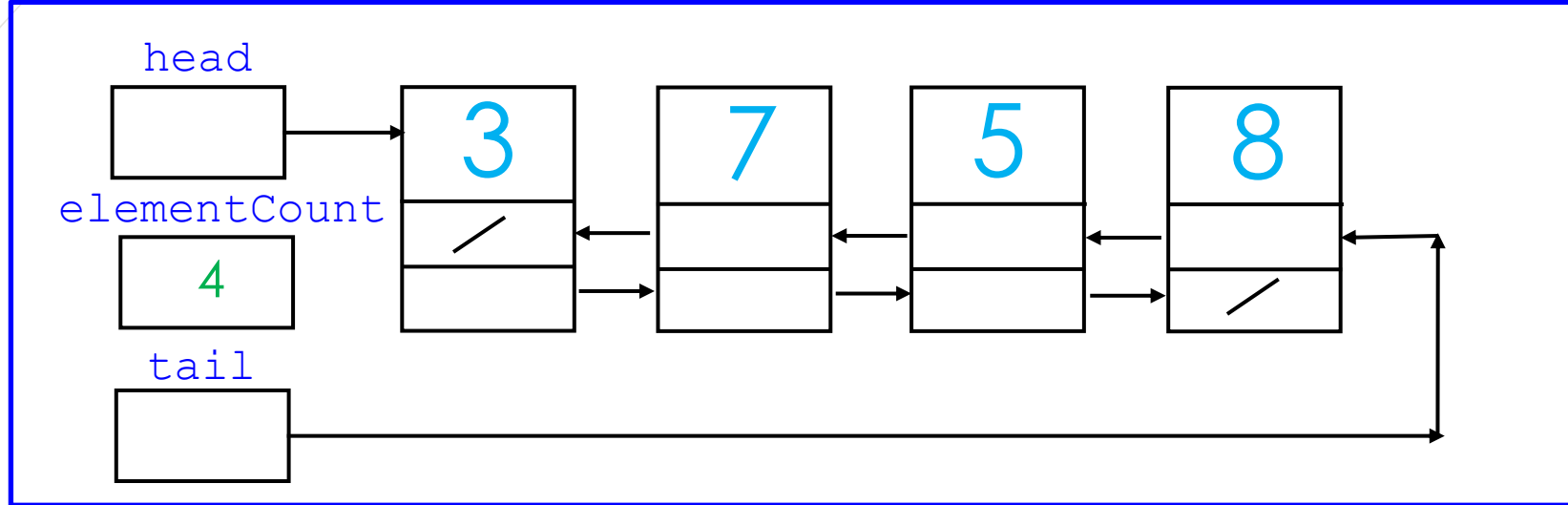
Doubly Headed Singly Linked list – DHSL list



- **Advantage:** Allows us to insert @ end (**append**) in $O(1)$. 😊
- **Disadvantage:** More code to develop, maintain and test. ☹️
=> Need to keep **tail** properly updated.

Doubly Headed Doubly Linked list – DHDL list

List object

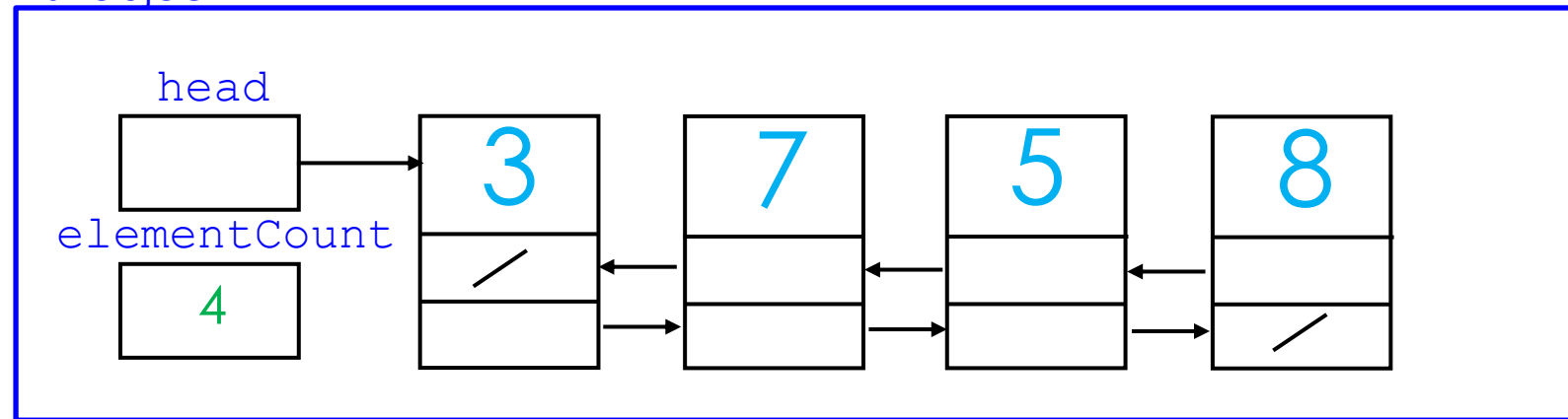


- **Advantage:** Allows us to remove the element at the end in $O(1)$. 😊
- **Disadvantage:** More code to develop, maintain and test. ☹️
=> Need to keep **tail** and the **second link back** properly updated.

Various configurations of **linked lists**

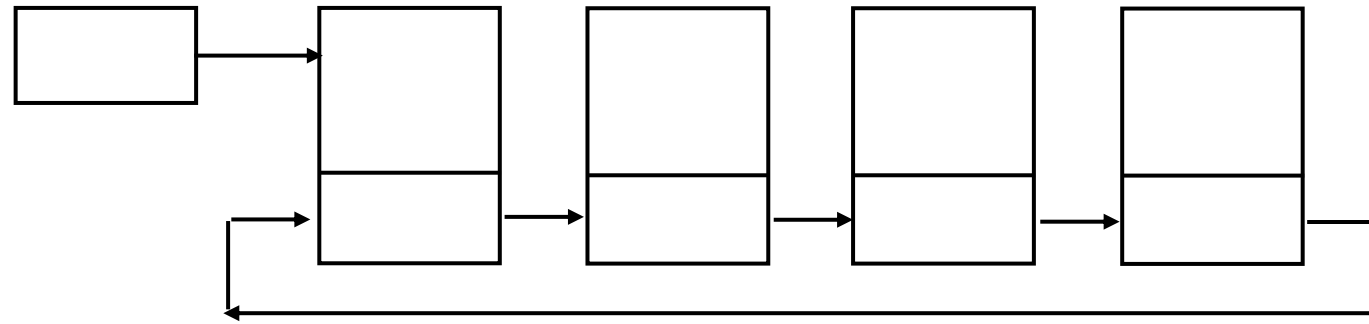
- **Linked lists** are very flexible
- Singly Headed Doubly Linked list – **SHDL list**:

List object

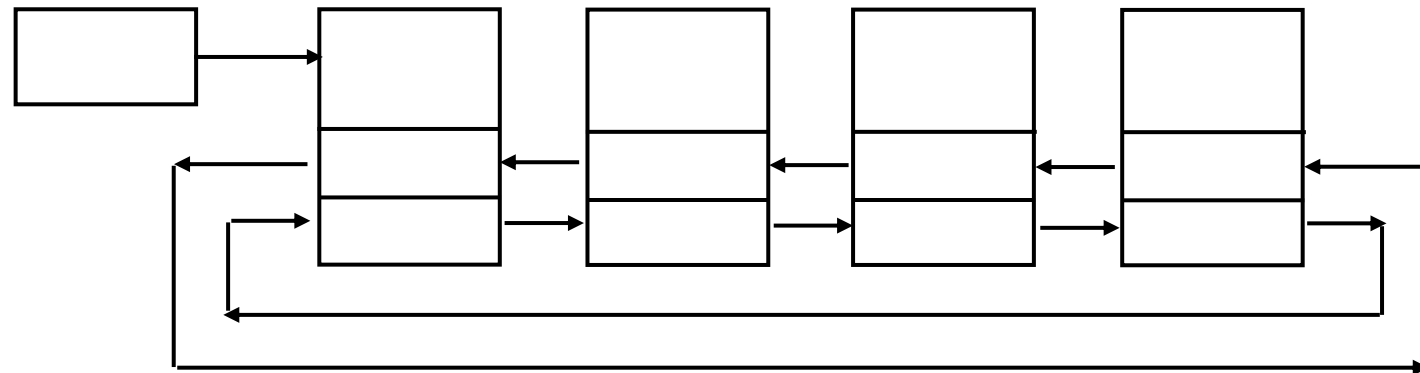


Various configurations of **linked lists** (cont'd)

➤ Singly Headed Singly Linked circular list:



➤ Singly Headed Doubly Linked circular list:



Step 3 - Implementation - Node Class

```
/*
 * Node.h
 *
 * Class Definition: Node of a singly linked (SL) list
 *                  in which the data is of "int" data type.
 *                  Designed and implemented as a non-ADT.
 *
 * Created on:
 * Author:
 */

class Node {
public:

    // Public data members - Why are the data members public?
    int data = 0;           // The data in the node
    Node * next = nullptr;  // Pointer to next node

    // Constructors
    Node();
    Node(int theData);
    Node(int theData, Node * theNextNode);

}; // end Node
```

```
/*
 * Node.cpp
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 * Class Definition: Node of a singly linked (SL) list
 *                  in which the data is of "int" data type.
 *                  Designed and implemented as a non-ADT.
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 */

#include <cstdio> // Needed for NULL
#include "Node.h"

Node::Node() {}

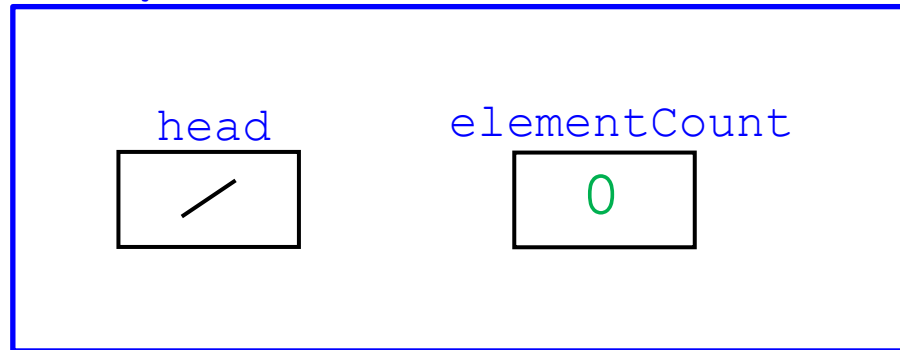
Node::Node(int theData) {
    data = theData;
}

Node::Node(int theData, Node * theNextNode) {
    data = theData;
    next = theNextNode;
}

// end Node.cpp
```

Construct a **List** object - **constructor** (made of an empty linked list)

List object



Be Careful

- Do not confuse **data members** of the **List** ADT class (components of a **linked list**)
 - Such as **head** and **tail**
 - and **data members** of the Node class
 - Such as **next** and **back**
- with **local variables** of the methods (of **List** ADT class) manipulating the **linked list**
 - Such as **current** and **previous**

List ADT class invariant?

- Element duplication allowed?
- ...?

Comparing various implementations of the **position-oriented List** ADT class using **Big O** notation

- Time efficiency of their operations (worst case scenario):

| Operations | array-based (array allocated on the heap) | link-based |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| getElementCount | | |
| insert | | |
| remove | | |
| removeAll/clear | | |
| retrieve/get | | |

List ADT class invariant?

- Sorted
- Element duplication allowed?
- ...?

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| insert | | |
| remove | | |
| removeAll/clear | | |
| retrieve/get (search) | | |

✓ Learning Check

- ✓ We can now ...
 - ✓ Perform operations on a **linked list**
 - ✓ Create **linked list** of various configurations (SHSL list, DHSL list, DHDL list, ...)
 - ✓ Know when to use them (know their **forte**)
 - ✓ **Step 3 – Implement** a data collection **List** ADT class:
 - ✓ Using an **array** (heap-allocated)
 - ✓ Using a **linked list**
 - ✓ Create a **Node** class
 - ✓ Compare the efficiency of the methods for both implementations of our **List** ADT class

Next Lecture

- Step 4 – Compilation and Testing
- Documentation
- Introduce our **next linear data collection**