List

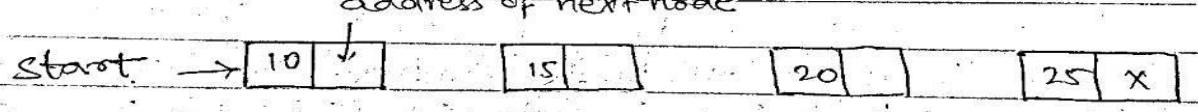
Linked list:

Linked list are special list of some data elements linked to one another. Each element of the linked list is called a node. A node consists of two part:-

① INFO ② LINK

INFO: It stores the information and also called data field.

LINK: It stores the address of next node and also called next field or pointer.



Basic Operation of linked list:

① Creation: This operation creates a new list.

② Insertion: This operation inserts a new node in the linked list. New node can be inserted in three position.

- ⓐ Insertion of a node at begining
- ⓑ Insertion of a node at end
- ⓒ Insertion of a node at the specific location

③ Deletion: This operation delete a node from a linked list. A node can be deleted from three position.

- ⓐ Deletion of a node from the begining
- ⓑ " " " end
- ⓒ " " " specific location

④ Traversing: Going through all nodes from one into another node

⑤ Searching or finding: This operation searches an element in a linked list. This operation is called SUCCESSFUL If searched element is found otherwise UNSUCCESSFUL.

⑥ Concatenation: This operation joints one lists to the end of another list.

⑦ Display: This operation prints the data of every nodes of the linked list.

Key Terms Used in Linked Lists:

1. Data — information held by a node
2. Link — Address of next node
3. NULL pointer — Link field of the last node contains NULL value. It is called NULL pointer. It indicates the end of the list.
4. External pointer — Pointer to very first linked list.
5. Empty list — If the nodes are not present in a linked list then it is called an empty list. The value of external pointer will be zero or an empty list ie. start = 0(NULL)

Representation of a Linked List:

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Structure node
{
int a;
struct node *next;
};
typedef struct node NODE;
NODE *start;
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Creating a node:

To create a new node malloc func. which dynamically allocate memory for the new node. After creating a node we can store new item in the node using a pointer to that node.

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NodeType *p
p(NodeType *) Malloc(sizeof(nodeType));
p → info = 5
p → next = NULL
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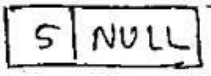


Inserting node:

To insert a node in a link list, the following three things are to be done:

- Allocating a node
- Assigning a data to info field of the node
- Adjusting a pointer

And, a new node may be inserted:

- At the begining of linked list
- At the specified location
- At the end of linked list

Algorithm to insert a new node at the begining of linked list:

1. Create a NewNode using malloc func.
   pNewNode = (NodeType *) Malloc (Size of (NodeType)).

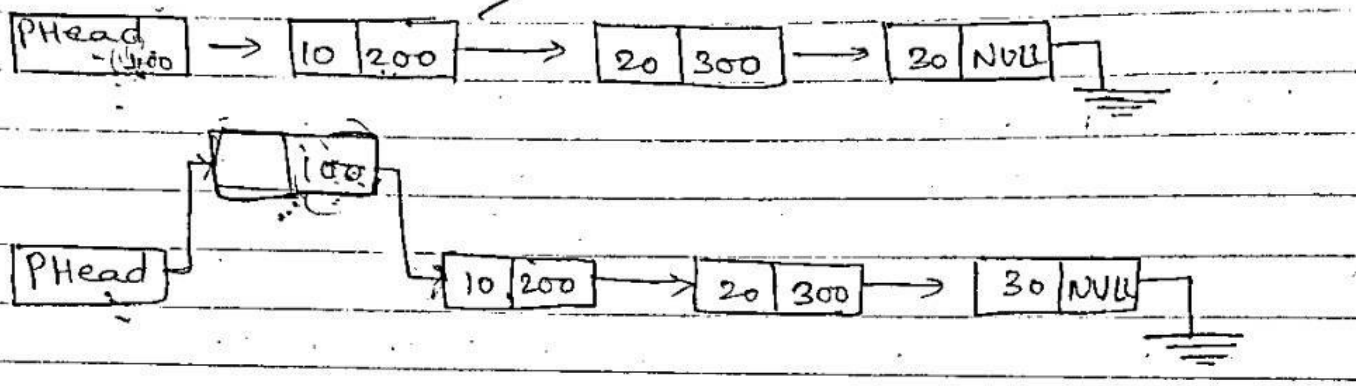
2. Assign Data to info field of new node
   pNewNode → info = newitem

3. Set next of new node to **next of Phead**

pNewNode → next = pHead

4. Set the head pointer to point to the new node

Phead → pNewnode.



Algorithm to insert a new node at a specified location;

Let P be the (Node pointer) after which we are going to add item:

1. Create a NewNode Using Malloc fuc^n.

pNewNode = (NodeType *) Malloc(sizeof(NodeType));

2. Assign Data to info field of new node.

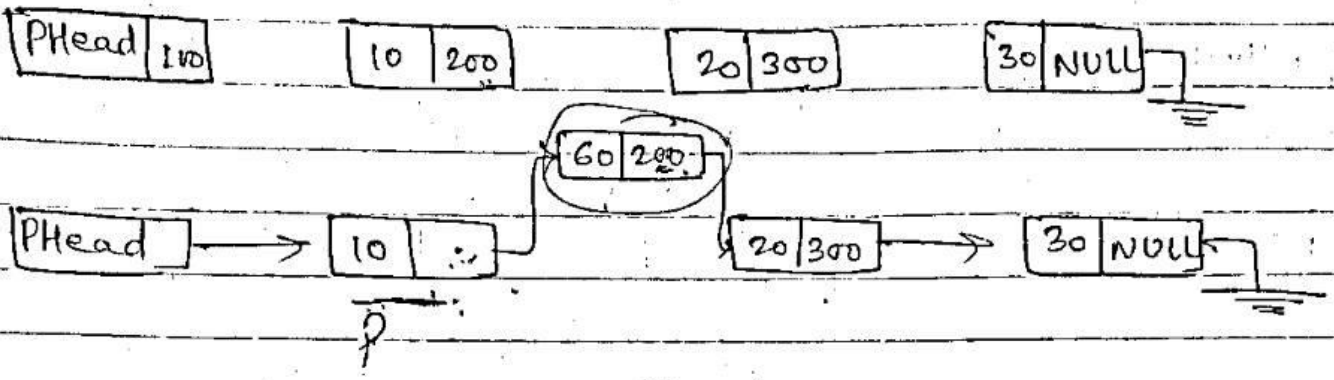
pNewNode → info = Newitem;

3. Set next of new node to next of P.

pNewnode → next = P → next;

4. Set next of P to point to the new node

P → next = PNewnode;



Algorithm to insert a new node at the end of the linked list:

1. Create a NewNode using Malloc function
   pNewNode = (Nodetype*) Malloc (Size of (NodeType));

2. Assign Data to info field of new node
   pNewNode → info = newitem

3. Set next of newnode to NULL:
   pNewNode → next = NULL

4. If pHead = NULL Then set pHead = pNew Node and Exit.

5. Set loc = *phead

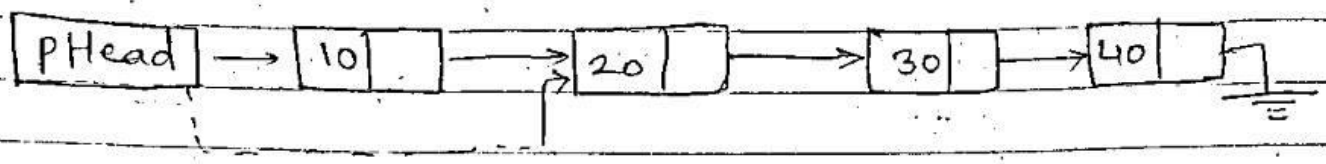
6. While (loc → next != NULL)
   loc = loc → next

7. Set loc → next = pNewnode

8. End

Deleting nodes:

Algorithm: Deleting the first node of the linked list (deleting from begining).



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Step-1: If the link list is empty printy "empty list" then exit.

Step-2: Store the address of first node in a temporary pointer ptemp.

Step-3: Set pHead to next ~~of temp~~ of pHead / Set pHead ~~secd~~ equal to) = next of the first node.

Step-4: Free the memory reversed by ptemp.

Step-5: Exit

Deleting the last node:

Step-1: If the link list is empty print "empty list" then exit.

Step-2: If link list consist only one element set pHead = NULL and print item of first node.

Step-3: Search for the node whose next node consist NULL in the link field.

Step-4: Set the link field of the node as NULL.

Step-5: print the item of the last node.