CS121 Data Structures
Linked Lists

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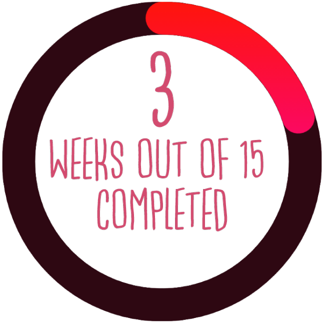

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- 23 days till the Spring Break
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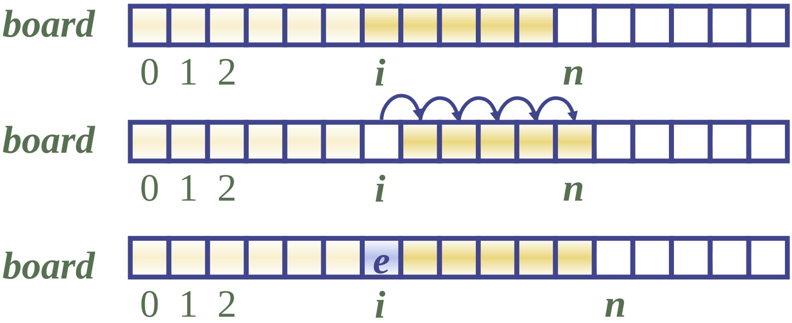
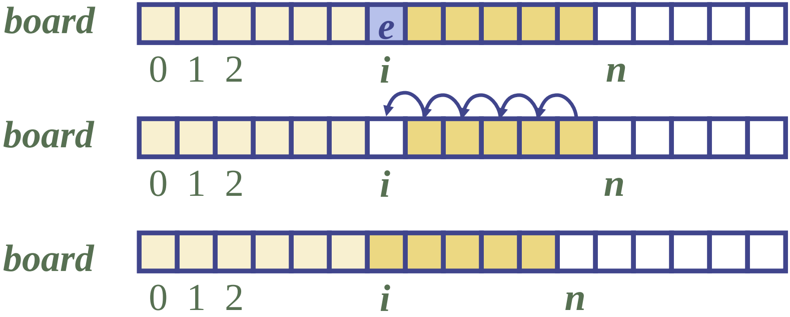
Adding an Array Entry

To add an entry e into array $board$ at index i, we need to make room for it by shifting forward the $n - i$ entries $board[i], \ldots, board[n-1]$



Removing an Array Entry

To remove the entry e at index i, we need to fill the hole left by e by shifting backward the $n - i - 1$ elements $board[i + 1], \ldots, board[n - 1]$



Singly Linked Lists

Drawbacks of *array* as an ordered data structure:

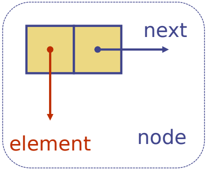
- fixed capacity
- expensive insertions and deletions at interior positions (shifting many elements)

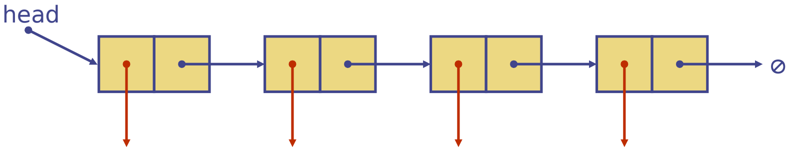
Linked list provides an alternative to an array-based structure.

A linked list is a collection of **nodes** that collectively form a linear sequence.

In a **singly linked list**, each node stores:

- a reference to an object that is an element of the sequence
- a reference to the next node of the list





Linked List Terms

The linked list instance must keep a reference to the first node of the list, known as the **head**.

The last node of the list is known as the **tail**.

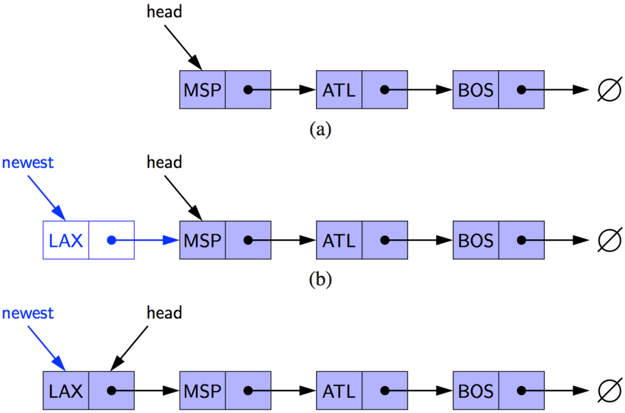
Traversing the linked list—starting at the head and moving from one node to another by following each node's `next` reference.

The tail has **null** as its `next` reference.

Commonly, a reference to the tail node is also stored, as is the count of the total number of nodes in the list (its **size**).

Inserting at the Head

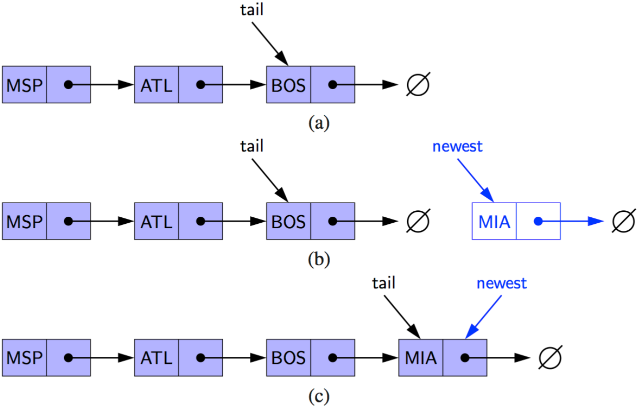
```
Algorithm addFirst(e):
  newest = Node(e)        {create new node instance storing reference to element e}
  newest.next = head            {set new node's next to reference the old head node}
  head = newest                     {set variable head to reference the new node}
  size = size + 1                                     {increment the node count}
```



(a) (b) (c)

Inserting at the Tail

```
Algorithm addLast(e):
  newest = Node(e)        {create new node instance storing reference to element e}
  newest.next = null               {set new node's next to reference the null object}
  tail.next = newest                        {make old tail node point to new node}
  tail = newest                         {set variable tail to reference the new node}
  size = size + 1                                         {increment the node count}
```



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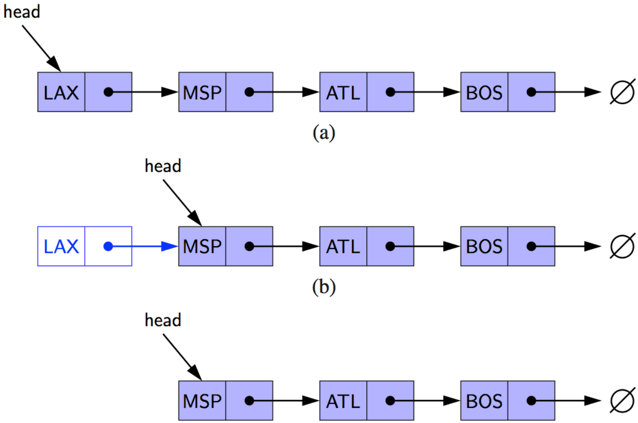
Removing from the Head

```
Algorithm removeFirst:
  if head == null then
    the list is empty.
  head = head.next                    {make head point to next node (or null)}
  size = size − 1                                {decrement the node count}
```



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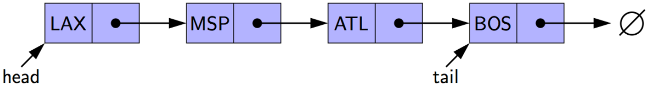
Removing from the Tail

Removing from the tail of a singly linked list is not efficient!

There is no constant-time way to update the tail to point to the previous node



Interface of a Singly Linked List

size() Returns the number of elements in the list.

isEmpty() Returns **true** if the list is empty, and **false** otherwise.

first() Returns (but does not remove) the first element in the list.

last() Returns (but does not remove) the last element in the list.

addFirst(e) Adds a new element to the front of the list.

addLast(e) Adds a new element to the end of the list.

removeFirst() Removes and returns the first element of the list.

Singly Linked List Implementation: Node

```
public class SinglyLinkedList<E> {
  //---------------- nested Node class ----------------
  private static class Node<E> {
    private E element;            // reference to the element stored at this node
    private Node<E> next;         // reference to the subsequent node in the list
    public Node(E e, Node<E> n) {
      element = e;
      next = n;
    }
    public E getElement( ) { return element; }
    public Node<E> getNext( ) { return next; }
    public void setNext(Node<E> n) { next = n; }
  } //----------- end of nested Node class -----------
```

Singly Linked List Implementation I

```
public class SinglyLinkedList<E> {
  (nested Node class goes here)
  // instance variables of the SinglyLinkedList
  private Node<E> head = null;           // head node of the list (or null if empty)
  private Node<E> tail = null;           // last node of the list (or null if empty)
  private int size = 0;                  // number of nodes in the list
  public SinglyLinkedList( ) { }         // constructs an initially empty list
  // access methods
  public int size( ) { return size; }
  public boolean isEmpty( ) { return size == 0; }
  public E first( ) {                // returns (but does not remove) the first element
    if (isEmpty( )) return null;
    return head.getElement( );
  }
  public E last( ) {                 // returns (but does not remove) the last element
    if (isEmpty( )) return null;
    return tail.getElement( );
  }
```

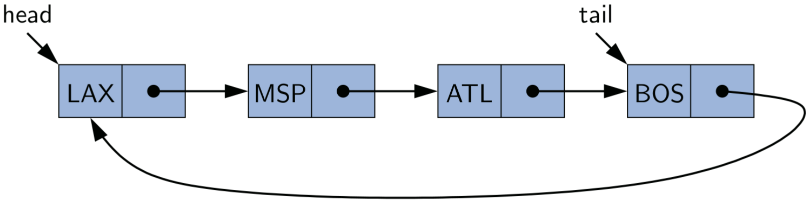
Singly Linked List Implementation II

```
  // update methods
  public void addFirst(E e) {              // adds element e to the front of the list
    head = new Node<>(e, head);            // create and link a new node
    if (size == 0)
      tail = head;                         // special case: new node becomes tail also
    size++;
  }
  public void addLast(E e) {               // adds element e to the end of the list
    Node<E> newest = new Node<>(e, null);  // node will eventually be the tail
    if (isEmpty())
      head = newest;                       // special case: previously empty list
    else
      tail.setNext(newest);                // new node after existing tail
    tail = newest;                         // new node becomes the tail
    size++;
  }
  public E removeFirst() {                 // removes and returns the first element
    if (isEmpty()) return null;            // nothing to remove
    E answer = head.getElement();
    head = head.getNext();                 // will become null if list had only one node
    size--;
    if (size == 0)
      tail = null;                         // special case as list is now empty
    return answer;
  }
}
```

Circularly Linked Lists

There are applications in which data can be viewed as having a **cyclic order**, with well-defined neighbouring relationships, but no fixed beginning or end.

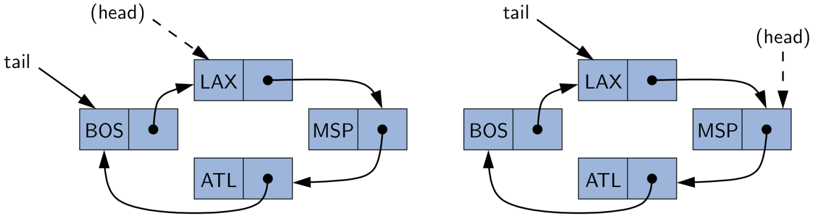
A **circularly linked list** is a singularly linked list in which the `next` reference of the tail node is set to refer back to the head of the list (rather than **null**).



Rotating

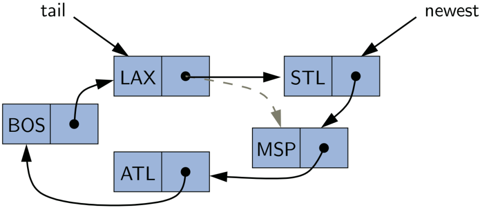
We no longer explicitly maintain the `head` reference. Thus we save a bit on memory usage and make the code simpler and more efficient.

When **rotating** the linked list, we simply advance the `tail` reference to point to the node that follows it.



Adding at the Head/Tail

Add at the head:



Add at the tail: add at the head and immediately rotate

Circularly Linked List Implementation I

```
public class CircularlyLinkedList<E> {
  (nested node class identical to that of the SinglyLinkedList class)
  // instance variables of the CircularlyLinkedList
  private Node<E> tail = null;                 // we store tail (but not head)
  private int size = 0;                        // number of nodes in the list
  public CircularlyLinkedList( ) { }           // constructs an initially empty list
  // access methods
  public int size( ) { return size; }
  public boolean isEmpty( ) { return size == 0; }
  public E first( ) {                    // returns (but does not remove) the first element
    if (isEmpty( )) return null;
    return tail.getNext( ).getElement( );      // the head is *after* the tail
  }
  public E last( ) {                     // returns (but does not remove) the last element
    if (isEmpty( )) return null;
    return tail.getElement( );
  }
```

Circularly Linked List Implementation II

```
  // update methods
  public void rotate( ) {            // rotate the first element to the back of the list
    if (tail != null)                     // if empty, do nothing
      tail = tail.getNext( );             // the old head becomes the new tail
  }
  public void addFirst(E e) {             // adds element e to the front of the list
    if (size == 0) {
      tail = new Node<>(e, null);
      tail.setNext(tail);                 // link to itself circularly
    } else {
      Node<E> newest = new Node<>(e, tail.getNext( ));
      tail.setNext(newest);
    }
    size++;
  }
  public void addLast(E e) {              // adds element e to the end of the list
    addFirst(e);                          // insert new element at front of list
    tail = tail.getNext( );               // now new element becomes the tail
  }
  public E removeFirst( ) {               // removes and returns the first element
    if (isEmpty( )) return null;          // nothing to remove
    Node<E> head = tail.getNext( );
    if (head == tail) tail = null;        // must be the only node left
    else tail.setNext(head.getNext( ));   // removes "head" from the list
    size--;
    return head.getElement( );
  }
}
```

Doubly Linked Lists

Limitations of *singly linked list*:

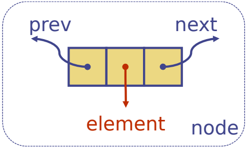
- unable to efficiently delete a node at the tail
- cannot efficiently delete a node from an interior position if given a reference to it (cannot determine the preceding node)

In a **doubly linked list** each node keeps an explicit reference to the node before it and a reference to the node after it.

A doubly linked list can be traversed forward and backward.

In a **doubly linked list**, each node stores:

- a reference to an object that is an element of the sequence
- a reference to the previous node of the list
- a reference to the next node of the list

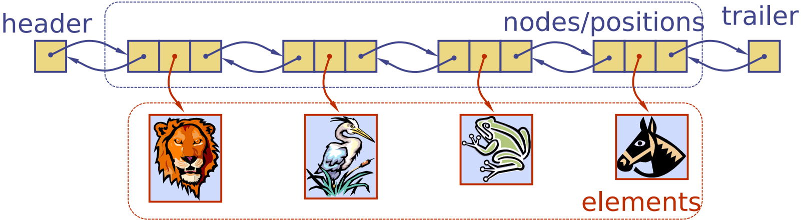


Header and Trailer Sentinels

It helps to add special nodes at both ends of the list:

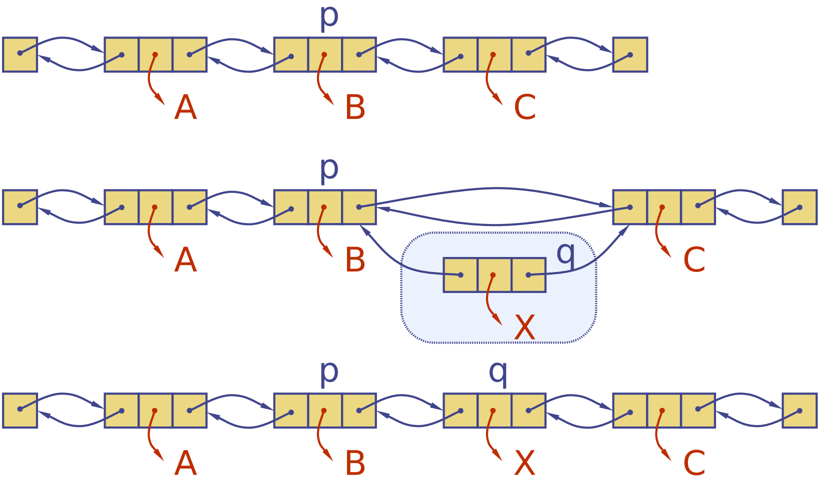
- a **header** node at the beginning of the list
- a **trailer** node at the end of the list

These ‘dummy’ nodes are known as **sentinels** (or guards). They do not store elements.



Insertion

Every insertion takes place between a pair of existing nodes.



Deletion

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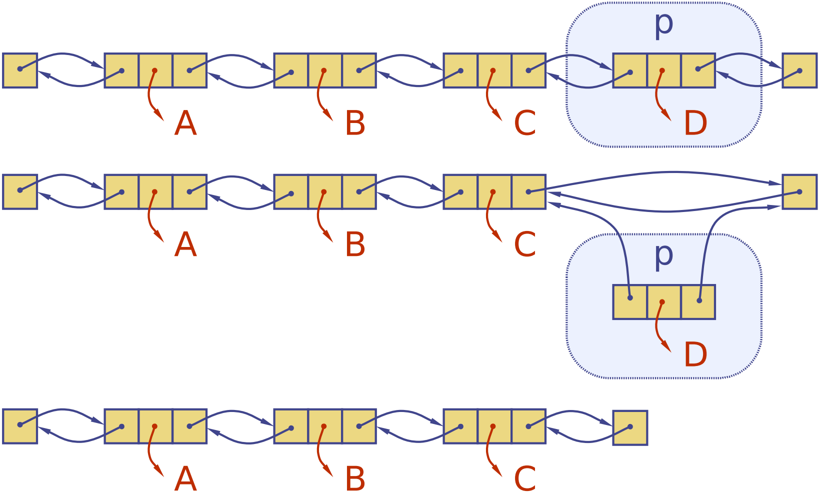

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removeFirst() Removes and returns the first element of the list.

removeLast() Removes and returns the last element of the list.

Doubly Linked List Implementation: Node

```
/** A basic doubly linked list implementation. */
public class DoublyLinkedList<E> {
  //---------------- nested Node class ----------------
  private static class Node<E> {
    private E element;               // reference to the element stored at this node
    private Node<E> prev;            // reference to the previous node in the list
    private Node<E> next;            // reference to the subsequent node in the list
    public Node(E e, Node<E> p, Node<E> n) {
      element = e;
      prev = p;
      next = n;
    }
    public E getElement( ) { return element; }
    public Node<E> getPrev( ) { return prev; }
    public Node<E> getNext( ) { return next; }
    public void setPrev(Node<E> p) { prev = p; }
    public void setNext(Node<E> n) { next = n; }
  } //----------- end of nested Node class -----------

```

Doubly Linked List Implementation I

```
// instance variables of the DoublyLinkedList
private Node<E> header;                           // header sentinel
private Node<E> trailer;                          // trailer sentinel
private int size = 0;                             // number of elements in the list
/** Constructs a new empty list. */
public DoublyLinkedList( ) {
  header = new Node<>(null, null, null);          // create header
  trailer = new Node<>(null, header, null);       // trailer is preceded by header
  header.setNext(trailer);                        // header is followed by trailer
}
/** Returns the number of elements in the linked list. */
public int size( ) { return size; }
/** Tests whether the linked list is empty. */
public boolean isEmpty( ) { return size == 0; }
/** Returns (but does not remove) the first element of the list. */
public E first( ) {
  if (isEmpty( )) return null;
  return header.getNext( ).getElement( );         // first element is beyond header
}
/** Returns (but does not remove) the last element of the list. */
public E last( ) {
  if (isEmpty( )) return null;
  return trailer.getPrev( ).getElement( );        // last element is before trailer
}
```

Doubly Linked List Implementation II

```
// public update methods
/** Adds element e to the front of the list. */
public void addFirst(E e) {
  addBetween(e, header, header.getNext());          // place just after the header
}
/** Adds element e to the end of the list. */
public void addLast(E e) {
  addBetween(e, trailer.getPrev(), trailer);        // place just before the trailer
}
/** Removes and returns the first element of the list. */
public E removeFirst() {
  if (isEmpty()) return null;                      // nothing to remove
  return remove(header.getNext());                 // first element is beyond header
}
/** Removes and returns the last element of the list. */
public E removeLast() {
  if (isEmpty()) return null;                      // nothing to remove
  return remove(trailer.getPrev());                // last element is before trailer
}

```

Doubly Linked List Implementation III

```
  // private update methods
  /** Adds element e to the linked list in between the given nodes. */
  private void addBetween(E e, Node<E> predecessor, Node<E> successor) {
    // create and link a new node
    Node<E> newest = new Node<>(e, predecessor, successor);
    predecessor.setNext(newest);
    successor.setPrev(newest);
    size++;
  }
  /** Removes the given node from the list and returns its element. */
  private E remove(Node<E> node) {
    Node<E> predecessor = node.getPrev( );
    Node<E> successor = node.getNext( );
    predecessor.setNext(successor);
    successor.setPrev(predecessor);
    size--;
    return node.getElement( );
  }
} //----------- end of DoublyLinkedList class -----------
```

Summary

Reading

Sections 3.2–3.6 of the main textbook

Questions?