

# CPS 305

**Data Structures**

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**Topic 5:** Unconventional Sorting, Linked Lists in LISP

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# Previously: Comparison Sorting

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Sorting algorithms based on Boolean comparison of pairs of elements

## Requirements:

1. If  $a \leq b$ , and  $b \leq c$ , then  $a \leq c$
2. For all  $a$  and  $b$ , either  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$

$O(n^2)$ : Selection sort, Insertion sort, Bubble sort

$O(n \log n)$ : Merge sort, Quick sort

# Moving On...

# Unconventional Sorting Algorithms



# Comparison Sorting: Alternatives?

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Are there sorting algorithms based on something ***other*** than comparison?

**There are, but they are less common:**

- They don't generalize across all types (only for integers, strings)
- They only perform well when data is uniformly distributed
- And more

**We'll see three:**

- Counting sort
- Radix sort
- Bucket sort

# Counting Sort

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- Keys (value to sort over) are small integers
- How small? They're used as array indexes.



# Counting Sort: Part 1

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Iterate through array, compute a histogram of occurrences:

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5



i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

### Before we get started:

- The size of count must be  $\max(\text{keys})+1$
- Thus, if keys contains very large values, count will take up a lot of space.
- Here, the max value in keys is 7, but for the sake of demonstration we'll just keep count and keys the same size.

# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5



# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

# Counting Sort: Part 1

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

**Done!**

# Counting Sort: Part 2

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5

- Next, we perform a ***prefix sum*** computation.
- This determines, for each key, the starting position in the array for items having that key.

# Counting Sort: Part 2

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0

- This is essentially a running sum, offset by one index.
- In practice we'd just overwrite **count**.
- We'll use another helper array for clarity.

# Counting Sort: Part 2

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	2	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
pref	0	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10

# Counting Sort: Part 2

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
count	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
pref	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

*In practice we'd just overwrite count.*

# Counting Sort: Part 2

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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	0	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10

We can now produce the sorted output array



# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	0	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10

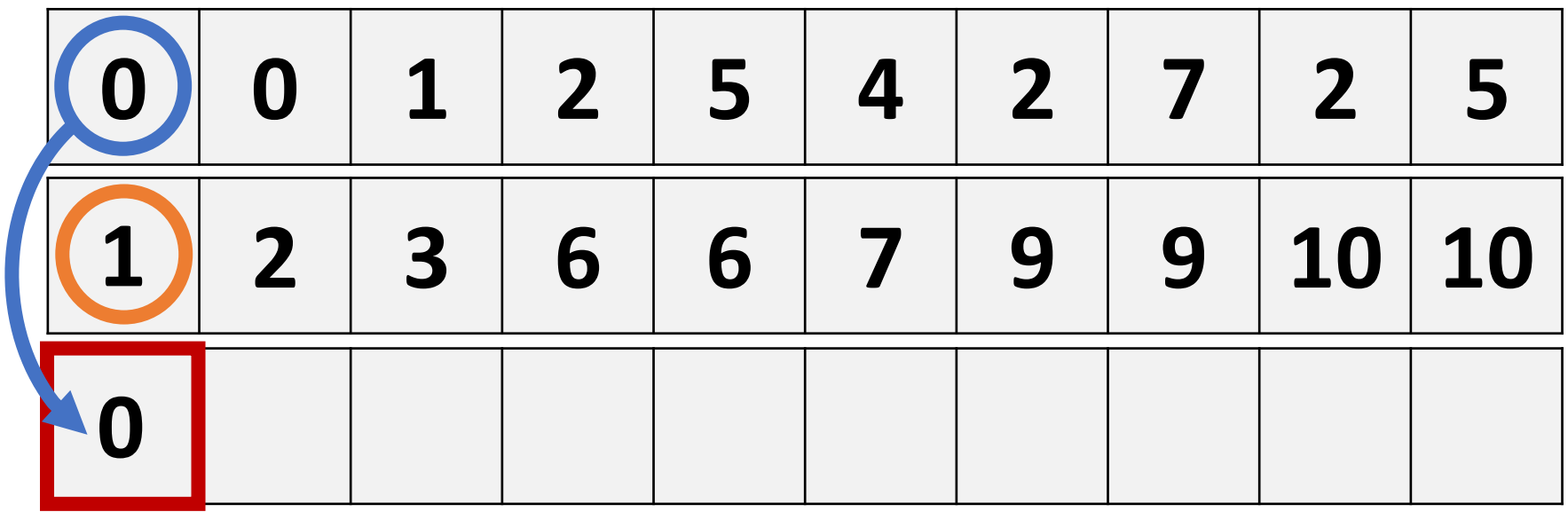
We loop over **keys**, placing elements into an output array using **count** to determine where each element should go.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	0	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10
output										

- **count** at index **k** tells us where the **first** key with value **k** should go.
- **(count at index k)+1** tells us where the **next** key with value **k** should go.
- We increment elements in count as we place keys in the output array.

# Counting Sort: Part 3


	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	1	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10
output	0									



# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10
output	0	0								



# Counting Sort: Part 3


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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10
output	0	0	1							

# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	4	6	6	7	9	9	10	10
output	0	0	1	2						



# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	4	6	6	8	9	9	10	10
output	0	0	1	2				5		

# Counting Sort: Part 3

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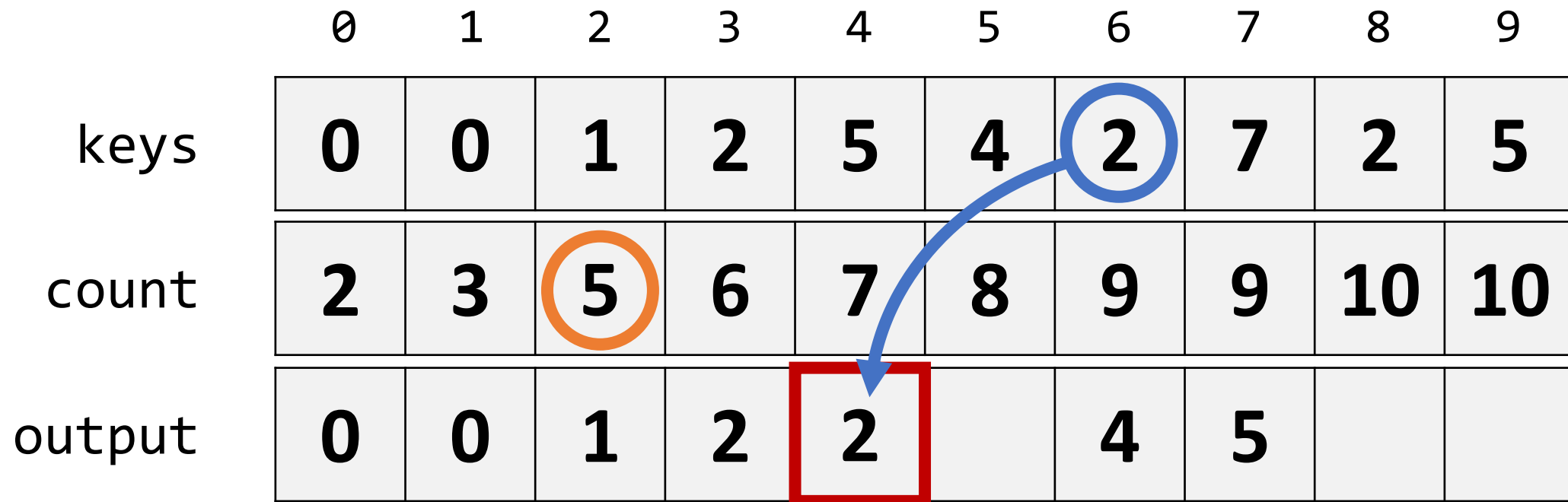
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	9	10	10
output	0	0	1	2			4	5		



# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	10
output	0	0	1	2	2		4	5		



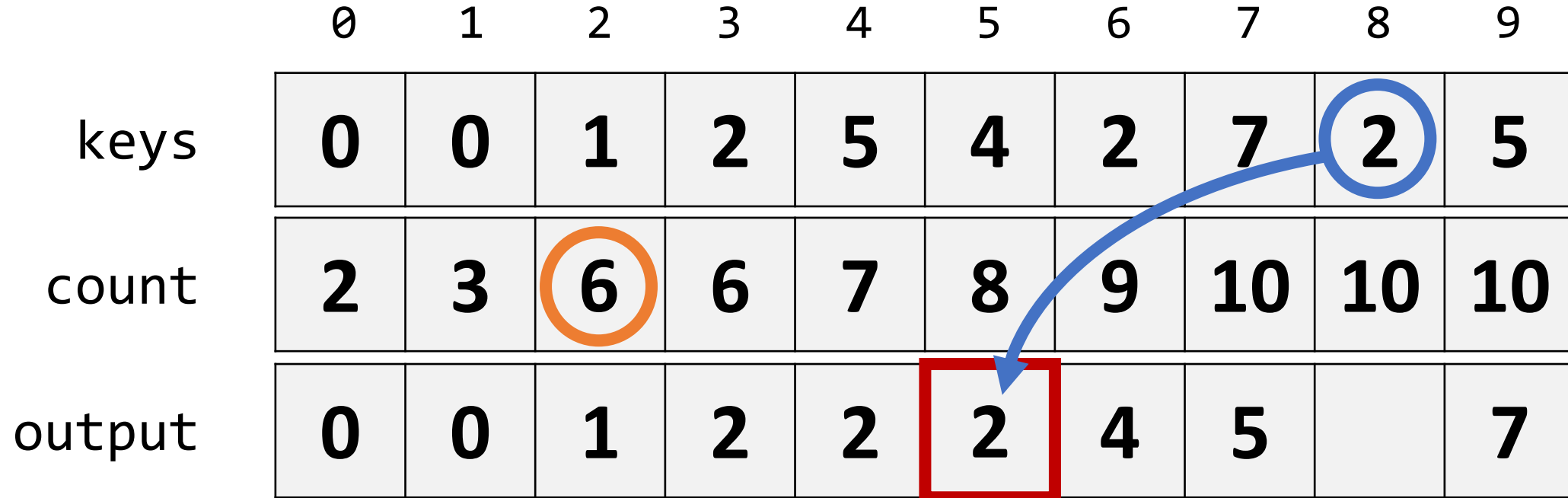
# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	10
output	0	0	1	2	2		4	5		7

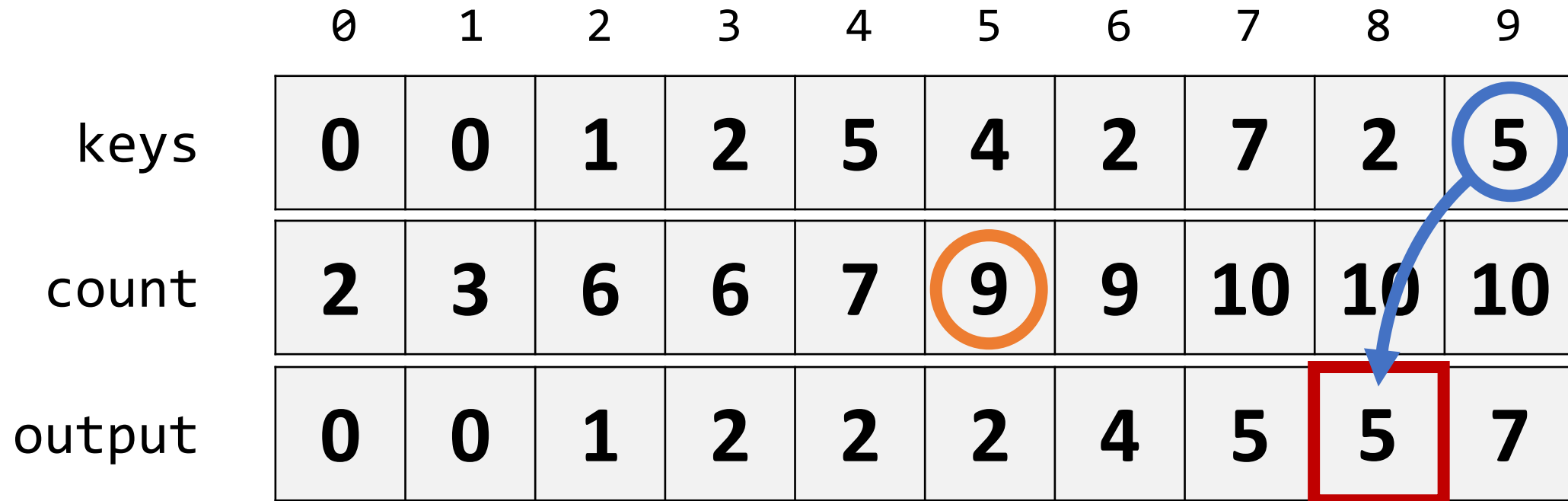
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keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	6	6	7	8	9	10	10	10
output	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	5		7



# Counting Sort: Part 3

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
count	2	3	6	6	7	9	9	10	10	10
output	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	5	5	7



# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
count	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
output	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

# Counting Sort: Part 3

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
keys	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	7	2	5
output	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	5	5	7

- We've iterated through keys twice, and count once
- Thus, the complexity of counting sort is  $O(3n) = O(n)$
- However! Remember length of count is  $\max(\text{keys})$
- Notice also that counting sort is stable!

# Radix Sort

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Counting sort can be used as a subroutine in Radix sort

- “Radix” refers to the base of the number.
- Most used on strings and integers but can operate on any arbitrary bit pattern.
- Sort integers in similar fashion as counting sort
- Hierarchically group keys by their individual digits
- **Two flavors:** LSD and MSD

# Radix Sort

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**Two flavors: LSD and MSD**

## **Least significant digit (LSD)**

- Sort values based on their right-to-left digit order

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- Good for sorting in numeric order
- Short keys (smaller numbers) come before large keys.



# Radix Sort

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Two flavors: MSD and LSD

## Most significant digit (MSD)

- Sort values based on their left-to-right digit order

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- Sort based on *lexicographic* order
- Good for sorting strings
- Doesn't sort in numeric order, 10 would come before 3.

# Radix Sort

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10	8	172	15	44	3	212	888	20	15
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Let **p** = max number of digits per key = **3**

Let **r** = radix (base) of keys = **10**

Create **r** buckets, sort elements into buckets based on digit currently being evaluated. Total number of passes = **p**.

**LSD**

10	8	172	15	44	3	212	888	20	15
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑

10 20		172 212	3	44	15 15			8 888	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**LSD**

<b>10 20</b>		<b>172 212</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15 15</b>			<b>8 888</b>	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Repopulate array with this intermediate result:

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**LSD**

10	20	172	212	3	44	15	15	8	888
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Perform binning operation again, this time looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> LSD  
We will add leading zeros to make the process more clear

**LSD**

010	020	172	212	003	044	015	015	008	888
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑

003 008	010 212 015 015	020		044			172	888	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**LSD**

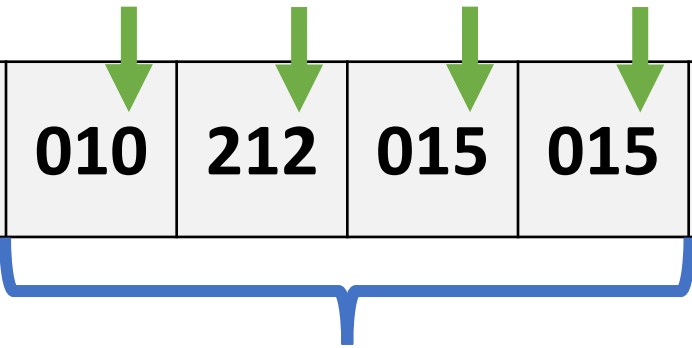
003 008	010 212 015 015	020		044			172	888	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Repopulate array with this intermediate result:

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**LSD**

003	008	010	212	015	015	020	044	172	888
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**Notice!**

- Each step is *stable*.
- When sorting on digit **x**, previous ordering based on digit **x-1** is retained.
- This works if buckets are FIFO (First In First Out)
- we remove elements in the order then went in.



**LSD**

003	008	010	212	015	015	020	044	172	888
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Perform binning operation one last time on the final digit.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**LSD**

003	008	010	212	015	015	020	044	172	888
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑

003	172	212						888	
008									
010									
015									
015									
020									
044									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**LSD**

003	172	212						888	
008									
010									
015									
015									
020									
044									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Repopulate array with final result:

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# LSD

003	008	010	015	015	020	044	172	212	888
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## And we're done!

- Radix sort is **stable**
- Keys can also be characters (ASCII, radix = 255)
- **MSD** works the same way but we consider digits in reverse order.
- Radix sort is  **$O(nw)$** , where  **$n$**  is the number of keys and  **$w$**  is the number of digits.
- Thus, Radix sort is better than comparison sorting if  **$w < \log(n)$**
- As mentioned, the binning operation can be implemented using counting sort where the current digit is the key.
- Counting sort is  **$O(n)$** , and we're doing it for each digit =  **$O(nw)$**

## How about Most Significant Digit (MSD)?

# Radix Sort

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## How about Most Significant Digit (MSD)?

- Most commonly used on strings to achieve *lexicographic* (ASCII/Unicode) order.
- Not quite as simple as LSD radix sort – we will recursively sort buckets.
- Let's try it on an array of strings!

# MSD

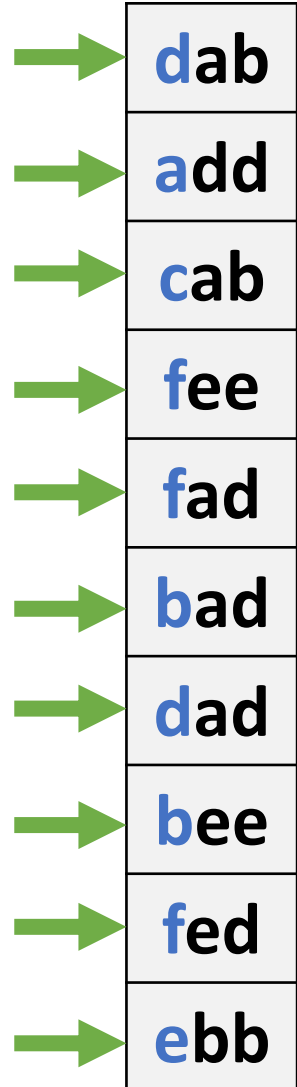
dab
add
cab
fee
fad
bad
dad
bee
fed
ebb

# MSD

dab
add
cab
fee
fad
bad
dad
bee
fed
ebb

	a
	b
	c
	d
	e
	f

# MSD



Sort each bin recursively  
using 2<sup>nd</sup> letter

- f is the most interesting bin.
- Let's see it first



# MSD

dab  
add  
cab  
fee  
fad  
bad  
dad  
bee  
fed  
ebb

add a

bad b  
bee b

cab c

dab d  
dad d

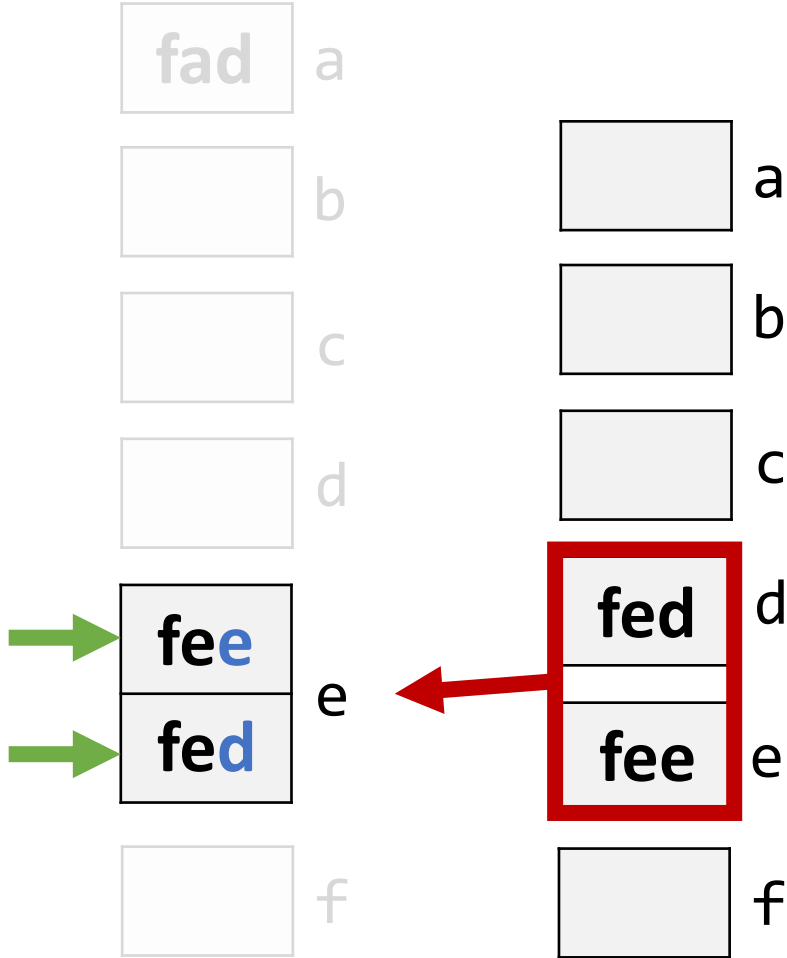
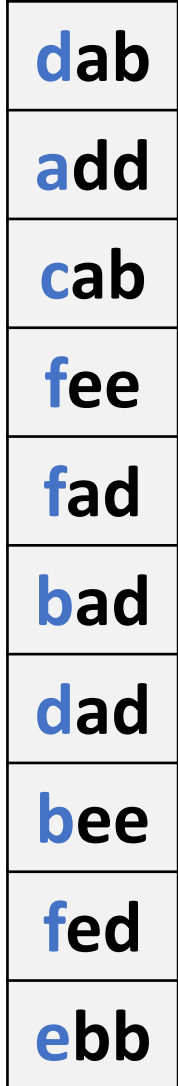
ebb e

fee f  
fad f  
fed f

fad a  
b  
c  
d  
fee e  
fed e  
f

Sort each bin recursively  
using 3<sup>rd</sup> letter

# MSD



- At this point we hit the base case
- We move back up, concatenating bins as we go

# MSD

dab
add
cab
fee
fad
bad
dad
bee
fed
ebb

add	a
bad	b
bee	
cab	c
dab	d
dad	
ebb	e
fee	f
fad	
fed	

fad	a
	b
	c
	d
	e
fed	e
fee	e
	f
	f

fed
fee

# MSD

dab
add
cab
fee
fad
bad
dad
bee
fed
ebb

add	a
bad	b
bee	
cab	c
dab	d
dad	
ebb	e
fad	
fed	f
fee	

fad	a
	b
	c
	d
	e
fed	
fee	
	f



# MSD

dab
add
cab
fee
fad
bad
dad
bee
fed
ebb

add	a
bad	b
bee	
cab	c
dab	d
dad	
ebb	e
fad	f
fed	
fee	

- Assuming we performed the same process on all bins, the final list is now sorted lexicographically.
- MSD Radix Sort is **NOT** guaranteed to be stable!
- **Note:** if the words are different lengths, padding is added on the *right hand* side (left justified).
- It's then up to us to decide if *nothing* should appear before *something*.
- I.e., **a** before **ab**. Typically, it does.

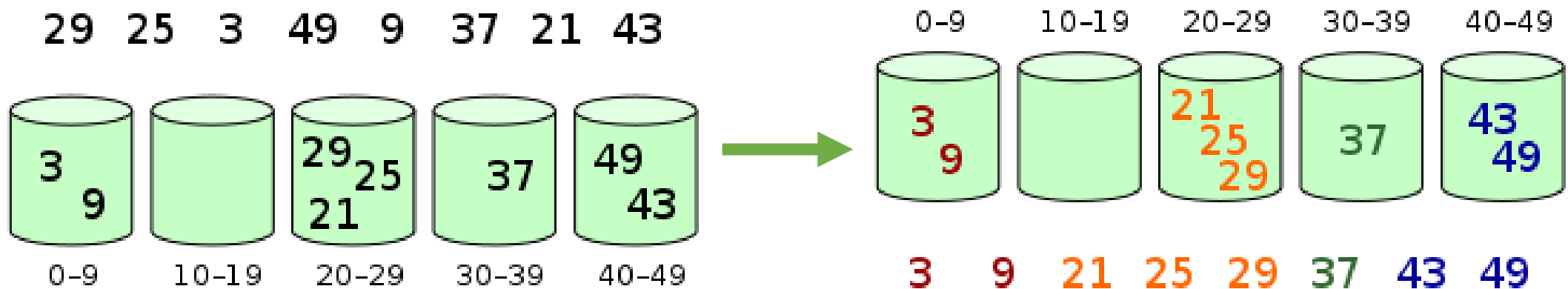
# Bucket Sort

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# Bucket Sort

- Distribute array elements into some number of buckets, then sort each bucket individually.
- Use a traditional sort or recursively apply bucket sort.



# Bucket Sort

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- Like counting and radix sorts, we want to convert the input array elements into an index.
- This index will determine which bucket we sort that element into.
- Typically, we use some number of significant bits/digits.
- Sorting values from 000 to 999 into 10 bins requires the left-most digit.

<b>000- 099</b>	<b>100- 199</b>	<b>200- 299</b>	<b>300- 399</b>	<b>400- 499</b>	<b>500- 599</b>	<b>600- 699</b>	<b>700- 799</b>	<b>800- 899</b>	<b>900- 999</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>



# Bucket Sort

Breaks down when values are not evenly distributed.

2	93	98	95	98	99	99	91	96	96
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2										93, 98, 95, 98, 99, 99, 91, 96, 96

- Sorting this bin will dominate the overall running time
- Typically done with insertion sort,  $O(n^2)$

000- 099	100- 199	200- 299	300- 399	400- 499	500- 599	600- 699	700- 799	800- 899	900- 999
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

### Interesting Optimization:

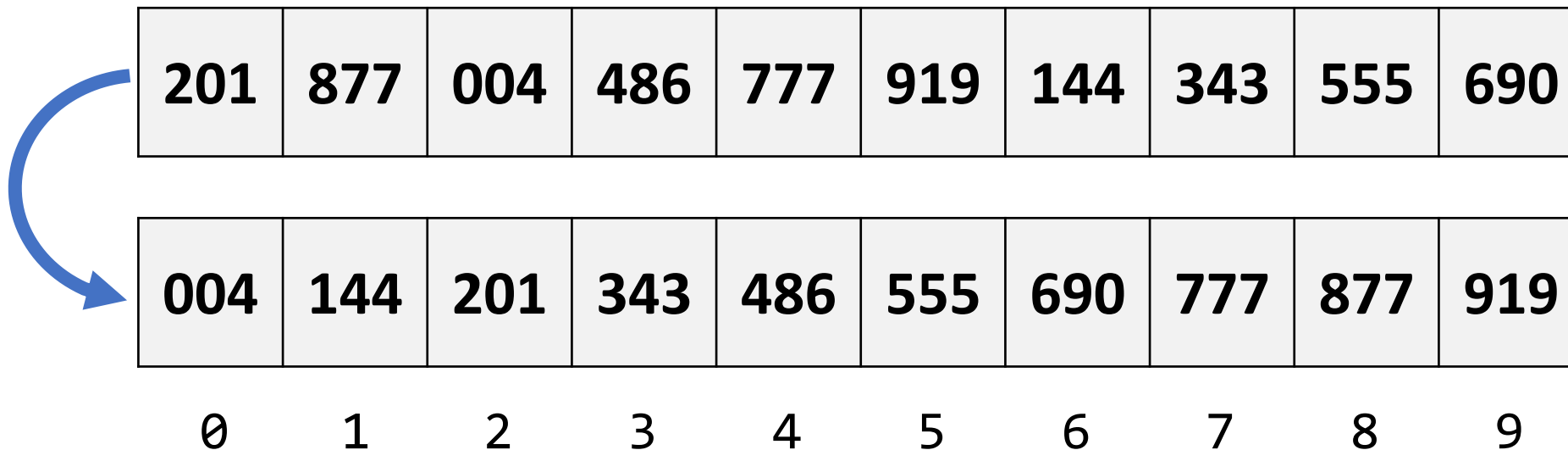
- Rather than sorting bins, copy them, still unsorted, back into the original array, then run insertion sort on original array.
- **Why?** Binning moves every element closer to its final position.
- **Significantly reduces inversions!** Insertion sort's runtime is proportional to the number of inversions.
- Not a guarantee of course, depends on input.

# Bucket Sort: Complexity

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**For bucket sort to be  $O(n)$  on average:**

- Number of buckets must equal the length of the input array.
- Input array values must be uniformly distributed.
- Clustered data degrades performance.



Binning based  
on first digit.

# Bucket Sort

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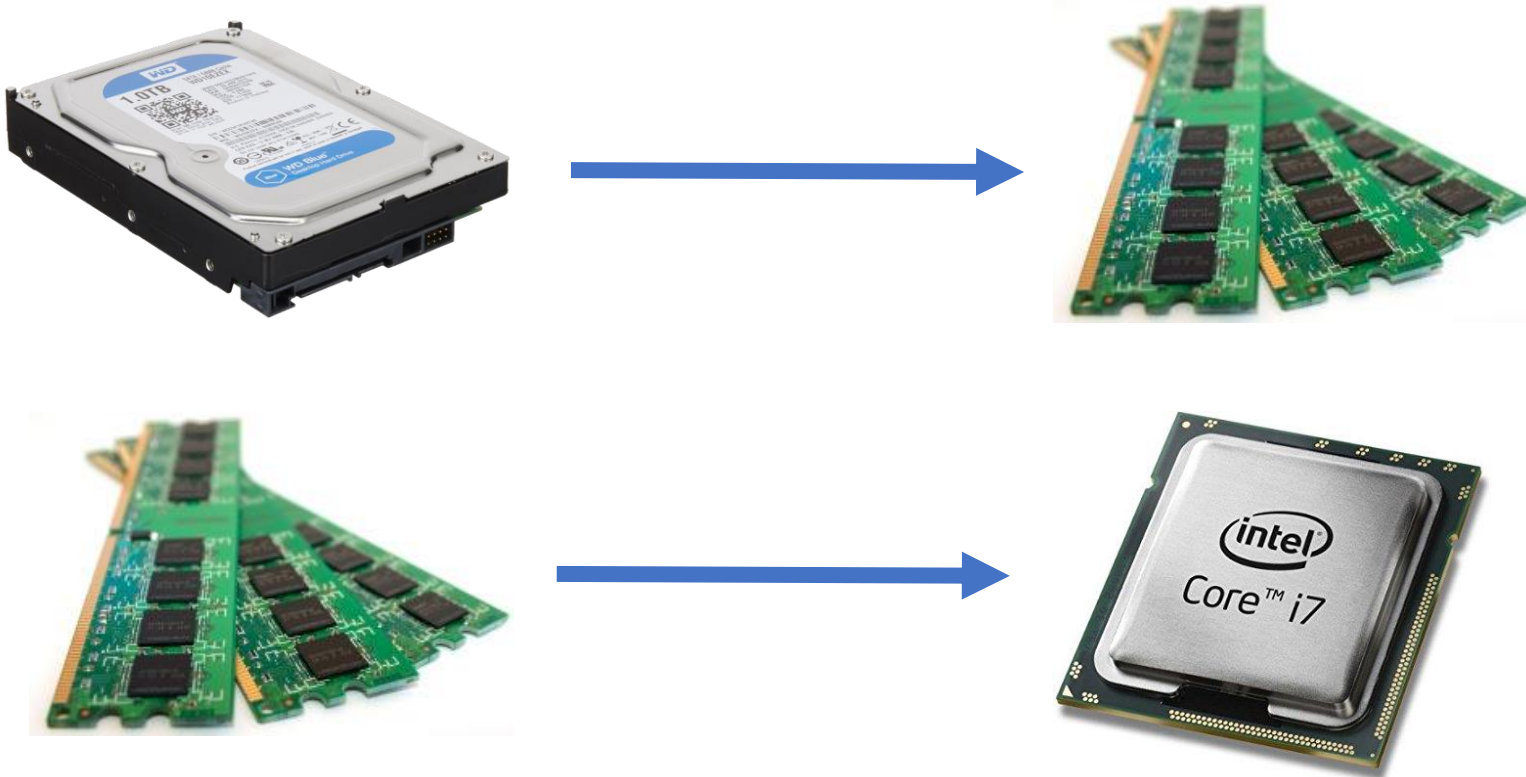
- Notice that bucket sort is not limited to integers!
- We're not using the keys as indexes
- If the data can be separated into buckets, we can apply bucket sort.

# Moving on...

# Recall: Bottlenecks

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Moving data between different levels of memory is the biggest bottleneck.

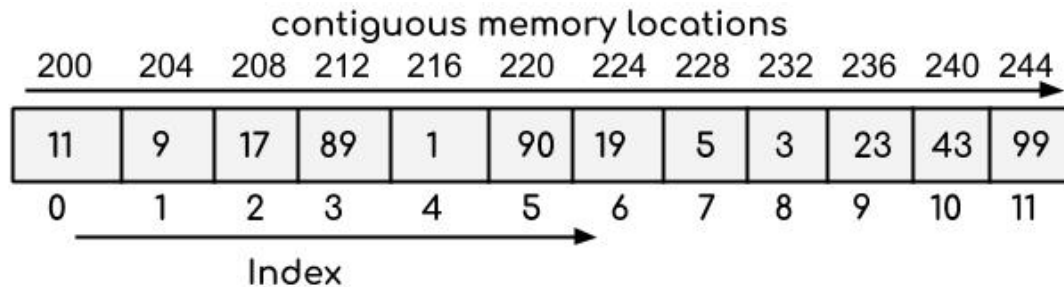


# Recall: Linked VS Array

Every Abstract Data Type (ADT) is built on one of two foundations:

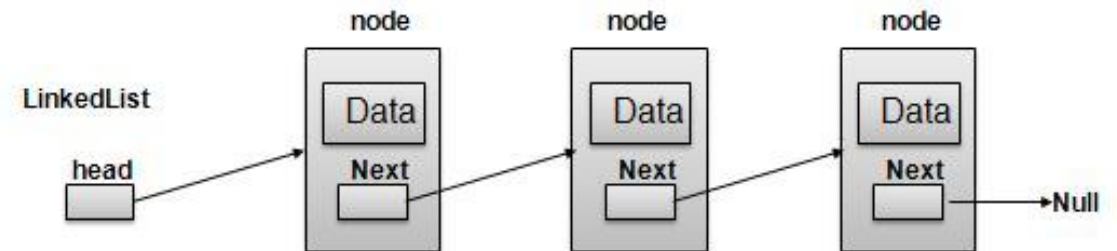
## Array:

- Elements are contiguous in memory
- $O(1)$  random access (index)
- $O(n)$  prepend, insertion



## Linked data structure:

- Elements, or nodes, are linked via pointers
- Not contiguous in memory!
- $O(1)$  prepend,  $O(n)$  indexing



# Linked Lists





# Linked Lists

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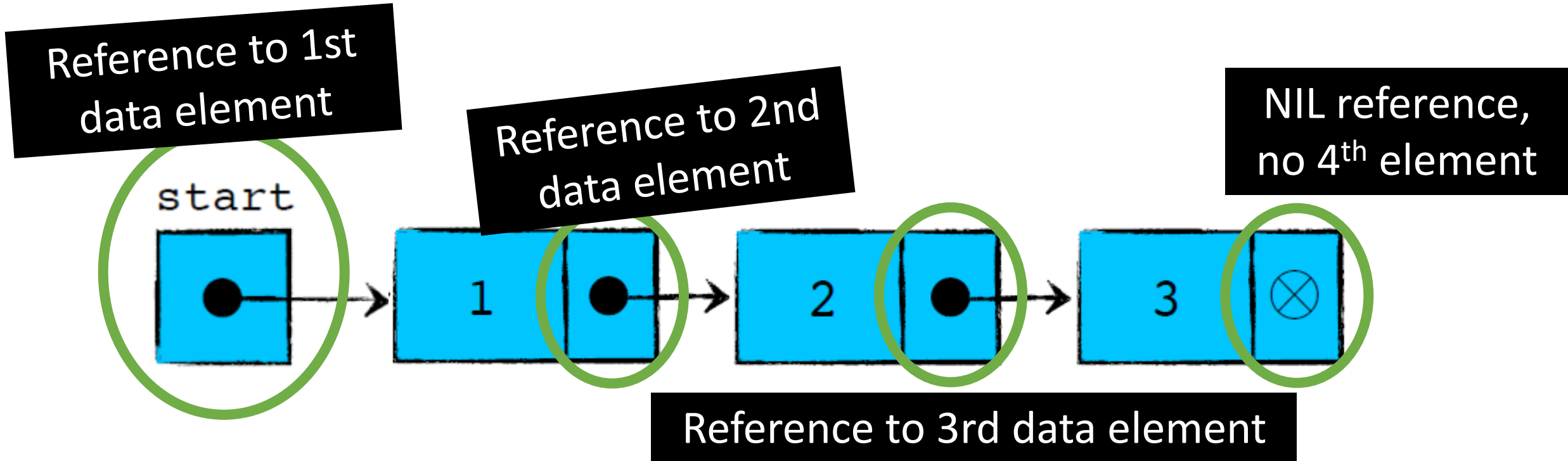
## Linked List:

Some object or value

- An ordered set of data elements each containing a link to its successor (and in some cases, its predecessor).
- Along with arrays, linked lists are used as a base to build other ADTs.

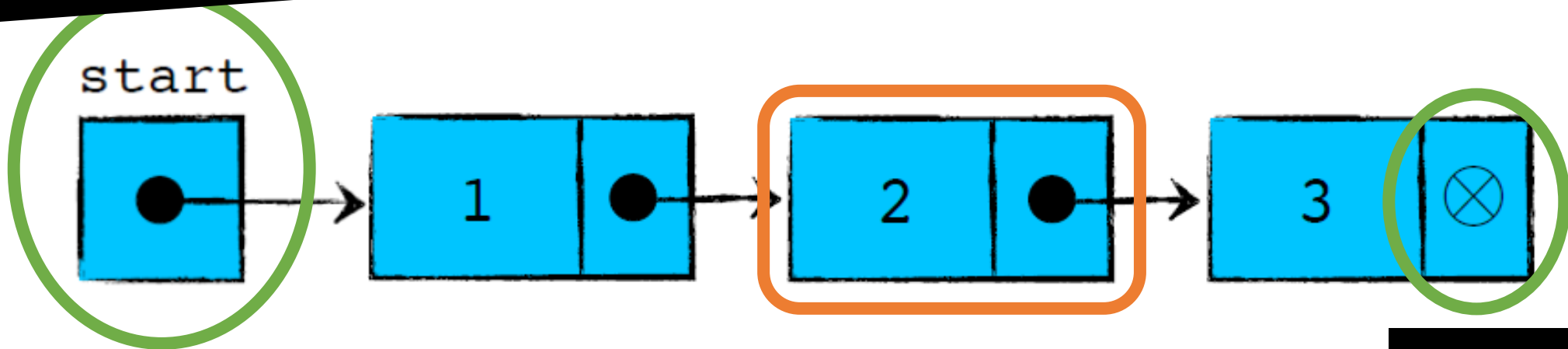
## VS. arrays?

- Unlike arrays, linked lists are not contiguous in memory.
- Each element in a linked list contains a reference to the next.
- Fast to add or remove elements, slower to index into.



Reference to 1st  
data element

- Data elements are typically called “**nodes**”
- In its most basic form, a node is an object containing a value and a reference (to the next node)

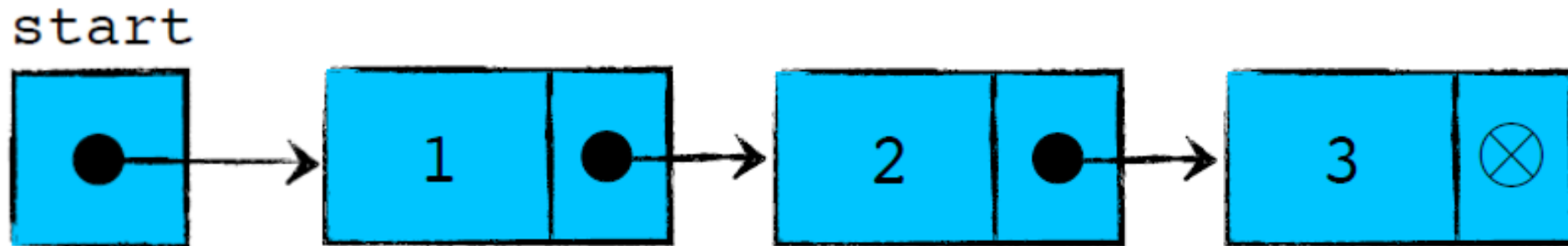


NIL reference,  
no 4<sup>th</sup> element

# Linked Lists

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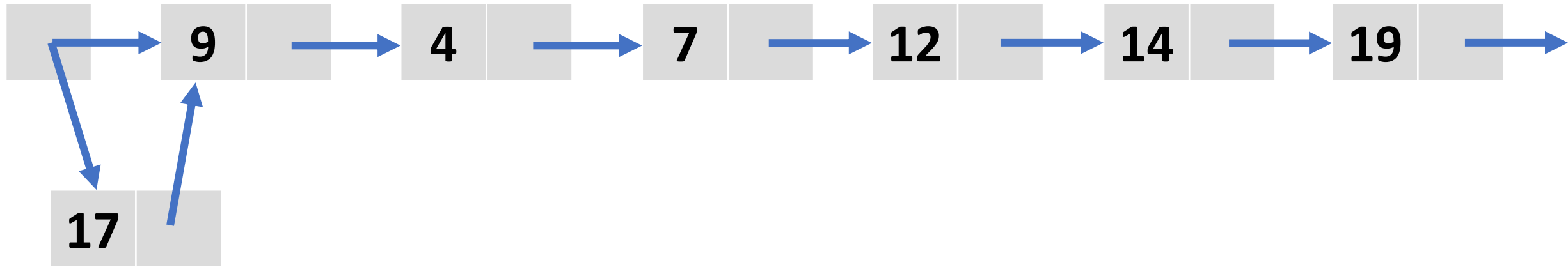
- To iterate through the list, we simply follow the references beginning with `start` (typically called the *head* of the list)
- Insertion and removal is performed by updating references.
- **Thus:** We need not reallocate or reorganize the entire structure when adding or removing – just update the relevant references.



# Prepending to a Linked List

Add a new value 17 to the start of the List:

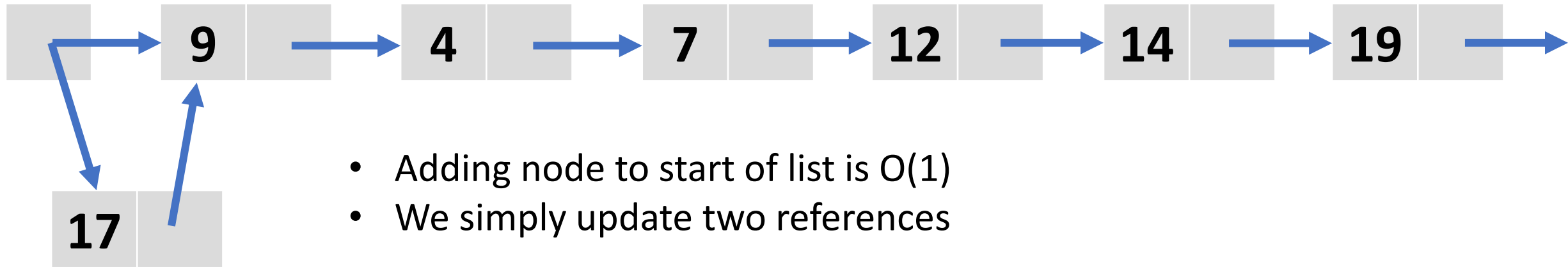
head



# Prepending to a Linked List

Add a new value 17 to the start of the List:

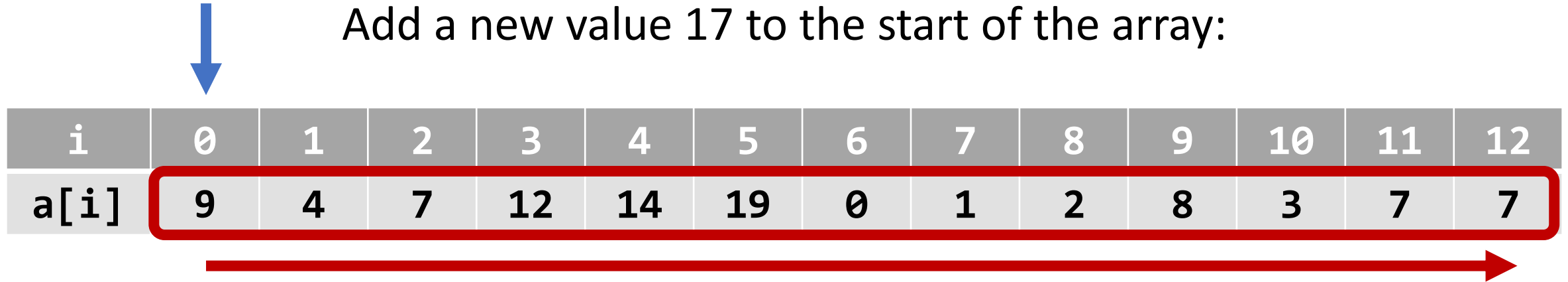
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- Adding node to start of list is  $O(1)$
- We simply update two references

# VS Arrays

Add a new value 17 to the start of the array:



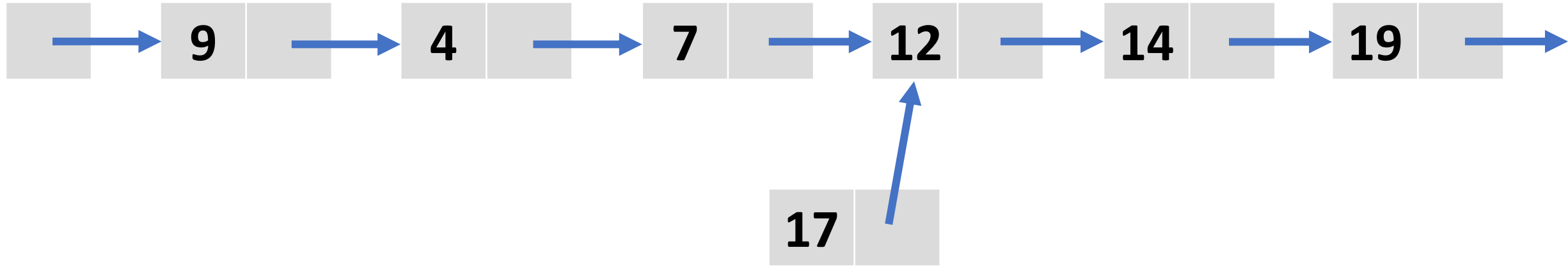
i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
a[i]	9	4	7	12	14	19	0	1	2	8	3	7	7

- Shifting elements is bad enough – what if the array has no free space at the end?
- We have to create a new, larger array and copy all the elements over.

# Inserting into a Linked List

Add a new value 17 at index 3:

head

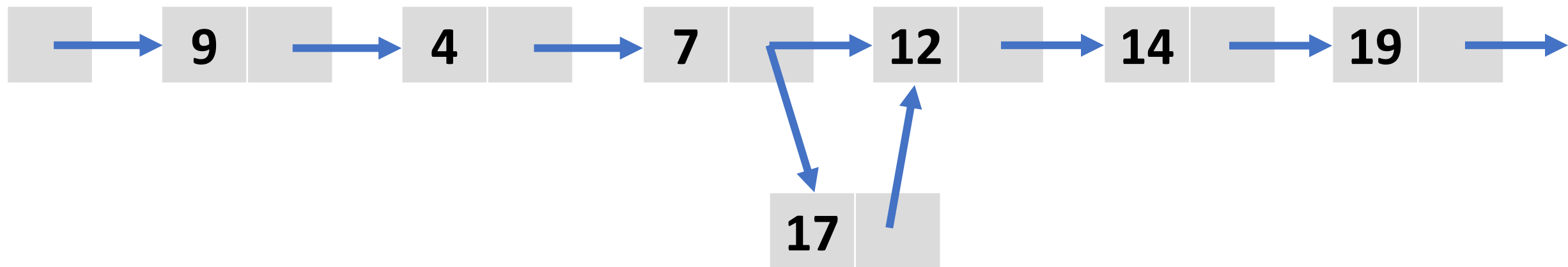




# Inserting into a Linked List

Add a new value 17 at index 3:

head

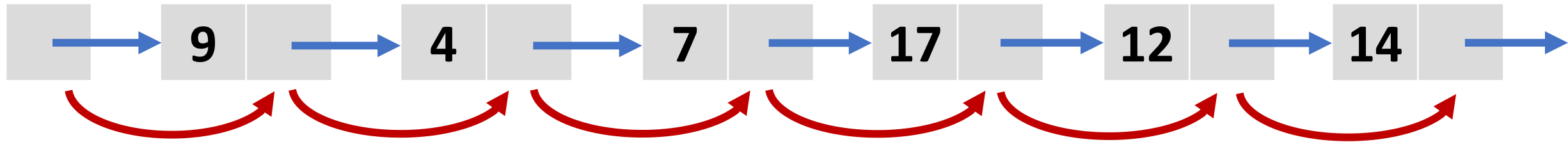


# Inserting into a Linked List

We *only* have this!

head

Add/Remove arbitrary element?



- Updating references is  $O(1)$ .
- Thus, adding (or removing) *arbitrary* elements is  $O(1)$ ....? ***Or is it?***
- Random accesses are  $O(n)$ . To modify Node at index  $i$ , we move through  $i$  references.

# VS Arrays?

Arrays are stored *contiguously*.

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
a[i]	9	4	7	12	14	19	0	1	2	8	3	7	7

- Accessing array elements involves constant-time address arithmetic.
- Address of `a[i]` = address of `a[0]` + `i*sizeof(array[0])`

# Linked Lists: Advantages

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## **Constant time add/remove...**

- ...When we don't consider traversal.
- Operating on the start/end of the list is  $O(1)$

## **More type flexibility**

- Nodes can contain anything, as long as they have a reference to the next node.
- Array elements must be homogenous, or indexing doesn't work

# Linked Lists: Disadvantages

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## **Requires more memory**

- Each element requires an additional reference.

## **No random access**

- All accesses start at the beginning (or end).
- We iterate through the list to find arbitrary elements.

As it turns out, there are several ADTs whose operations are defined at their first and/or last elements. Coming up.

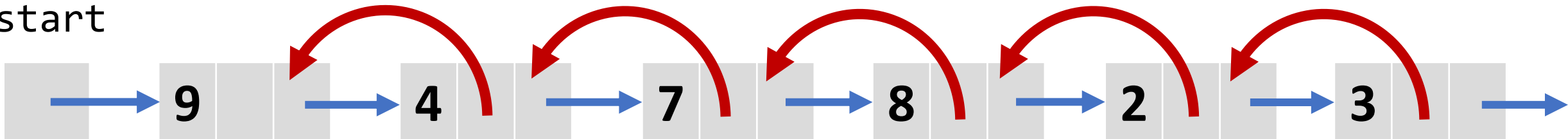
# Variant: Doubly Linked List

- The linked lists we've seen so far have been *singly* linked.
- This means we can traverse forward through the list, but not backwards. At least not easily.
- The nodes of a **doubly** linked list contain two references, one to the *next* node and another to the *previous*.

start



start

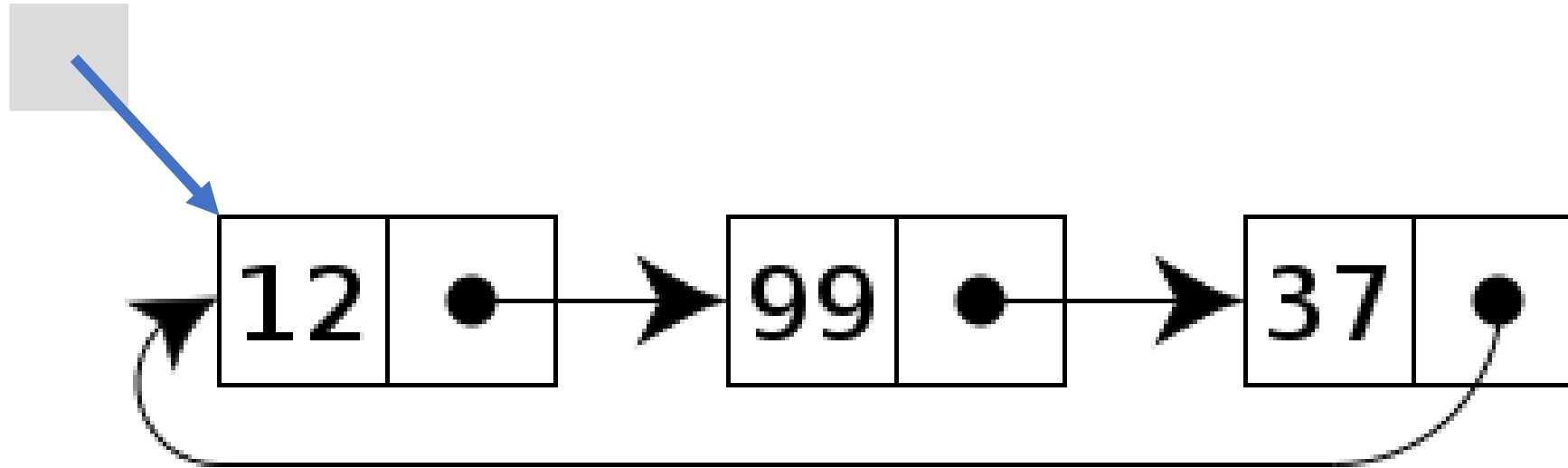


# Variant: Circular

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Tail node is linked to the head:

start

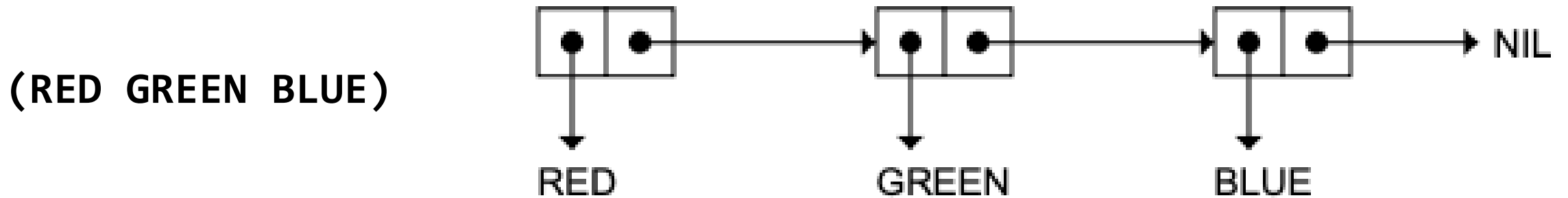


# Linked Lists in LISP

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Forms are lists, which means LISP code is built from lists!

- Lists in LISP can contain anything – Strings, symbolic atoms, numeric atoms, even other lists.
- Nodes are often called *cons cells*

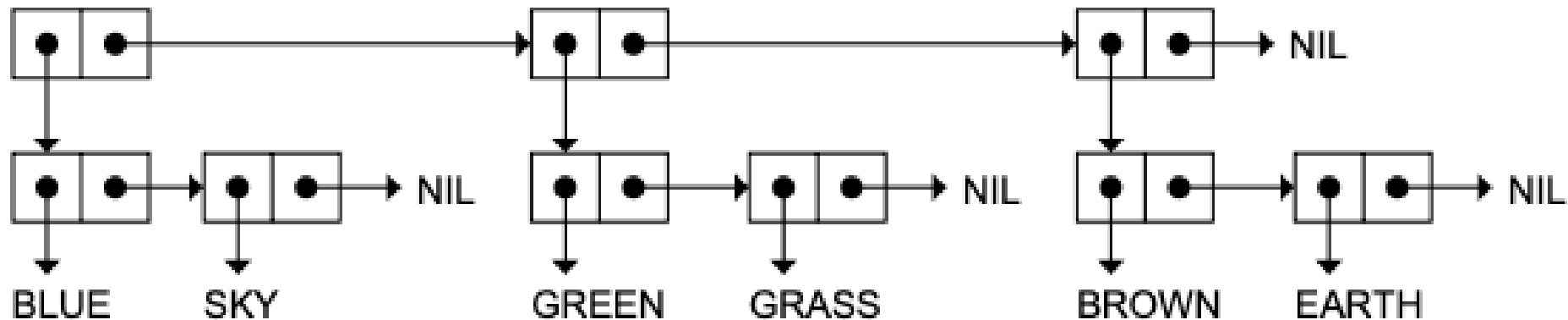




# Linked Lists in LISP

Lists in LISP can contain anything – Strings, symbolic atoms, numeric atoms, even other lists:

**((BLUE SKY) (GREEN GRASS) (BROWN EARTH))**



# Linked Lists in LISP

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Use the length form to count elements:

```
* (length '(RED GREEN BLUE))
```

```
3
```

```
* (length '((BLUE SKY) (GREEN GRASS) (BROWN EARTH)))
```

```
3
```

```
*
```



**Don't forget to quote!**

- If you don't quote, SBCL will evaluate the list as a form.

# Linked Lists in LISP

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Use the length form to count elements:

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```

```
3
```

```
* (length '((BLUE SKY) (GREEN GRASS) (BROWN EARTH)))
```

```
3
```

```
*
```

```
* (length ())
```

```
0
```

```
* (length NIL)
```

```
0
```

**Empty List?**

- Use `()` or `NIL`

# Linked Lists in LISP: Accessing

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FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, REST

Lisp's primitive functions for extracting elements from a list:

`(first '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  `a`

`(second '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  `b`

`(third '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  `c`

REST returns a list containing everything **but** the first element:

`(rest '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  `(b c d)`

`(rest (rest '(a b c d)))`       $\Rightarrow$  `(c d)`

# Linked Lists in LISP: Accessing

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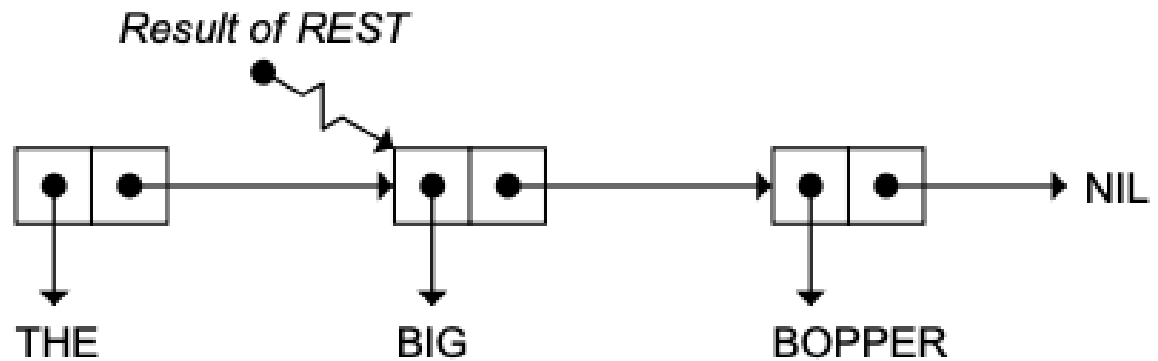
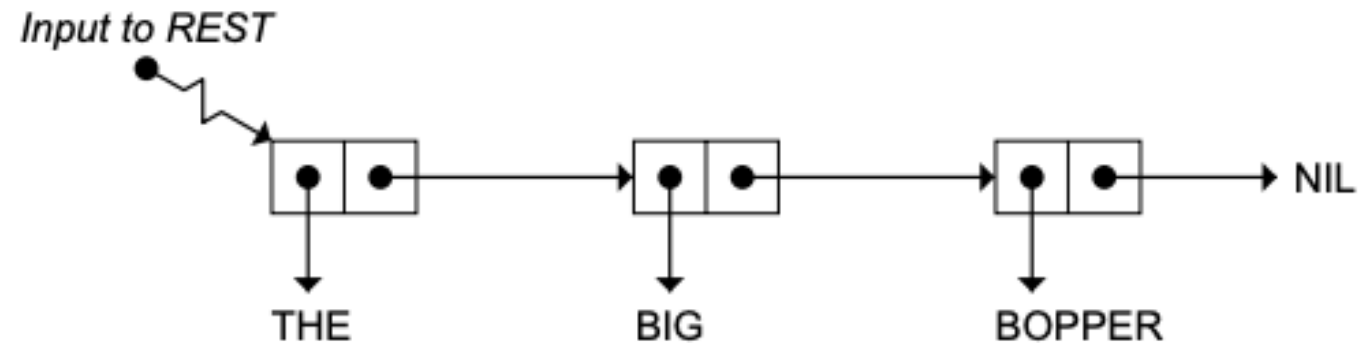
Get the fourth element? Not built in, but we can do it:

```
(defun fourth (a)
  (first (rest (rest (rest a)))))
)
```

- When passing a list to a function, only a reference/pointer (to the first cell) is sent.
- We are not sending a copy of the list.

# Linked Lists in LISP: Accessing

REST also returns  
a reference:

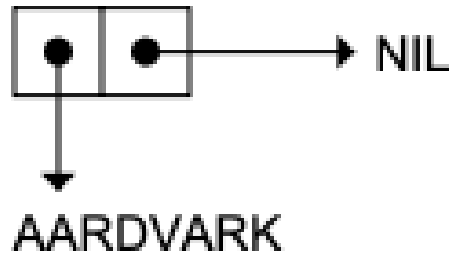


# Linked Lists in LISP: Accessing

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**Each cons cell points to two things:**

1. The element/value for that cell
2. The next cell in the list



- The two halves have obscure names, relics from the early days of computing on an IBM 704
- Left half is called "CAR": Contents of Address portion of Register
- Right half is called "CDR": Contents of Decrement portion of Register
- CAR and CDR are also names of built-in lisp functions

# Linked Lists in LISP: CAR and CDR

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CAR is the same as FIRST: `(car '(a b c d)) => a`

CDR is the same as REST: `(cdr '(a b c d)) => (b c d)`

Other built-in combinations:

`(caar '((a b c) (d e f))) => a`

`(cadr '((a b c) (d e f))) => (d e f)`

`(cddar '((a b c) (d e f))) => (c)`

Read **dda** portion right to left:

- **a**, then **d**, then **d**
- First, then rest, then rest.



# The CONStructor

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**CONS creates a cons cell:**

- takes two arguments – an element, and a list
- Returns a pointer to a new cons cell whose CAR points to the first parameter and whose CDR points to the second

```
* (cons 'sink '(or swim))
```

```
(SINK OR SWIM)
```

```
* (cons 'sink ())
```

```
(SINK)
```

```
* (cons '(or swim) ())
```

```
((OR SWIM))
```

```
* (cons 'bond '(james bond))
```

```
(BOND JAMES BOND)
```

# The CONStructor: Recursive

Length of list

Value of each  
element

Running list,  
initially NIL

```
(defun mymake-list-rec (n element &optional (acc nil))  
  (if (= n 0) acc ; If n is zero, we're done (return acc)  
      (mymake-list-rec (1- n) element (cons element acc))  
  )  
)
```

## Recursive call:

- n-1 elements remaining to add
- Running result updated with **cons** call

# The CONStructor: Iterative

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```
(defun mymake-list-it (n elem)
  (let ((acc nil))
    (dotimes (i n acc)
      (setf acc (cons elem acc)))
  )
)
```

Initialize acc to NIL

Iterate n times,  
evaluate to acc

Update acc each iteration

λ quicksort.lisp

λ make-list.lisp ×

λ make-list.lisp > ...

```
1  (defun mymake-list-rec (n element &optional (acc nil))
2    (if (= n 0) acc ; If n is zero, we're done. Return acc.
3        (mymake-list-rec (1- n) element (cons element acc))
4    )
5  )
6
7  (defun mymake-list-it (n elem)
8    (let ((acc nil))
9      (dotimes (i n acc)
10         (setf acc (cons elem acc)))
11    )
12  )
13
```

```
* (load "make-list.lisp")
```

```
T
```

```
* (mymake-list-rec 3 'a)
```

```
(A A A)
```

```
* (mymake-list-it 7 'b)
```

```
(B B B B B B B)
```

# Built-in Constructors

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## QUOTE, MAKE-LIST, LIST

```
> '("hello" world 111) ; This creates a literal (constant) list.  
("hello" WORLD 111)    ; Its contents should not be changed.  
> (make-list 3)  
(NIL NIL NIL)  
> (make-list 3 :initial-element 'a)  
(A A A)  
> (make-list 3 :initial-contents '(a b c))  
(A B C)  
> (list "hello" 'world 111)  
("hello" WORLD 111)
```

# Built-in Traversal: DOLIST

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`(DOLIST (var list-form [result-form]) body-form*)`

**First:** list-form is evaluated once to produce a list.

**Then:** The body-form\* is evaluated once for each item in the list with the variable var holding the value of the item.

**Lastly:** If result-form is provided, it is evaluated, and its value is returned; otherwise DOLIST returns NIL

# Built-in Traversal: DOLIST

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```
* (dolist (x '(1 2 3)) (print x))
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
NIL
```

```
* (dolist (x '(1 2 3)) (print x) (if (evenp x) (return "HI")))
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
"HI"
```



Can exit DOLIST early with  
return, just like other loops

Linked Lists and Arrays provide a foundation for implementing more complex ADTs

Next class we'll implement our own List type from scratch in LISP

We'll then build other ADTs using lists



# In Summary

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- Integer sorting, Radix & Counting sort
- Linked lists in LISP, cons cell structure

