

16.216: ECE Application Programming

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Lecture 35: Key Questions

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1. Review the following:
 - a. General design of a linked list built using the following structure:

```
typedef struct node {  
    int value;           // Data  
    struct node *next;   // Pointer to next node  
} LLnode;
```

- b. The function below, which adds a node to the beginning of the list and returns a pointer to that node.

```
LLnode *addNode(LLnode *list, int v) {  
    LLnode *newNode;  
    // Allocate space for new node; exit if error  
    newNode = (LLnode *)malloc(sizeof(LLnode));  
    if (newNode == NULL) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "Error: could not allocate new node\n");  
        exit(0);  
    }  
    newNode->value = v;    // Copy value to new node  
    newNode->next = list;  // next points to old list  
    return newNode;  
}
```

- c. The function below, which attempts to find a node containing value v , returning the address of that node if it exists and NULL otherwise:

```
LLnode *findNode(LLnode *list, int v) {  
    LLnode *n;  
  
    n = list;          // Start with first node  
  
    while (n != NULL) {          // Search until after last node  
        if (n->value == v)      // Data found--return n  
            return n;  
        n = n->next;  
    }  
    return NULL;          // If you get here, data wasn't found  
}
```

2. Write the following function used to remove a node from list:
- Must deallocate space for deleted node
 - Function should return pointer to start of list after it has been modified
 - No modifications should be made if value `v` is not in list
 - Hint: you can use the `findNode()` function in this function, but you may not want to!
 - Note: removing first element in list is special case

```
LLnode *delNode(LLnode *list, int v) {
```

```
}
```

3. Describe how to maintain a sorted linked list.

4. Write each of the following functions:
 - a. Adding an item to a sorted linked list
 - Use **addNode()** as a starting point
 - Instead of adding node at beginning, find appropriate place in list and then add
 - Function should return pointer to start of list after it has been modified

```
LLnode *addSortedNode(LLnode *list, int v) {
```

```
}
```

- b. Finding an item in a sorted linked list
- Use **findNode()** as starting point—should perform same operation, but more efficiently
 - Function should return pointer to node if found
 - Return NULL otherwise

```
LLnode *findSortedNode(LLnode *list, int v) {
```

```
}
```

5. Describe the key components of Program 10.