

# Algorithms and Datastructures

## Linked Lists, Binary Search Trees

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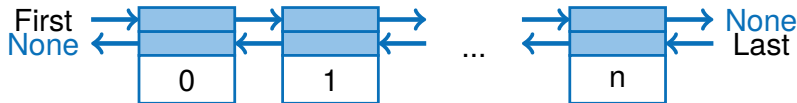


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class Node:
    """ Defines a node of a singly linked
        list.
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    def __init__(self, value, nextNode):
        self.value = value
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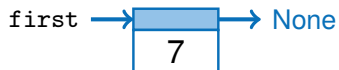
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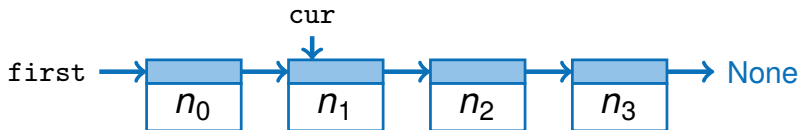
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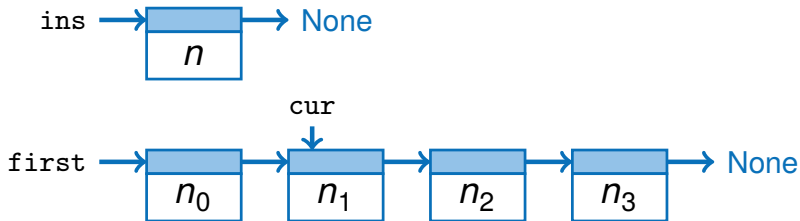


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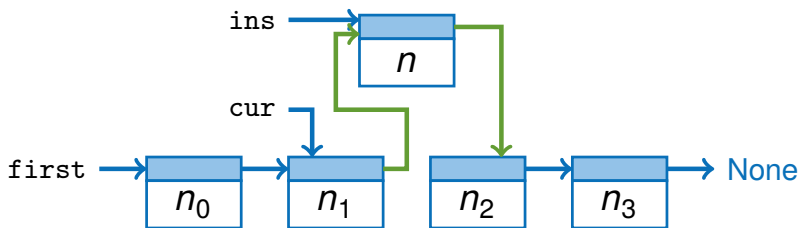


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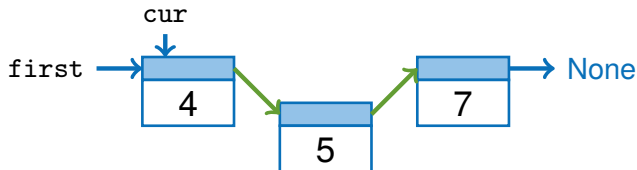


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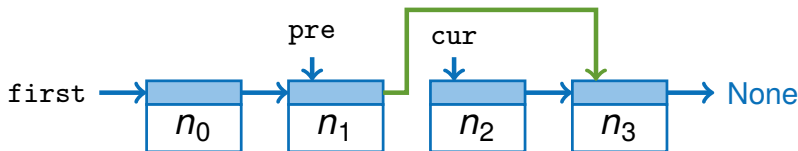


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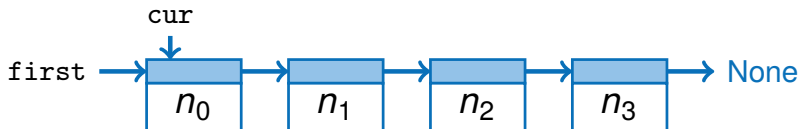
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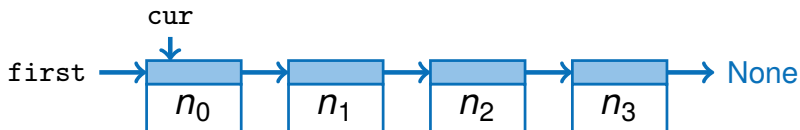
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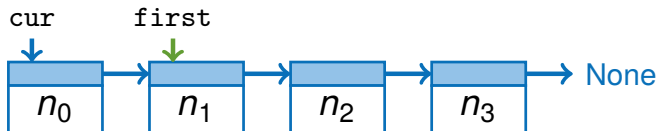


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    def __init__(self):
        self.itemCount = 0
        self.head = Node()
        self.last = self.head

    def size(self):
        return self.itemCount

    def isEmpty(self):
        return self.itemCount == 0
```



```
def append(self, value):  
    ...  
  
def insertAfter(self, cur, value):  
    ...  
  
def remove(self, cur):  
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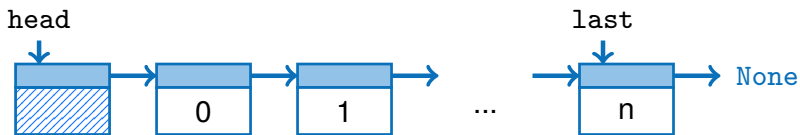


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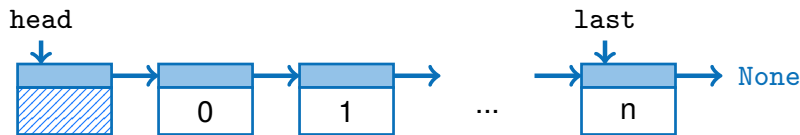


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def remove(self, cur):  
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    while pre.nextNode != cur:  
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def get(self, pos):  
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    cur = head  
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def contains(self, value):  
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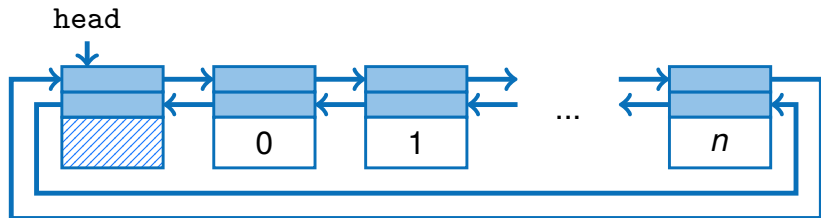
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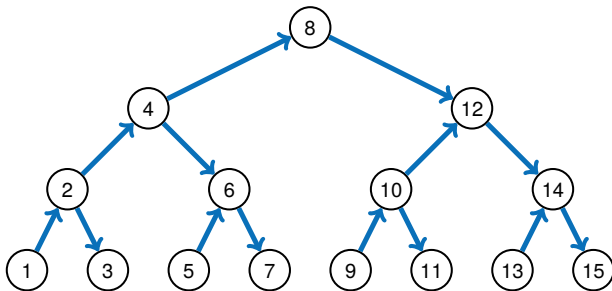


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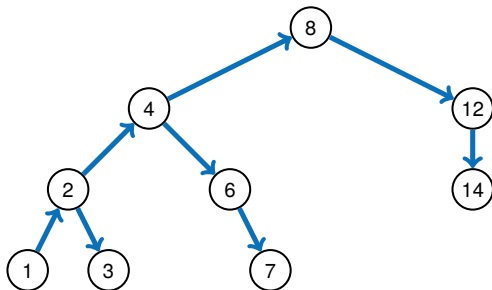
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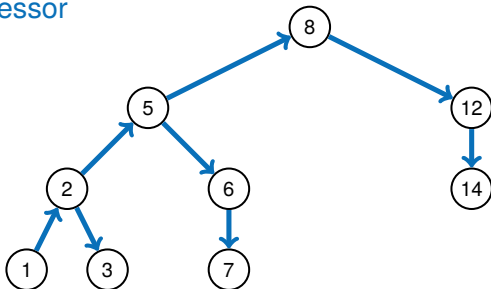
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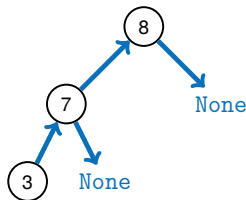


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