

# Algorithms and Datastructures

## Linked Lists, Binary Search Trees

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Feedback

Exercises

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Sorted Sequences

Linked Lists

Binary Search Trees

- The few people who gave feedback wrote that it was simple to doable.
- Mastertheorem already on exercise sheet, but not in lecture
- Missing support in forum

- Added german lecture recordings to current semester page
- Lecture recordings are now password protected

### Structure:

- We have a set of **keys** mapped to **values**
- We have a ordering  $<$  applied to the keys
- We need the following operations:
  - **insert(key, value)**: Insert the given pair
  - **remove(key)**: Remove the pair with the given **key**
  - **lookup(key)**: Find the element with the given **key**, if it is not available find the element with the smallest key  $>$ **key**
  - **next()/previous()**: Returns the element with the next bigger/smaller **key**. This enables iteration over all elements.

### Application examples:

- Example: Database for books, products or apartments
- Large number of records (data sets / tuples)
- Typical query: Return all apartments with a monthly rent between 400€ and 600€
  - This is called a **range query**
  - We can implement this with a combination of **lookup(key)** and **next()**
  - It's not essential if an apartments exists with **exactly** 400€ monthly rent
- We do not want to sort all elements every time on an **insert** operation
- How could we implement this?

### Static array:

3	5	9	14	18	21	26	40	41	42	43	46
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- `lookup` in time  $O(\log n)$ 
  - with **binary search**
  - Example: `lookup(41)`
- `next` / `previous` in time  $O(1)$ 
  - They are next to each other
- `insert` and `remove` up to  $\Theta(n)$ 
  - We have to copy up to  $n$  elements



### Hash map:

- `insert` and `remove` in  $O(1)$ 
  - If the hash table is big enough and we use a good hash function
- `lookup` in time  $O(1)$ 
  - if element with **exactly** this key exists, otherwise we get `None` as result
- `next` / `previous` in time up to  $\Theta(n)$ 
  - The order of the elements is independent of the order of the keys



### Linked list:

- Runtimes for doubly linked lists:
  - `next` / `previous` in time  $O(1)$
  - `insert` and `remove` in  $O(1)$
  - `lookup` in time  $\Theta(n)$
- Not yet what we want, but structure is related to binary search trees
- Lets have a closer look

### Linked list:

- Dynamic datastructure
- Number of elements changeable
- Data elements can be simple types or composed datastructures
- Elements are linked through references / pointer to the predecessor / successor
- Single / Doubly linked lists possible

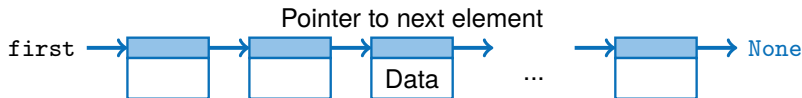


Figure: Linked list

### Properties in comparison to an array:

- Minimal extra space for storing pointer
- We do not need to copy elements on `insert` or `remove`
- The number of elements can be simply modified
- No direct access of elements  
⇒ We have to iterate over the list

### List with head / last element pointer:



Figure: Singly linked list

- Head element has pointer to first list element
- May also hold additional information:
  - Number of elements

### Doubly linked list:

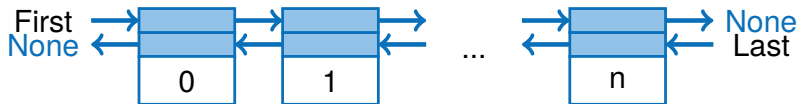


Figure: Doubly linked list

- Pointer to successor element
- Pointer to predecessor element
- Iterate forward and backward

```
public class Listelem
{
    //2 fields: integer and reference
    //private only available in class
    private int data;
    private Listelem next;

    //2 constructors: for instance of class
    public Listelem(int d)
    { data = d; next = null; }

    public Listelem(int d, Listnode n)
    { data = d; next = n; }

    //adopted from Mary K.Vernon
    //Introduction to Data Structures
}
```

```
//Function to read and write private fields
public int getData() {return data; }
public void setData(int d) { data = d; }

public Listelem getNext() { return next; }
public void setNext(Listelem n) { next = n; }

//Integer represents possible data, e.g.
//self defined reference datatypes
}
```

```
class Listelem
{
private:
    int data;
    Listelem* next; //Pointer instead of reference

public:
    Listelem(int d)
    { data = d; next = NULL; }

    Listelem(int d, Listelem* n)
    { data = d; next = n; }
```



```
int getData() { return data; }  
void setData(int d) { data = d; }
```

```
Listelem* getNext() { return next; }  
void setNext(Listelem* n) { next = n; }  
}
```

```
class Node:
    """ Defines a node of a singly linked
        list.
    """

    def __init__(self, value, nextNode):
        self.value = value
        self.nextNode = nextNode

    def __init__(self, value):
        self.value = value;
        self.nextNode = None
```

### Creating linked lists - Python:

■ `first = Node(7)`



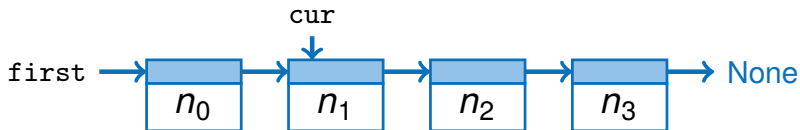
■ `first.nextNode = Node(3)`



■ `first.nextNode.value = 4`



**Inserting a node after node `cur`:**



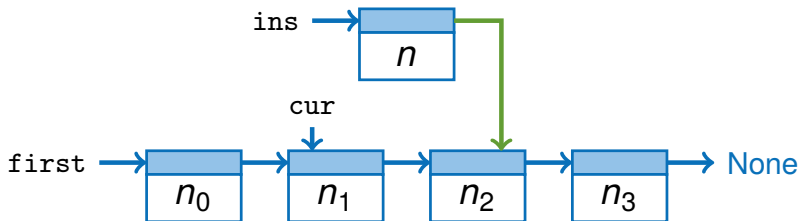
### Inserting a node after node `cur`:

■ `ins = Node(n)`



### Inserting a node after node `cur`:

■ `ins.nextNode = cur.nextNode`



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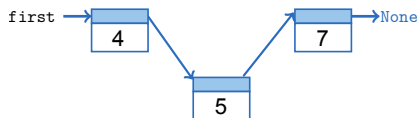
■ `cur.nextNode = ins`



### Inserting a node after node `cur` - single line of code:



■ `cur.nextNode = Node (value ,cur.nextNode )`





**Removing a node** `cur`:



### Removing a node `cur`:

- Find the predecessor of `cur`:

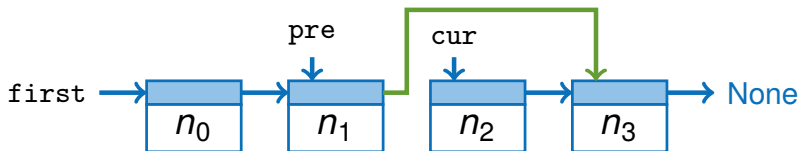
```
pre = first
while pre.nextNode != cur:
    pre = pre.nextNode
```

- Runtime of  $O(n)$
- Does not work for first node!

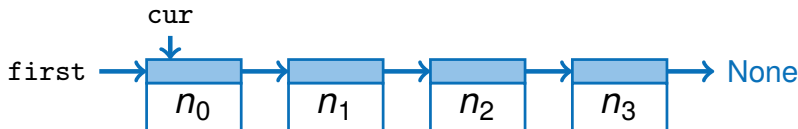


### Removing a node `cur`:

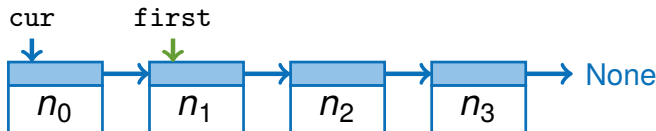
- Update the pointer to the next element:  
`pre.nextNode = cur.nextNode`
- `cur` will get automatically destroyed if no more references exist (`cur=None`)



### Removing the first node:



- Update the pointer to the next element:  
`first = first.nextNode`
- `cur` will get automatically destroyed if no more references exist (`cur=None`)



### Removing a node `cur`: (General case)

```
if cur == first:
    first = first.nextNode
else:
    pre = first
    while pre.nextNode != cur:
        pre = pre.nextNode

    pre.nextNode = cur.nextNode
```

### Using a head node:

- Advantage:
  - Deleting the first node is no special case
- Disadvantage
  - We have to consider the first node at other operations
  - Iterating all nodes
  - Counting of all nodes
  - ...





```
class LinkedList:
    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):  
    ...  
  
def get(self, position):  
    ...  
  
def contains(self, value):  
    ...
```



```
/**
 * A singly linked list with data type int.
 */
public class LinkedList {

    private long itemCount;
    private Node head;
    private Node last;

    public LinkedList() {
        itemCount = 0;
        head = new Node();
        last = head;
    }
}
```

```
    public int size() {  
        return itemCount;  
    }  
  
    public boolean isEmpty() {  
        return (itemCount == 0);  
    }  
  
    public void add (int data) { ... }  
    public void insertAfter(Node cur, int data)  
        { ... }  
    public void remove(Node cur) { ... }  
    public Node get(int position) { ... }  
    public boolean contains( int data) { ... }  
}
```

### Head, last:



- Head points to the first node, `last` to the last node
- We can append elements to the end of the list in  $O(1)$  through the `last` node
- We have to keep the pointer to `last` updated after all operations

### Appending an element:



- ```
def append(self, value):  
    last.nextNode = Node(value)  
    last = last.NextNode  
    itemCount += 1
```
- The pointer to **last** avoids the iteration of the whole list

### Inserting after node `cur`:



### Inserting after node `cur`:

- The pointer to head is not modified
- ```
def insertAfter(self, cur, value):  
    if cur == last:  
        # also update last node  
        append(value)  
    else:  
        # last node is not modified  
        cur.nextNode = Node(value, \  
                             cur.nextNode)  
        itemCount += 1
```

### Remove node cur:



### Remove node cur:

- Searching the predecessor in  $O(n)$

```
def remove(self, cur):  
    pre = first  
    while pre.nextNode != cur:  
        pre = pre.nextNode  
  
    pre.nextNode = cur.nextNode  
    itemCount -= 1  
  
    if pre.nextNode == None:  
        last = pre
```



### Getting a reference to node at pos:

- Iterate the entries of the list until at position ( $O(n)$ )

```
def get(self, pos):  
    if pos < 0 or pos >= itemCount:  
        return None  
  
    cur = head  
    for i in range(0, pos):  
        cur = cur.nextNode  
  
    return cur
```

### Searching a value:

- First element is head without an assigned value
- Iterate the entries of the list until value found ( $O(n)$ )

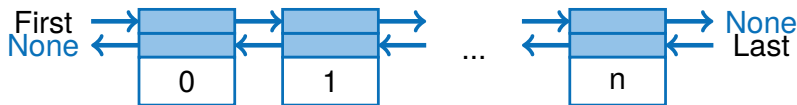
```
def contains(self, value):  
    cur = head  
  
    for i in range(0, itemCount):  
        cur = cur.nextNode  
        if cur.value == value:  
            return true  
  
    return false
```

### Runtime:

- Singly linked list:
  - `next` in  $O(1)$
  - `previous` in  $\Theta(n)$
  - `insert` in  $O(1)$
  - `remove` in  $\Theta(n)$
  - `lookup` in  $\Theta(n)$
- Better with `doubly linked lists`

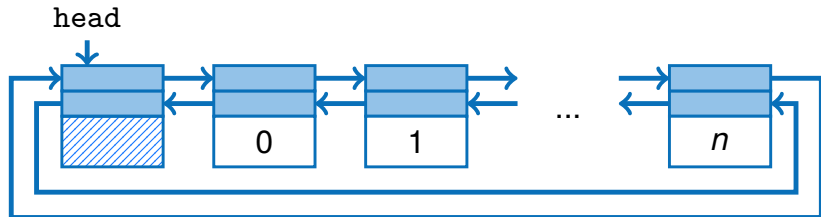
### Doubly linked list:

- Each node has a reference to its successor and its predecessor
- We can iterate the list forward and backward



### Doubly linked list:

- It is helpful to have a **head** node
- We only need **one head** node if we connect the list cyclic



### Runtime:

- Doubly linked list:
  - `next` and `previous` in  $O(1)$ 
    - each element has a pointer to pred-/sucessor
  - `insert` and `remove` in  $O(1)$ 
    - a constant number of pointers needs to be modified
  - `lookup` in  $\Theta(n)$ 
    - Even if the elements are sorted we can only retrieve them in  $\Theta(n)$ .  
Why?

## Linked list in book:



# Linked Lists

List in real program



## Linked list in memory:





### Runtime of a search tree:

- `next` and `previous` in  $O(1)$ 
  - pointers corresponding to linked list
- `insert` and `remove` in  $O(\log n)$ 
  - We will see why
- `lookup` in  $O(\log n)$ 
  - The structure helps searching efficiently

### Idea:

- We define a total order for the search tree
- All nodes of the left subtree have **smaller keys** than the current node
- All nodes of the right subtree have **bigger keys** than the current node

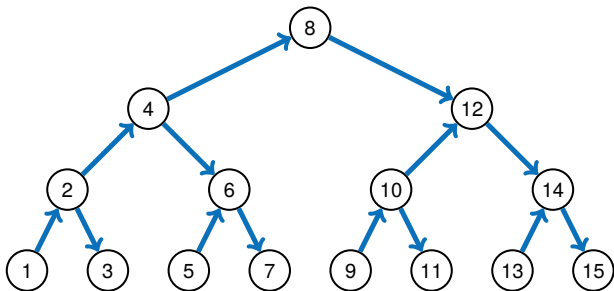


Figure: A binary search tree



Figure: Another binary search tree

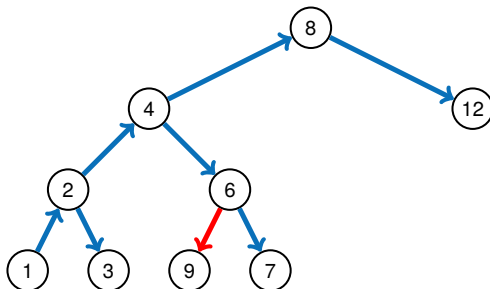
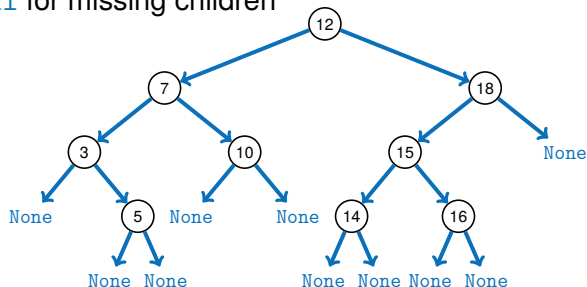


Figure: **Not** a binary search tree

### Implementation:

- For the heap we had all elements stored in an array
- Here we link all nodes through pointer / references, like linked lists
- Each node has a pointer / reference to its children (`leftChild` / `rightChild`)
- `Null` for missing children



### Implementation:

- We create a sorted doubly linked list of all elements
- This enables an efficient implementation of (`next` / `previous`)



Figure: Binary search tree with links

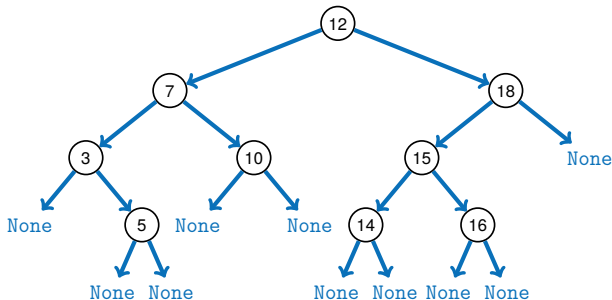
### Lookup:

- Definition:  
“ Search the element with the given key. If no element is found return the element with the next (bigger) key. ”
- We search from the root downwards:
  - Compare the searched key with the key of the node
  - Go to the left / right until the child is **None** or the key is found
  - If the key is not found return the next bigger one



**For each node applies the total order:**

keys of left subtree < `node.key` < keys of right subtree



**Examples:**

■ `lookup(14)`

■ `lookup(6)`

■ `lookup(19)`

Figure: Binary search tree with total order “<”

### Insert:

- We search for the key in our search tree
- If a node is found we replace the value with the new one
- Else we insert a new node
- If the key was not present we get a **None** entry
- We insert the node there



Figure: Binary search tree with total order “<”

**Remove:** Case 1: The node “5” has no children

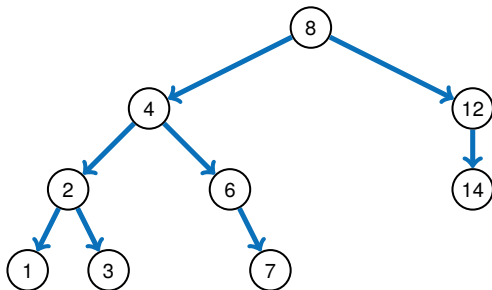
- Find **parent** of node “5” (“6”)
- Set left / right child of node “6” to **None** depending on position of node “5”



Figure: Binary search tree with total order “<”

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- Find **parent** of node “5” (“6”)
- Set left / right child of node “6” to **None** depending on position of node “5”



**Figure:** Binary search tree after deleting node “5”

**Remove:** Case 2: The node “12” has one child

- Find the **child** of node “12” (“14”)
- Find the **parent** of node “12” (“8”)
- Set left / right **child** of node “8” to “14” depending on position of node “12” (skip node “14”)

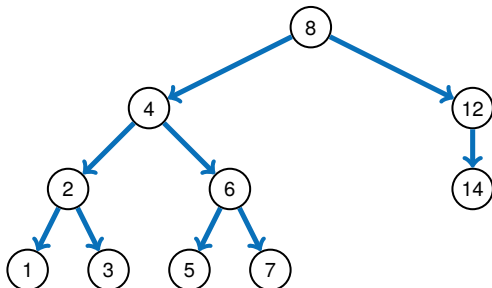


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**Remove:** Case 3: The node “4” has two children

- Find the **successor** of node “4” (“5”)
- Replace the value of node “4” with the value of node “5”
- Delete node “5” (the **successor** of node “4”) with remove-case 1 or 2
- There is no left node because we are deleting the **predecessor**



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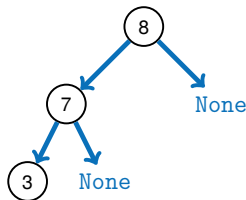
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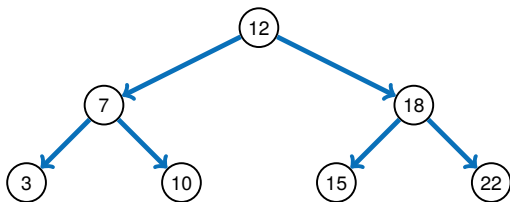


### How long takes **insert** and **lookup**?

- Up to  $\Theta(d)$ , with  $d$  being the **depth of the tree**  
(The longest path from the root to a leaf)
- **Best case** with  $d = \log n$  the runtime is  $\Theta(\log n)$
- **Worst case** with  $d = n$  the runtime is  $\Theta(n)$
- If we **always** want to have a runtime of  $\Theta(\log n)$  then we have to **rebalance** the tree



**Figure:** Degenerated binary tree  $d = n$



**Figure:** Complete binary tree  $d = \log n$

## ■ General

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