# Algorithms and Datastructures Linked Lists, Binary Search Trees

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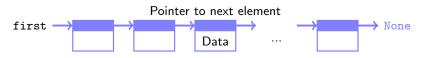


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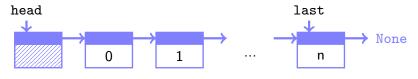


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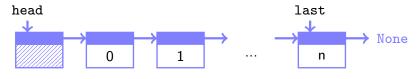


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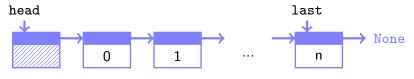


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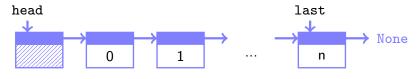


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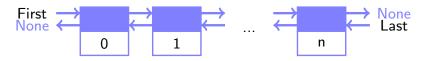


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- Iterate forward and backward

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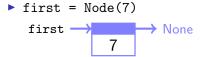
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class Node:
    """ Defines a node of a singly linked
        list.
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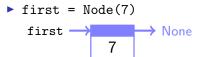
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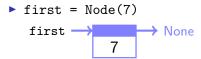


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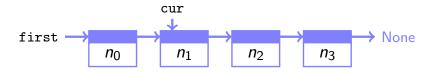
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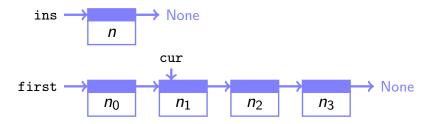
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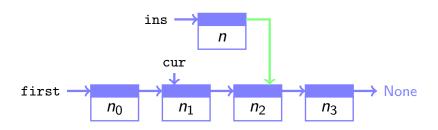
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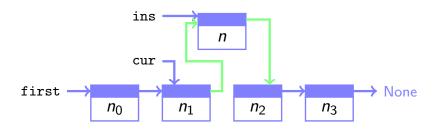
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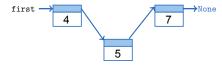
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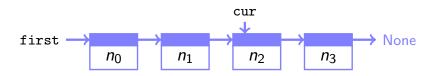


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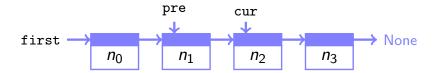
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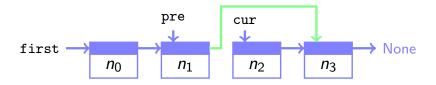
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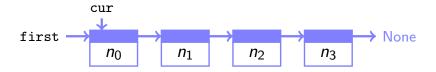


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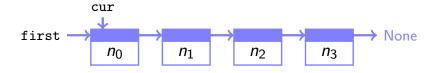
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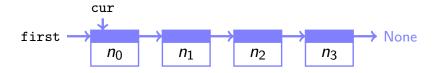


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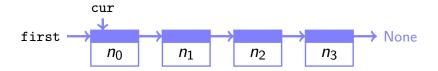
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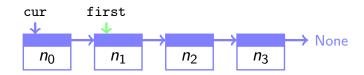
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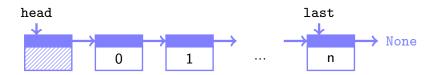
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class LinkedList:
    def __init__(self):
        self.itemCount = 0
        self.head = Node()
        self.last = self.head
    def size(self):
        return self.itemCount
    def isEmpty(self):
        return self.itemCount == 0
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```
def append(self, value):
def insertAfter(self, cur, value):
def remove(self, cur):
def get(self, position):
def contains(self, value):
```

Implementation - LinkedList - Java

```
/**
 * A singly linked list with data type int.
 */
public class LinkedList {
    private long itemCount;
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    public LinkedList() {
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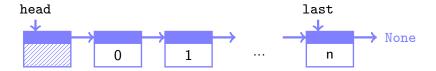
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    public void insertAfter(Node cur, int data)
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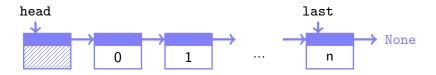
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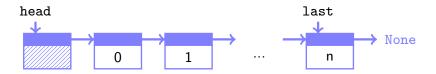
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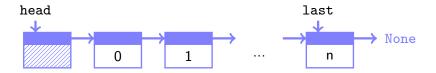
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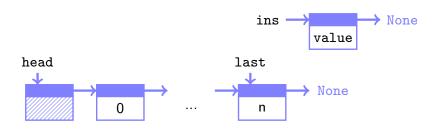
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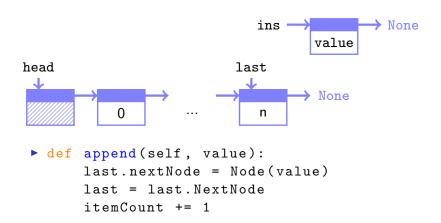
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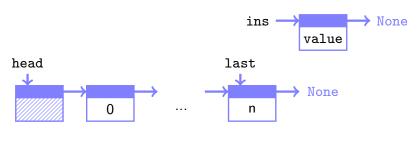
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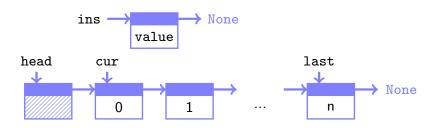
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- def append(self, value):
   last.nextNode = Node(value)
   last = last.NextNode
   itemCount += 1
- ▶ The pointer to last avoids the iteration of the whole list

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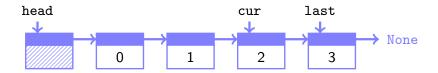
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def insertAfter(self, cur, value):
    if cur == last:
        # also update last node
        append(value)
    else:
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        cur.nextNode = Node(value, \
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```

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def remove(self, cur):
    pre = first
    while pre.nextNode != cur:
        pre = pre.nextNode

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    last = pre
```

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    if pos < 0 or pos >= itemCount:
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def contains(self, value):
    cur = head

for i in range(0, itemCount):
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    if cur.value == value:
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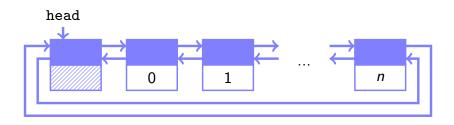
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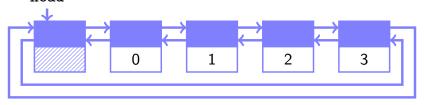
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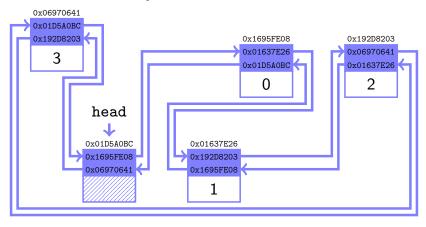
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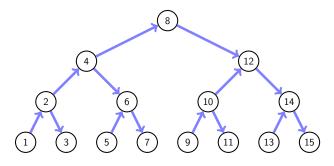


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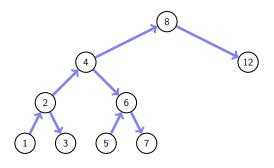


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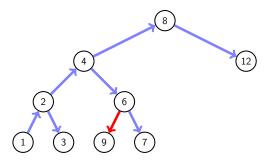


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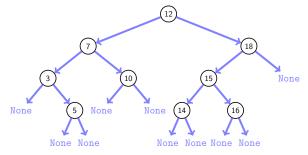
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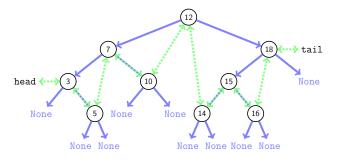


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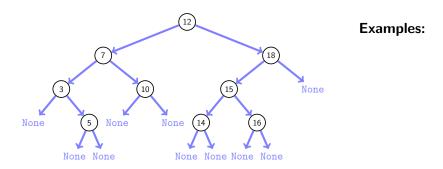


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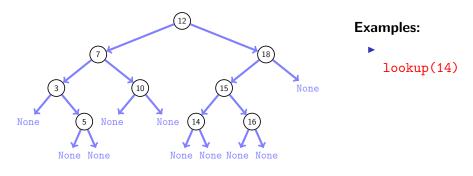


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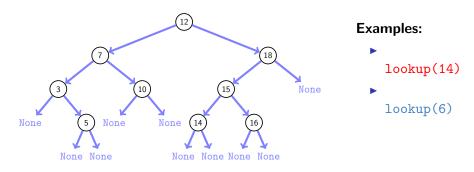


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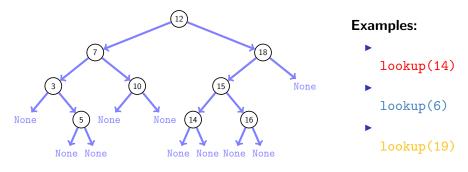


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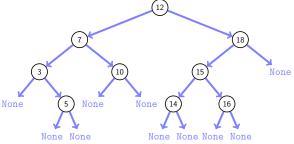


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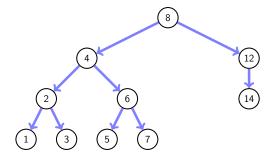


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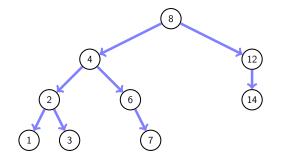


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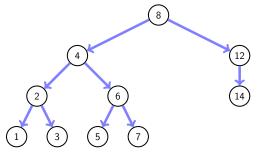


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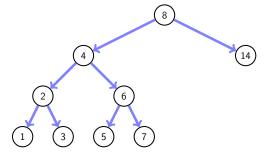


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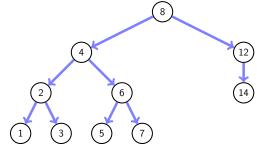
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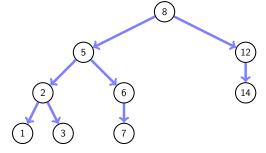
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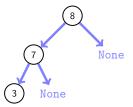


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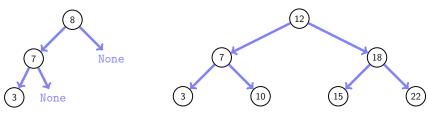


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