



Linked List

Introduction

- You probably mentioned **pointers**
- And you are right!
- Now, we will study a linear data structure (just like the known arrays) named **Linked Lists**



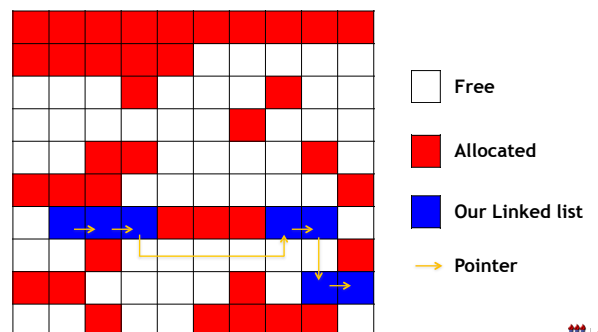
Linked Lists

- Pointers are used to link each node of our list
- We traverse the list by using the pointers
- Rectangle = Node
- Arrow = Pointer



No need to be continuous... Can't do $*(v+i)$

- We cannot guarantee that it will be continuous!



Linked Lists are Dynamic Data Structures! They grow as we want!

This way, there is no direct access!

- We navigate throughout the list by using the pointers...
- But... where are the data?
- Only pointers were presented so far...
- What each node should store?
- Take 3 minutes to discuss these questions



```
struct node {
    node *next;
};
```



- In this particular case, this struct seems useless!
- Each node should also contain the data we want to manipulate by inserting, removing, searching etc!



Node: data + pointer

```
struct node {
    int item;
    node *next;
};
```



Abstract Data Type: Linked List

Linked List ADT

```
node* create_linked_list();
node* add(node *head, int item);
node* search(node *head, int item);
node* remove(node *head, int item);
int is_empty(node *head);
void print_linked_list(node *head);
```



Let's implement the TAD...

- Creating a Linked List: return a pointer that points to NULL
- This will be useful to navigate throughout the Linked List

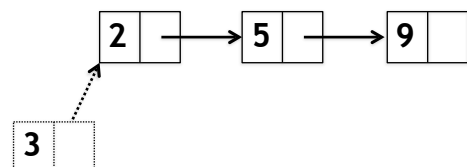
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node* create_linked_list()
{
    return NULL;
}

int is_empty(node *head)
{
    return (head == NULL);
}
```



Adding elements... (at the beginning)

```
node* add(node *head, int item)
{
    node *new_node = (node*) malloc(sizeof(node));
    new_node->item = item;
    new_node->next = head;
    return new_node;
}
```



Client code...

- Inserting 5 elements and then printing the list

```
int main()
{
    node* list = create_linked_list();

    list = add(list, 3);
    list = add(list, 9);
    list = add(list, 27);
    list = add(list, 81);
    list = add(list, 243);

    printf("Complete list: \n");
    print_linked_list(list);
}
```



Exercise 1: write the *print_linked_list* function

```
void print_linked_list(node *head)
{
    while (head != NULL) {
        printf("%d\n", head->item);
        head = head->next;
    }
}
```



Exercise 2: complete the *search* function

```
node* search(node *head, int item)
{
    while (head != NULL) {

    }
    return NULL;
}
```



Exercise 3: write the *remove* function

```
node* remove(node *head, int item)
{
    node *previous = NULL;
    node *current = head;
    while (current != NULL && current->item != item) {
        previous = current;
        current = current->next;
    }
    if (current == NULL) {
        return head;
    }
    if (previous == NULL) {
        head = current->next;
    } else {
        previous->next = current->next;
    }
    free(current);
    return head;
}
```

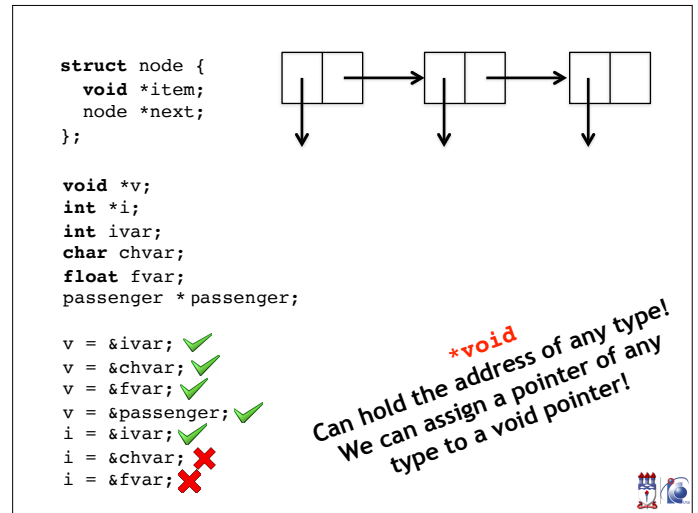
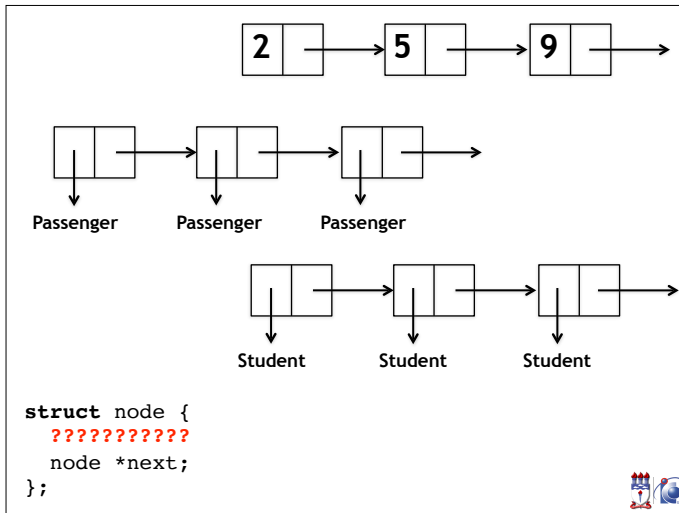


Exercise 4: write the *print_linked_list* function recursively

```
void print_linked_list(node *head)
{
    if (!is_empty(head)) {
        printf("%d\n", head->item);
        print_linked_list(head->next);
    }
}
```



Only integers?!
What about a "Generic" List?!



```

node* search(node *head, void *item)
{
    while (head != NULL) {
        if (head->item == item) {
            return head;
        }
        head = head->next;
    }
    return NULL;
}

```

```

int integers_equals(void *item1, void *item2)
{
    return *((int*) item1) == *((int*) item2);
}

int strings_equals(void *item1, void *item2)
{
    return !strcmp(item1, item2);
}

```

```

node* search(node *head, void *item,
             int (*equal)(void *item1, void *item2)) {
    while (head != NULL) {
        if ((*equal) (head->item, item)) {
            return head;
        }
        head = head->next;
    }
    return NULL;
}

search(list_of_integers, &i, integers_equals);
search(list_of_strings, "IC-UFAL", strings_equals);
search(list_of_passengers, passenger, passengers_equals);
search(list_of_students, student, students_equals);

```

```

void print_linked_list_of_integers(node *head)
{
    while (head != NULL) {
        printf("%d\n", *((int*) head->item));
        head = head->next;
    }
}

void print_linked_list_of_strings(node *head)
{
    while (head != NULL) {
        printf("%s\n", (char*) head->item);
        head = head->next;
    }
}

```

Efficiency

Linked Lists versus Arrays

- Get
 - Array = $O(1)$
 - Linked List = $O(n)$
- Insert
 - Array = $O(n)$
 - Linked List = $O(1)$
- What can we conclude?



Insert / Delete

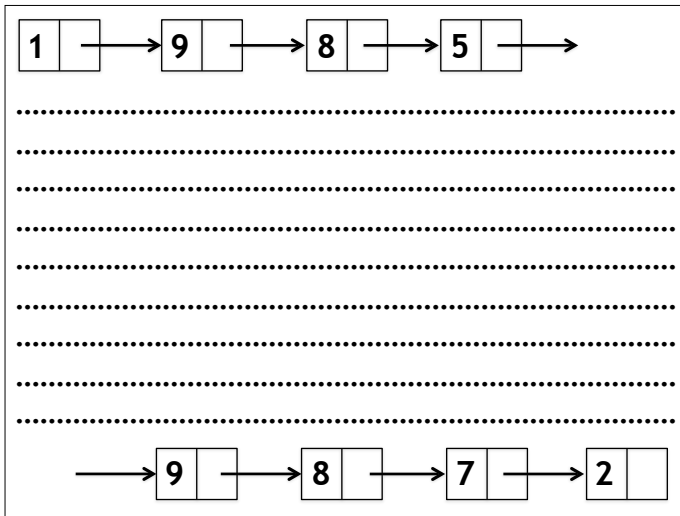
- Insert
 - Beginning: $O(1)$
 - Middle: $O(n)$
- Delete
 - Beginning: $O(1)$
 - Middle: $O(n)$



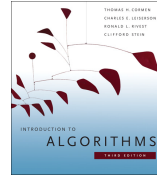
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How to represent?
long long int?



References



Chapter 10



Chapter 3

