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Linked lists

Uses

- used to implement high-level data structures such as stack, queues and graphs
- used by O/Ss in dynamic memory allocation

Compared to arrays

- advantages
 - memory is allocated dynamically, so can be arbitrarily large
 - arrays require contiguous space: can be difficult to handle, unlike linked lists
 - can delete nodes easily/cleanly
- disadvantages
 - cannot do random access, which arrays can
 - can only sequentially access, but arrays do this faster
 - larger overhead (e.g. a *malloc()* for every *push()*)
 - an extra pointer for every element

If performance is an issue

- *binary search trees* almost always perform better than linked lists

What is a linked list?

A linked-list is a sequential collection of items that cannot be accessed randomly

- self-referential (nodes link to nodes)
- may be cyclic

A linked list consists of

- nodes
- a 'special' node that defines the **first** node, also called the **head**
- another 'special' node that acts to end the list
 - it may be NULL
 - it may be a dummy (also called sentinal) node
 - it may be the **first** node (hence the list is circular)

A **node** is a structure that contains

- data and
- a pointer to the **next** node if it is singly linked
 - or pointers to the **previous** and **next** nodes if it is doubly linked

Wikipedia's description of a linked list

There are many ways of declaring a linked list.

1. Typically:

- first declare a *struct* that contains *data* and a pointer to itself:

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```
1  typedef struct node ListNode;
2  struct node {
3      int data;
4      ListNode *next;
5  }
```

- then declare a *struct* containing a pointer to the first node:

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```
1  typedef struct FirstNode *LinkedList;
2  struct FirstNode{
3      ListNode *first;
4  }
```

2. Sedgwick:

- declares it as simply a link to a structure

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```
1  typedef struct node *Link;
2  struct node{
3      int data;
4      Link next;
5  }
```

3. I will use:

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```
1  typedef struct node {
2      int data;
3      struct node *next;
4  } LinkL;
```

Example: a 2-node linked list

This is a 'silly', useless example that shows basic functionality. It is purely illustrative.

- no libraries are required
- created simply by
 - calling a malloc for each node
 - reading and inserting the data
 - linking the nodes to each other
 - also shows a traversal from *head* to *NULL*

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```
1  // ll2i.c: create a linked list of length 2 entered with
prompts
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4
5  typedef struct node {
```

```

6     int data;
7     struct node *next;
8 } LinkedL;
9
10 int main(void) {
11     LinkedL *n1;
12     LinkedL *n2;
13
14     n1 = malloc(sizeof(LinkedL)); // get memory space for the
first node
15     n2 = malloc(sizeof(LinkedL)); // get memory space for the
second node
16     if (n1==NULL || n2==NULL){
17         fprintf(stderr, "Out of memory\n");
18         return EXIT_FAILURE;
19     }
20     printf("Enter first integer: ");
21     if (scanf("%d", &n1->data) == 1) {           // first data
22         n1->next = n2;                             // first link
23
24         printf("Enter second integer: ");
25         if (scanf("%d", &n2->data) == 1) {           // second data
26             n2->next = NULL;                         // second and
last link
27
28             // traverse the list (of 2 elements)
29             for (LinkedL *p = n1; p != NULL; p = p->next) {
30                 printf("%d\n", p->data);
31             }
32         }
33     }
34     // tidy up
35     free(n1); // give back the memory!
36     free(n2);
37     n1 = NULL; // zap the pointer so it cannot be reused
38     n2 = NULL;
39     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
40 }

```

Example: Woolloomooloo in a linked list

Construct a linked list consisting of the letters *Woolloomooloo*, and print the contents of the linked list.

- this extends the 2-node list above
- no library required
- no ADT

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```

1 // woolly.c: construct a linked list of the letters
"Woolloomooloo", and print the list
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4
5 struct lll {
6     char letter;
7     struct lll *next;
8 };
9
10 int main(void) {
11     typedef struct lll Letter; // this typedef allows me to use

```

```

the type 'Letter'
12     Letter *l;
13     Letter *firstl = NULL;
14     Letter *previousl = NULL;
15     char *woolly = "woolloomooloo";
16
17     for (char *w = woolly; *w != '\0'; w++) {
18         l = malloc(sizeof(Letter)); // make a node containing a
letter
19         if (l == NULL) {
20             fprintf(stderr, "Out of memory\n");
21             return EXIT_FAILURE;
22         }
23         l->letter = *w;           // this adds the data
24         l->next = NULL;          // this adds the link to the
next node (assume NULL)
25
26         if (w == woolly){        // if w==woolly we are doing the
first letter
27             firstl = l;          // we MUST remember the address
of the first node
28         }
29         else {                  // if not first, back-patch
previous node
30             previousl->next = l;
31         }
32         previousl = l;          // remember this node for the
next iteration
33     }
34
35     // now let's see what the linked list looks like
36     printf("The linked struct has stored ...\n");
37     for (l = firstl; l != NULL; l = l->next) {
38         printf("\tletter %c\n", l->letter);
39     }
40
41     l = firstl;
42     // freeing is better with a while loop
43     printf("Cleaning up: freeing ");
44     while (l != NULL) {
45         Letter *tmp = l->next;    // remember 'next' before
freeing the element
46         printf("%c ", l->letter);
47         free(l);
48         l = tmp;
49     }
50     putchar('\n');
51     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
52 }

```

The output of the program is:

```

The linked struct has stored ...
    letter w
    letter o
    letter o
    letter l
    letter l
    letter o
    letter o
    letter m
    letter o

```

```

letter o
letter l
letter o
letter o
Cleaning up: freeing w o o l l o o m o o l o o

```

Standard linked-list functionality

List traversal

It depends on what you want to do during the traversal.

- Example 1: put the print traversal above in a function

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```

1 void printList(LinkedList *head) {
2     LinkedList *cur;
3     for (cur = head; cur != NULL; cur = cur->next) {
4         printf("%d\n", cur->data);
5     }
6     return;
7 }

```

- Example 2: free all the nodes in a linked list

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```

1 void freeList(LinkedList *head) {
2     LinkedList *cur;
3     cur = head;
4     while (cur != NULL) {
5         LinkedList *tmp = cur->next; // save ptr to next node
before free the node
6         free(cur);
7         cur = tmp;
8     }
9     return;
10 }

```

这里要将next存储，如果存储当前的话，free之后两者都没了

List node creation

You can put the *malloc()* into a function

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```

1 LinkedList *makeNode(int v) {
2     LinkedList *new;
3     new = malloc(sizeof(LinkedList));
4     if (new == NULL) {
5         fprintf(stderr, "Out of memory\n");
6         exit(1);
7     }
8     new->data = v;
9     new->next = NULL; //play it safe and make it NULL
10    return new;
11 }

```

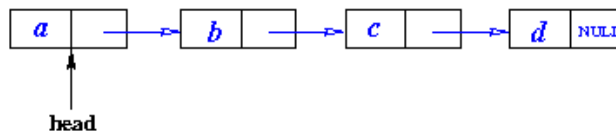
List node deletion

Delete a given node *n* from a linked list

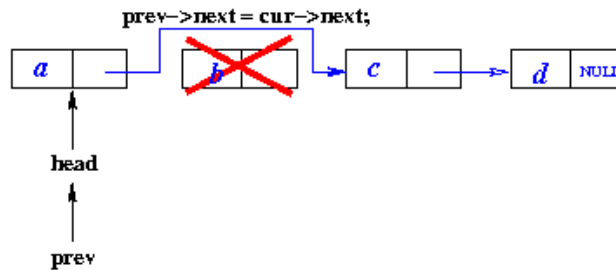
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```
1 LinkedL *deleteNode(LinkedL *head, LinkedL *remn) {
2     // if node remn is found it is removed and freed
3     // it is really important to make sure we do not leave the
list headless
4     LinkedL *prev = NULL;
5
6     if (head == NULL) {                // no list: something
wrong?
7         return head;                // this return is best
placed here
8     }
9
10    LinkedL *cur = head;
11    while (cur != remn && cur != NULL) { // look for remn
12        prev = cur;
13        cur = cur->next;
14    }
15    if (cur != NULL) {                // cur must be remn
16        if (prev == NULL) {          // if prev is NULL
then cur = head
17            head = cur->next;        // remove head, make
its next the head
18        }
19        else {                        // if cur has a prev
20            prev->next = cur->next;  // jump over cur by
backpatching prev
21        }
22        free(cur);                    // either way, cur is
freed
23        cur = NULL;
24    }
25    // if cur==NULL then remn is not in list so nothing to do
26    return head;
27 }
```

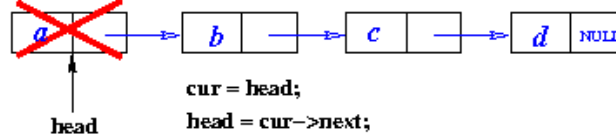
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Delete from the 'middle' or delete the end node



Delete the head



A linked-list based quack ADT

We must comply with the given ADT interface

- so we cannot use the functions *makeNode()* and *deleteNode()* above

The *Quack* interface was:

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```

1 // quack.h: an interface definition for a queue/stack
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4
5 typedef struct node *Quack;
6
7 Quack createQuack(void); // create and return Quack
8 void push(int, Quack); // put the given integer onto the
top of the quack
9 void qush(int, Quack); // put the given integer onto the
bottom of the quack
10 int pop(Quack); // pop and return the top element
on the quack
11 int isEmptyQuack(Quack); // return 1 if Quack is empty, else
0
12 void makeEmptyQuack(Quack); // remove all the elements on Quack
13 void showQuack(Quack); // print the contents of Quack,
from the top down
14

```

We implemented this interface in the ADT lecture using an array, with a maximum capacity.

We now implement it using a linked list, which has no (in-built) maximum capacity.

- each element in the *quack* is a node
- as the elements are pushed onto the quack, the list grows in length
- the length is unbounded (as an ADT)
 - *push()* cannot cause **overflow** (but a *malloc()* can fail)
 - *pop()* can still cause **underflow** of course

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```

1 // quackLL.c: a linked-list-based implementation of a quack
2 #include "quack.h"
3 #include <limits.h>
4
5 #define HEAD_DATA INT_MAX // dummy data
6
7 struct node {
8     int data;
9     struct node *next;
10 };
11
12 Quack createQuack(void) { // returns a head node
13     Quack head;
14     head = malloc(sizeof(struct node));
15     if (head == NULL) {
16         fprintf(stderr, "createQuack: no memory, aborting\n");
17         exit(1);
18     }
19     head->data = HEAD_DATA; // should never be used
20     head->next = NULL;
21     return head;
22 }
23
24 void push(int data, Quack qs) {
25     Quack newnode;
26     if (qs == NULL) {
27         fprintf(stderr, "push: quack not initialised\n");
28     }
29     else {
30         newnode = malloc(sizeof(struct node));
31         if (newnode == NULL) {
32             fprintf(stderr, "push: no memory, aborting\n");
33             exit(1);
34         }
35         // insert the newnode at the head
36         newnode->data = data; // assign the data
37         newnode->next = qs->next; // link to 'old' linked list
38         qs->next = newnode; // make it the head
39     }
40     return;
41 }
42
43 int pop(Quack qs) {
44     int retval = 0;
45     if (qs == NULL) {
46         fprintf(stderr, "pop: quack not initialised\n");
47     }
48     else {
49         if (isEmptyQuack(qs)) {
50             fprintf(stderr, "pop: quack underflow\n");
51         }
52         else {
53             Quack topnode = qs->next; // top dummy node is always
there

```



```

54         retval = topnode->data;    // grab the data
55         qs->next = topnode->next;  // remove the head
56         free(topnode);            // clean up
57     }
58 }
59 return retval;
60 }
61
62 void makeEmptyQuack(Quack qs) {
63     if (qs == NULL)
64         fprintf(stderr, "makeEmptyQuack: quack not
initialised\n");
65     else {
66         while (!isEmptyQuack(qs)) {
67             pop(qs);
68         }
69     }
70     return;
71 }
72
73 int isEmptyQuack(Quack qs) {
74     int empty = 0;
75     if (qs == NULL) {
76         fprintf(stderr, "isEmptyQuack: quack not initialised\n");
77     }
78     else {
79         empty = qs->next == NULL;
80     }
81     return empty;
82 }
83
84 void showQuack(Quack qs) {
85     if (qs == NULL) {
86         fprintf(stderr, "showQuack: quack not initialised\n");
87     }
88     else {
89         if (qs->data != HEAD_DATA) {
90             fprintf(stderr, "showQuack: linked list head
corrupted\n");
91         }
92         else {
93             printf("Quack: ");
94             if (qs->next == NULL) {
95                 printf("<< >>\n");
96             }
97             else {
98                 printf("<<");                                // start with <<
99                 qs = qs->next;                                // step over the head
link
100                 while (qs->next != NULL) {
101                     printf("%d, ", qs->data); // print each element
102                     qs = qs->next;
103                 }
104                 printf("%d>>\n", qs->data); // last element ends
with >>
105             }
106         }
107     }
108     return;
109 }

```

Note that a *createQuack()*, which takes no arguments

- creates a special *HEAD* node of the linked list
- this node is permanent and contains 'dummy' data `INT_MAX`
- it cannot be deleted
- if the quack is empty, the *HEAD* node's *next* field is `NULL`
- if the quack is not empty, the *HEAD* node *next* field points to top node
- returns the head node to the client

If the client node is

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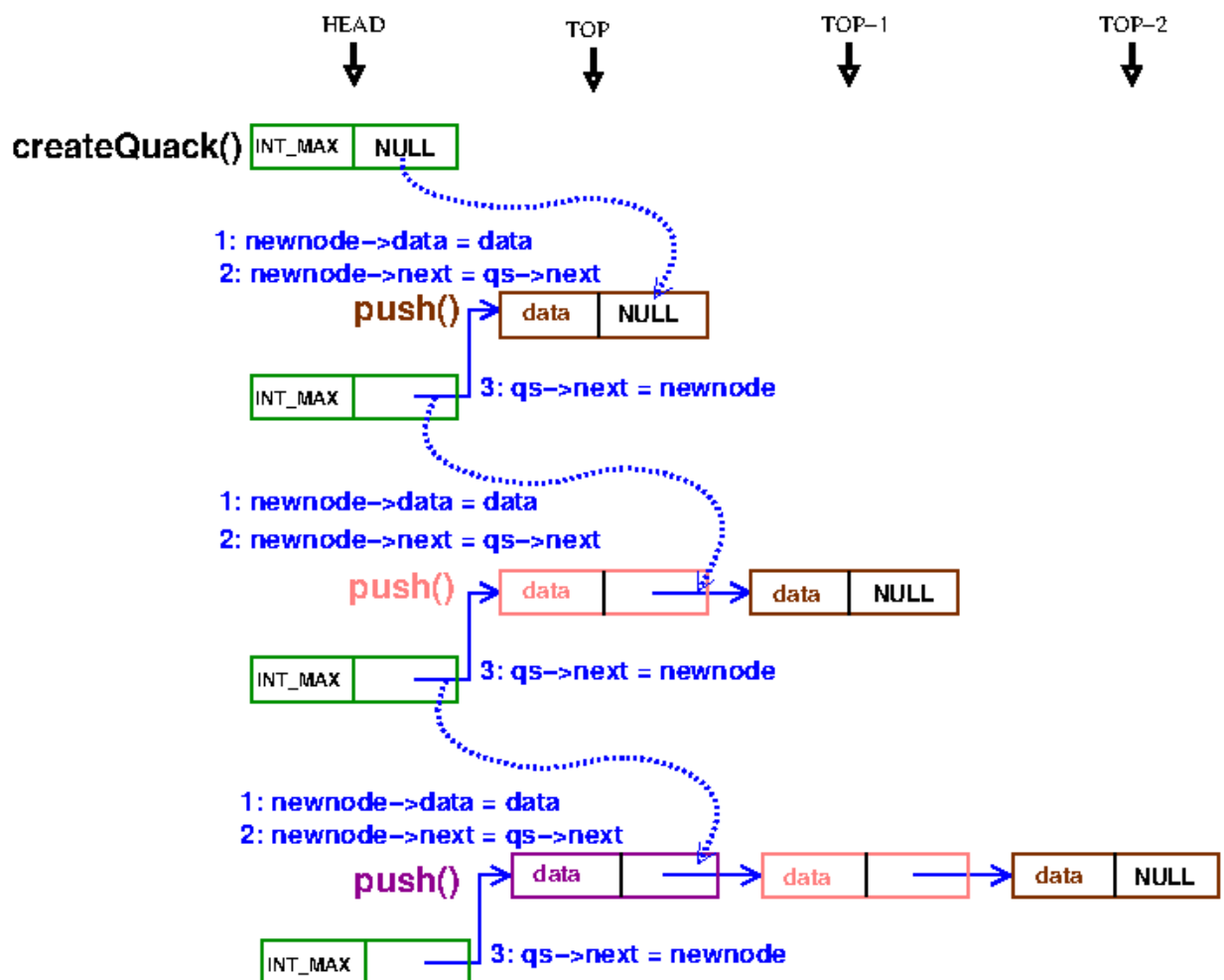
```
1 Quack qs = createQuack();
```

then every quack command uses the variable *qs* to change the quack. For example:

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```
1 push(123, qs);
2 int x = pop(qs);
3 makeEmptyQuack(qs);
4 showQuack(qs);
```

Let's create a new quack and push 3 data elements on it.

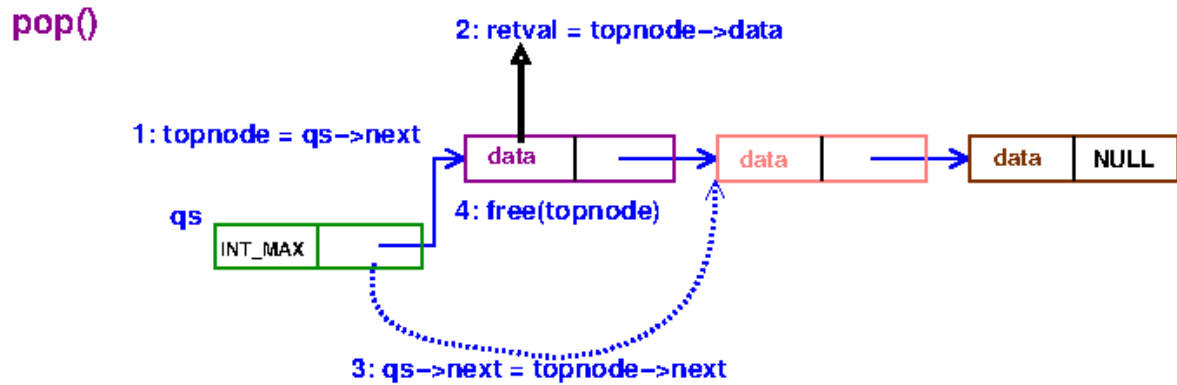


So,

- the top of quack is always the 2nd node in the linked list
- `push()` always inserts a **new 2nd node** in the linked list
- `pop()` always removes **the 2nd node** in the linked list

- `showQuack()` does not show the *HEAD* node

Here is a pop in action.



Client: reverse a string using the linked list quack

Remember the client program that reverses the string on the command line

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```

1 // revarg.c: reverse the chars in the first command-line
argument
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include "quack.h"
5
6 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
7     Quack s = NULL;
8
9     if (argc >= 2) {
10         char *inputc = argv[1];
11         s = createQuack();
12         while (*inputc != '\0') {
13             push(*inputc++, s);
14         }
15         while (!isEmptyQuack(s)) {
16             printf("%c", pop(s));
17         }
18         putchar('\n');
19     }
20     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
21 }

```

We now have two implementations of a quack ADT

- the array version *quack.c*
- the linked-list version *quackLL.c*

Both use the same interface *quack.h* (of course)

Compile and run both with the client *revarg.c*

```

prompt$ dcc quack.c revarg.c
prompt$ ./a.out 0123456789
9876543210

prompt$ dcc quackLL.c revarg.c
prompt$ ./a.out 0123456789
9876543210

```

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