



WCOM125/ COMP125 Fundamentals of Computer Science
Workshop - Linked Lists

Learning outcomes

By the end of this session, you will have learnt about linked lists.

Questions

1 Node as the primitive for recursive data structure

All questions in this section use the following definition of Node class

```
1 public class Node {
2     private int data;
3     private Node next;
4
5     public int getData() {
6         return data;
7     }
8
9     public Node getNext() {
10        return next;
11    }
12
13    public void setData(int data) {
14        this.data = data;
15    }
16
17    public void setNext(Node next) {
18        this.next = next;
19    }
20
21    public Node(int data) {
22        setData(data);
23        setNext(null);
24    }
25
26    public Node(int data, Node node) {
27        setData(data);
28        setNext(node);
29    }
30 }
```

1. Draw a memory diagram representing objects in memory after the following code is executed.

```
1 public class NodeStorage {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         Node p = new Node(20, null);
4         Node g = new Node(50, null);
5         Node a = new Node(70, p);
6         Node y = new Node(30, null);
7         g.setNext(y);
8         p.setNext(g);
9         y.setData(10);
10        p.getNext().getNext().setData(90);
11    }
12 }
```

2. Consider the following code:

```
1 Node e = new Node(10, null);
2 Node d = new Node(20, e);
3 Node c = new Node(90, d);
4 Node b = new Node(60, c);
5 Node a = new Node(30, b);
```

Write a piece of code that displays the data value of each node, starting at Node a. You must use a loop to do this.

3. Using the same definition for class Node as the previous question, what is the output produced by the following piece of code?

```
1 public class Client {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         Node n = new Node(1, null);
4         for(int i=1; i < 4; i++) {
5             Node temp = new Node(2*i+1, n);
6             n = temp;
7         }
8
9         Node current = n;
10        while(current != null) {
11            System.out.println(current.getData());
12            current = current.getNext();
13        }
14    }
15 }
```

4. Consider the following class:

```
1 class Node2 {
2     private int data;
3     private Node2 a, b, c;
4     public Node2(int d, Node _a, Node _b, Node _c) {
5         data = d;
6         a = _a;
7         b = _b;
8         c = _c;
9     }
10 }
11
12 public class Client {
13     public static void main(String[] args) {
14         Node2 n1 = new Node(20, null, null, null);
15         Node2 n2 = new Node(50, n1, null, null);
16         Node2 n3 = new Node(10, n2, n1, null);
17         Node2 n4 = new Node(70, n3, n2, n1);
18     }
19 }
```

Draw a graph illustrating the nodes and the links between them. Provide a direction and label for each link.

2 Java's built-in LinkedList class

Java has a built-in implementation of linked lists in class `LinkedList`. It behaves *almost* identically to `ArrayList` class. Thus, for the user, there is hardly any difference.

5. Write a method `countPositives` that when passed an `LinkedList` of `Double` objects, returns the number of positive items in the `LinkedList`. The method should return 0 if the list is null or empty.

```
1 public static int countPositives(LinkedList <Double> list)
```

6. Write a method `countMatches` that when passed an `LinkedList` of `String` objects and a `String` target, returns the number of items in the list that contains target. The method should return 0 if the list is null or empty. For example, if `list = ["thereby", "they", "proved", "the", "other", "guy", "was", "the", "father"]` and `target = "the"`, the method should return 6, as there are six `Strings` containing "the".

```
1 public static int countMatches(LinkedList<String> list, String
    target)
```

7. Add a method `count` that when passed an `LinkedList<Integer>` list, returns the number of prime numbers in list.

```
1 public static int countPrimes(LinkedList<Integer> list)
```

8. (D-level) Write a method that when passed a `LinkedList` of integers, returns a number constructed with the first digit of each item of the list. The method should return 0 if the list is null or empty. For example, if the list is [15, 673, 8914], the method returns the number 168.

9. Write a method `getPerfectSquares` that when passed a `LinkedList<Integer>` list, returns a list containing perfect squares (squares of integers) in that list.

```
1 public static LinkedList<Integer> getPerfectSquares(LinkedList<Integer>
    list)
```