

# COMP10002 Workshop Week 10

## dynamic data structures

- BST insert: 5-minute warming up
- malloc/assert/free, Discuss Ex. lec07.4, lec07.5
- linked lists, exercise lec07.9
- (time permitted) stack, exercise lec07.8

- Exercises 4, 5, 6, and 7 in lec07.pdf: implement and test solutions to at least two of them.
- Make sure that you know what is expected for Assignment 2, and make a solid start. Note: **due 6PM Fri 14 OCT**

# Warm-Up: 12345 Once I caught A fish Alive

```
typedef struct node node_t;

struct node {
    void *data;      // ptr to stored structure
    node_t *left;   // left subtree of node
    node_t *right;  // right subtree of node };

typedef struct {
    node_t *root;  // root node of the tree
    int (*cmp)(void*,void*);
} tree_t;

// creates & returns an empty tree
tree_t *make_empty_tree(int func(void*,void*));

// insert in BST order
tree_t *insert(tree_t *tree, void *value);
```

*Insert the words into an initially empty BST:*

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

# malloc/free/assert: What, Why, When?

## malloc= WHAT? Exercise: Write code fragment that

- use just a pointer `p` (ie. *not using another variable*), make `*p` be 10 and print out `*p`

```
int *p;  
...  
*p= 10;  
printf("*p= %d\n", *p);
```

# Memo: library functions malloc() and free()

```
void *malloc(size_t n);
```

(dynamically) allocate *a chunk of n bytes*. Returns *the address* of that chunk, or `NULL` if failed. Example  
(3 equivalent `malloc`)

```
int *a;  
a = (int *) malloc(sizeof(int));
```

or:

```
a = malloc(sizeof(*a));
```

`calloc` is the same as `malloc`, but it also initialize all memory to zero.  
Quite useful sometimes.

----- Need to check if `malloc` successful -----

```
assert(a != NULL);
```

or: `assert(a);`

```
assert(a); is equivalent to:  
if (a==NULL) {  
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);  
}
```

Note: memory created by `malloc` is not auto-freed!

Need to free the memory chunks that were `malloc`-ed.

Example:

```
free(a);
```

Rule:  
one `malloc` needs one `free`  
need to `free the address` that `malloc` returned

# lec07.E4: How

## Exercise 4

Write a function

```
char *string_dupe(char *s)
```

that creates a copy of the string `s` and returns a pointer to it (same as function  `strdup`)

Discussion:

- What the difference between  `strcpy` and  `strdupe/ strdup` ?
- How to fill in the missing parts?

```
char *string_dupe(char *s) {  
    // Notes: do not use library function  strdup  
    //         but you can use  strcpy  
    ... t;    // first declare t, HOW?  
  
    // then make target t be identical to source s, HOW?  
    ...  
  
    return t;  
}
```

```
// example of using  string_dupe  
... main(...) {  
    char *string= "example";  
    char *s= string_dupe(string);  
    printf("duplicated s= %s\n", s);  
    ...
```

# lec07.E4: Is this solution correct?

## Exercise 4

Write a function `char *string_dupe(char *s)`

that creates a copy of the string `s` and returns a pointer to it (same as function `strupd`)

```
char *string_dupe(char *s) {  
    // Notes: do not use library function strupd  
    //         but you can use strcp  
    char dupl[MAXLEN+1]; // supposing MAXLEN is well defined  
  
    // then make target t be identical to source s, HOW?  
    strcp(t, s);  
  
    return dupl;  
}
```

```
// example of using string_dupe  
... main(...){  
    char *string= "a hoax!";  
    char *s= string_dupe(string);  
    printf("duplicated s= %s\n", s);  
    ...
```

# Check your answer: Ex 4

## Exercise 4

Write a function `char *string_dupe(char *s)` that creates a copy of the string `s` and returns a pointer to it.

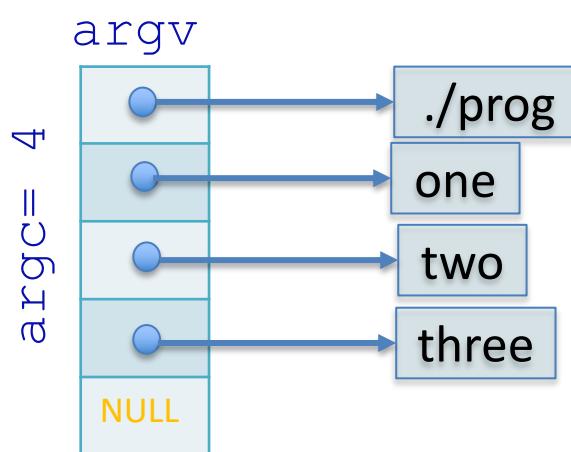
```
char *string_dupe(char *s) {  
    // char t[MAXLEN]; → wrong because t will be automatically deleted at the end of this function  
    char *t= malloc( (strlen(s)+1) * sizeof(char) );  
        // t dynamically created here, it survives until the associated memory is free-ed!  
    strcpy(t,s);  
    return t;  
}  
... main ... {  
    char *s= string_dupe("Ta daa");  
    ...  
    free(s);           // the memory malloc-ed above for t is free-ed here  
    return 0;  
}
```

# argc, argv and Exercise 5 - Discussion

## Exercise 5

Write a function `char **string_set_dupe(char **S)` that creates a copy of the set of string pointers `S`, assumed to have the structure of the set of strings in `argv` (including a sentinel pointer of `NULL`), and returns a pointer to the copy.

```
//./prog one two three  
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
```



```
char **string_set_dupe(char **S) {  
    ... duplicated; // first declare duplicated, HOW?  
  
    // then make it be identical to S, HOW?  
  
    return duplicated;  
}
```

# “Static Arrays” versus Dynamic Arrays

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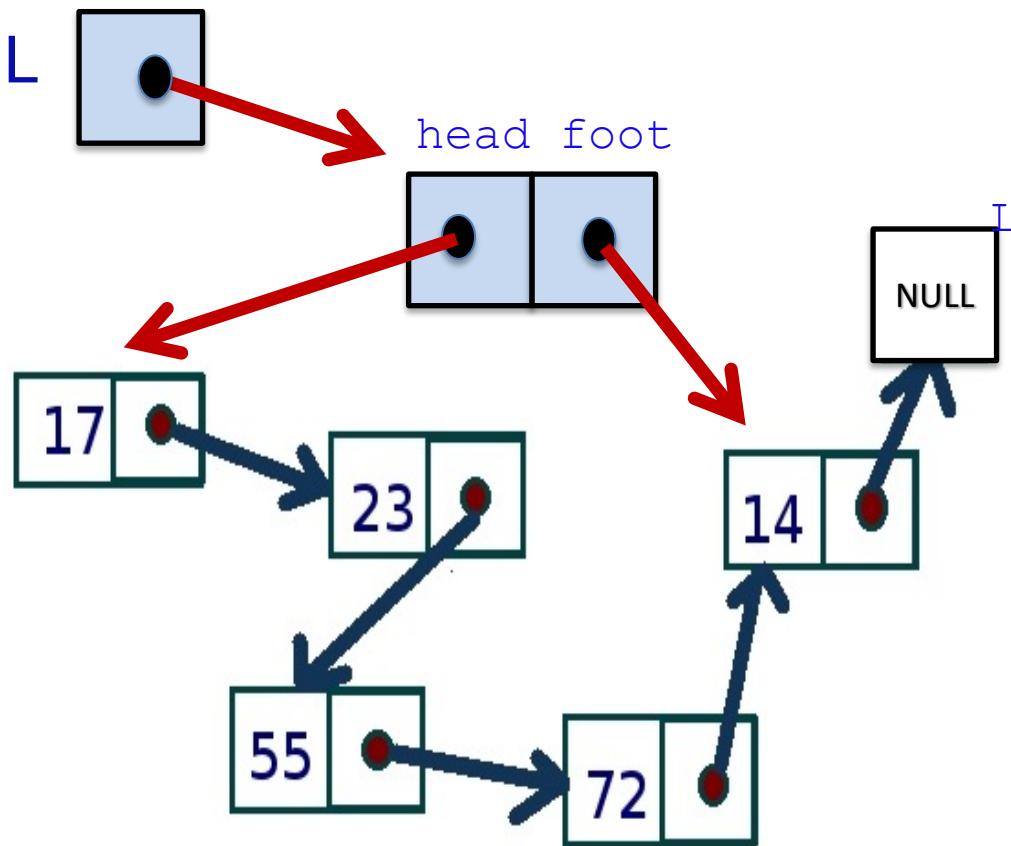
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# Linked List version 1: as in `listops.c`

- ✓ O(1) insert at the start (`insert_at_head`)
  - ✓ O(1) insert at the end (`insert_at_foot`)
  - ✗ need to maintain both head and foot when processing



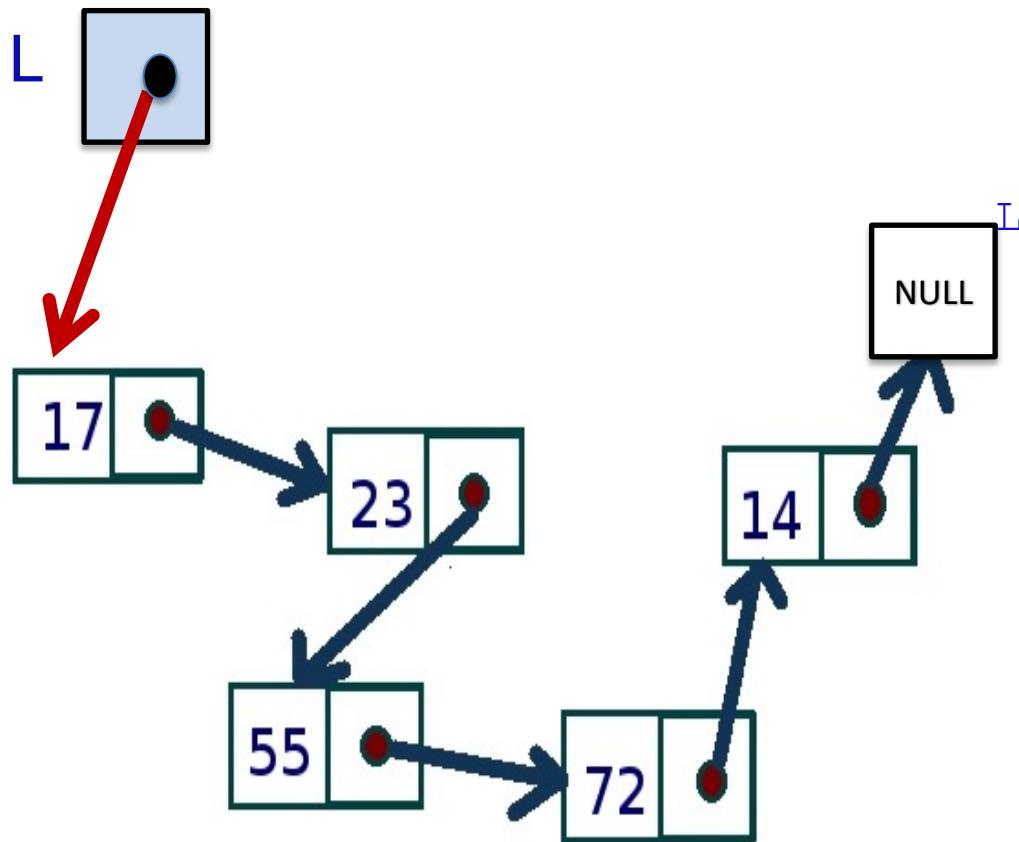
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typedef struct node node_t;
struct node {
    data_t data;
    node_t *next;
};
typedef struct {
    node_t *head;
    node_t *foot;
} list_t;

int main(...) {
    list_t *L= make_empty_list();
    L= insert_at_foot(L, 55);
    L= insert_at_foot(L, 72);
    L= insert_at_foot(L, 14);

    L= insert_at_head(L, 23);
    L= insert_at_head(L, 17);
    ...
    free_list(L);
}
```

## Linked List version 2:

- ✓ O(1) insert at the start
- ✗ O(n) insert at the end
- ✓ no need to maintain foot when processing



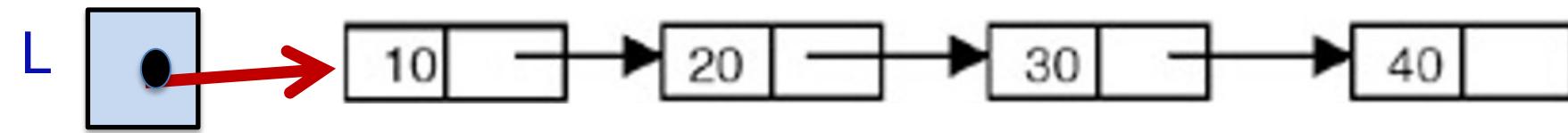
```
typedef struct node node_t;
struct node {
    data_t data;
    node_t *next;
};
typedef node_t list_t;

int main(...) {
    list_t *L= NULL;
    L= insert_at_start(L, 14);
    L= insert_at_start(L, 72);
    L= insert_at_start(L, 55);

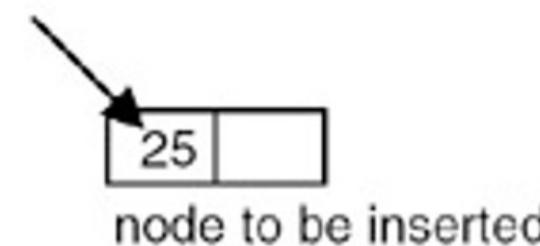
    L= insert_at_start(L, 23);
    L= insert_at_start(L, 17);
    ...
    free_list(L);
}
```

# Example: Sorted Linked List & Insert

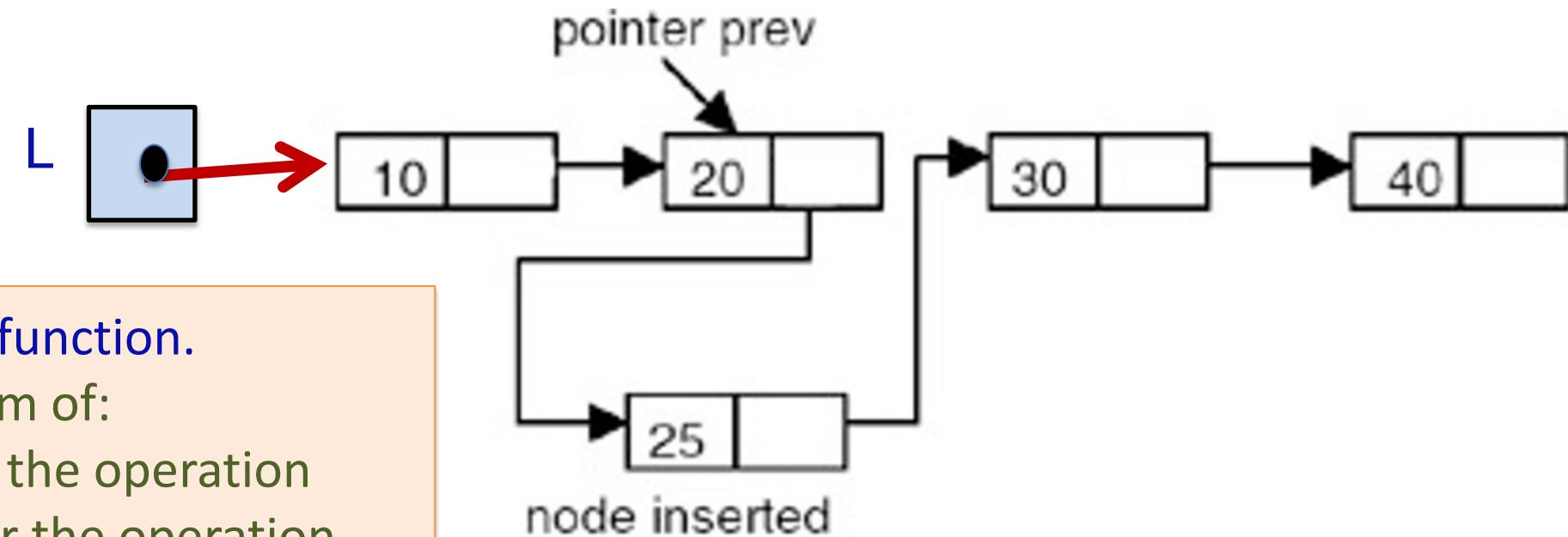
*before insertion*



`inorder_insert(L, 25)`



*after insertion*



Try to write this function.

Always have a clear diagram of:

- what's there before the operation
- what should be after the operation

and think of special cases!

## Exercise 8 [time permitted]: Implementing Stacks Using Arrays

Stacks and queues can also be implemented using an array of type `data_t`, and static variables. Give functions for make empty `stack()` and `push()` and `pop()` in this representation.

Programming:

- Test it by adding 10 integers:

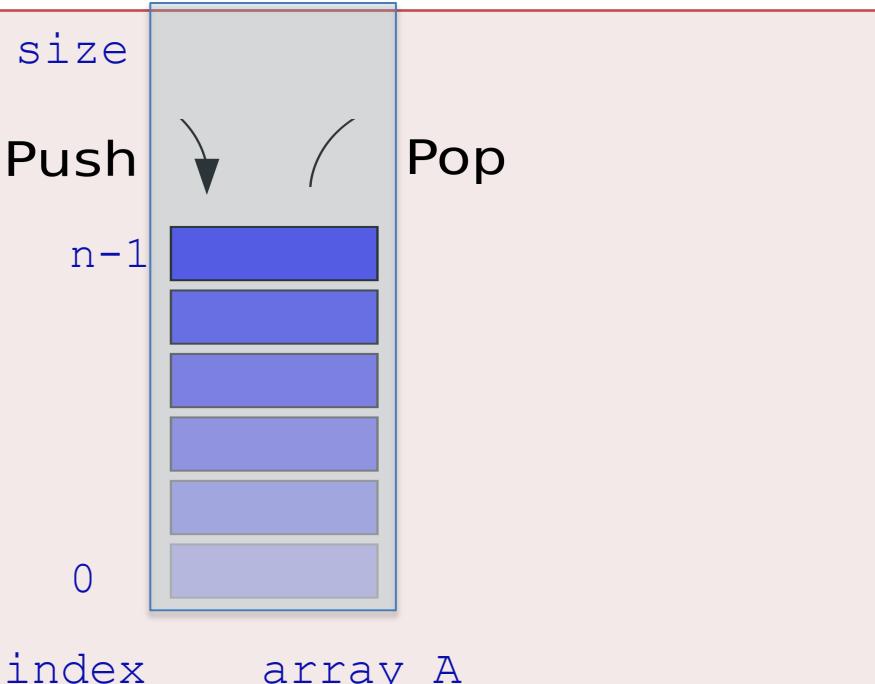
0 1 2 ... 9

to a stack, then print them (in reverse order).

# Stack (LIFO)

	<p>Last In – First Out</p> <p>Push</p> <p>Pop</p> <p>first in – last out</p>
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<b>Stack Operations</b>	<p><b>push (x)</b> : add element <i>x</i> into (the top of) stack</p> <p><b>pop ()</b> : remove an element from (the top of) stack</p> <p><b>create ()</b> : create a new, empty stack</p> <p><b>isEmpty ()</b> : check if stack is empty, or</p>

# Stack implementation using array



<http://www.123rf.com/stock-photo/tyre.html>

[https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack\\_\(data\\_structure\)](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack_(data_structure))

Stack  
Operations

**push (x) :** add element  $x$  into (the top of) stack  
 $A[n++] = x;$   
// supposing no problem with array size  
**pop () :** remove an element from (the top of) stack  
return  $A[--n];$

# Lab Time: A2 and/or Exercises 4-8 from lec07.pdf

**Exercise 4:** Write a function

```
char *string_dupe(char *s)
```

**Exercise 5:** Write a function

```
char **string_set_dupe(char **S)
```

that creates a copy of the set of string pointers `S`, assumed to have the structure of the set of strings in `argv` (including a sentinel pointer of `NULL`), and returns a pointer to the copy.

**Exercise 6:** Write a function

```
void string_set_free(char **S)
```

that returns all of the memory associated with the duplicated string set `S`.

**Exercise 7:** Test all three of your functions by writing scaffolding that duplicates the argument `argv`, then prints the duplicate out, then frees the space.

(What happens if you call `string_set_free(argv)`? Why?)

**Exercise 8:** Stacks and queues can also be implemented using an array of type `data_t`, and static variables. Give functions for make empty `stack()` and `push()` and `pop()` in this representation.

Test your code: using stack, input at most 1000 integers and print them in reverse order.

## Assignment 2

- Aim to finish Stage 0 today!
- Have a good plan for Stage 1

A2: Q&A, focusing on:

- understanding & approach
- Stage 0

*New items in the marking rubric:*

- avoidance of typedefs, -0.5;
- avoidance of structs, -1.0;
- avoidance of pointers to structs, -0.5;
- memory management issue (minor), -0.5;
- memory management issue (major), -1.0;

## A2: some advices

1. Have a diagram of your data structure
2. Read through the whole specs and make notes to the structures, but don't strive for the perfection, initial code duplication is even OK!
3. Make things simple:
  - Break a complicated task into smaller tasks!
  - Don't strive too much for efficiency, simplicity is more important here
  - Don't use dynamic memory when you don't actually need it!
4. Do use in incremental development. For example, in stage 0:
  1. first make sure you can read and debug-print out the statements as they are
  2. make sure that you follow the rules about the length of strings
  3. then build the auto, this clearly done character by character:
    - what to do with the 1<sup>st</sup> character, with any next character?
    - what's before dealing with 1 character
    - what's after
5. Do test with very simple data, such as "A", "B", "AF", "AFL"
6. Use debug printing to debug or follow your code to make sure that it works as expected!

## A2: Possible Tools

ctype.h : iscntrl

string.h :

- strdup,
- strcpy, strncpy
- strcmp, strncmp
- getline

dynamic arrays OR getline, attn when using getline

linked lists:

- sorted linked list?
- insert to sorted linked list
- delete from the list

# Additional Slides

# Review: Automatic memory allocation for arrays (by compilers)

```
#define SIZE 1000

int foo(...){
    int A[SIZE], n=0; // mem auto-allocated by compiler
    for (n=0; n<SIZE && scanf("%d", A+n)==1; n++);
    ...
    // A and n are auto-released (auto-freed) by compiler
    // and cannot be used outside function foo
}
```

**Memo 1:** An array is controlled by three named objects:

- array name **A**
- current number of elements **n**
- capacity **SIZE**

**Memo 2:** memory for a variable is auto-allocated at the start of its scope, and auto-released at the end of its scope.

## For arrays: Dynamic allocation if SIZE is unknown, n is known at runtime:

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]){  
    int *A, n=0; // n and pointer A auto-allocated by compiler  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
  
    A= malloc( n*sizeof(int) );  
    // that is, A= a memory chunk for n integers  
    // that the system allocated for the function call malloc  
  
    assert(A); // terminates if malloc failed  
  
    for (i=0; i<n && scanf("%d", A+i)==1; i++);  
    ...  
    free (A); // Free the memory chunk associated with A  
    // A and n are auto-freed by compiler  
}
```

**Dynamic 2D-arrays:** we want A to be a 2D dynamic array of m rows x n columns, each element is of data type data\_t;

**Declaration:** A is a pointer to (pointer to data\_t)  
data\_t \*\*A;

**Building memory for A:**

- make A be an array of m elements, each is an int \*:  
`A= malloc(m*sizeof(*A)); assert(A);`
- make each A[i] be an array on n elements, each is a data\_t  
`for (i=0; i<m; i++) {  
 A[i]= malloc( n * sizeof( *(A[i]) ) );  
 assert(A[i]);  
}`

**Use the array:** (in row-majored order)

```
for (row=0; row<m; i++)  
    for (col=0; col<n; col++) {  
        // do stuffs with A[row][col]  
    }
```

**Free the array:** free each row first, then free the whole array

```
for (row=0; row<m; i++) free(A[i]);  
free(A);
```

# Dynamic Arrays= Resizable Arrays

## Notes:

as opposed to dynamic arrays, normal fixed-size arrays are sometimes referred to as static arrays

# Memo: Tools for resizing (memory re-allocation)

`p= realloc( p, n);`

resizes the memory allocated to the old `p` by performing 4 actions:

- allocate a new chunk of `n` bytes,
- copy the chunk pointed by the old `p` to that new chunk,
- free the memory chunk pointed to by the old `p`, and
- returns the address of that new chunk.

Note: similar to `malloc`, `realloc` might fail.

*Example of use:*

```
int *p;  
p= malloc(10 * sizeof(*p));  
assert(p);  
...  
p= realloc(p, 20 *sizeof(*p));  
assert(p);  
...  
free(p);
```

one malloc – one free  
no worries about  
freeing for `realloc`!

# Resizable, or Dynamic Arrays

```
#define INIT_SIZE 8
int size=INIT_SIZE          // estimated capacity

// declares an array as a triple of variables <A, n, size>,
int *A=NULL, n=0;
A= malloc( size * sizeof(*A) );
assert(A);

for (i=0; scanf("%d", &x)==1; i++) {
    ???
    A[i]= x; // error if i==size
}
...
```

# Resizable Arrays

```
#define INIT_SIZE 5
    // declares an array as a triple <A, n, size>
    int *A=NULL, size=INIT_SIZE, n=0;
    A= malloc( size * sizeof(*A) );
    assert(A);

    for (i=0; scanf("%d", &x)==1; i++) {
        if (i==size) { // avoid errors by re-sizing by:
            size *= 2; // ... first makes size bigger
            A= realloc(A, size*sizeof(*A));
                // ... then allocates a new chunk of new size
                // ... that automatic copies and frees the old chunk
            assert(A);
        }
        A[i]= x;
    }
    ...
    free(A); // one malloc – one free, no worry about realloc
```

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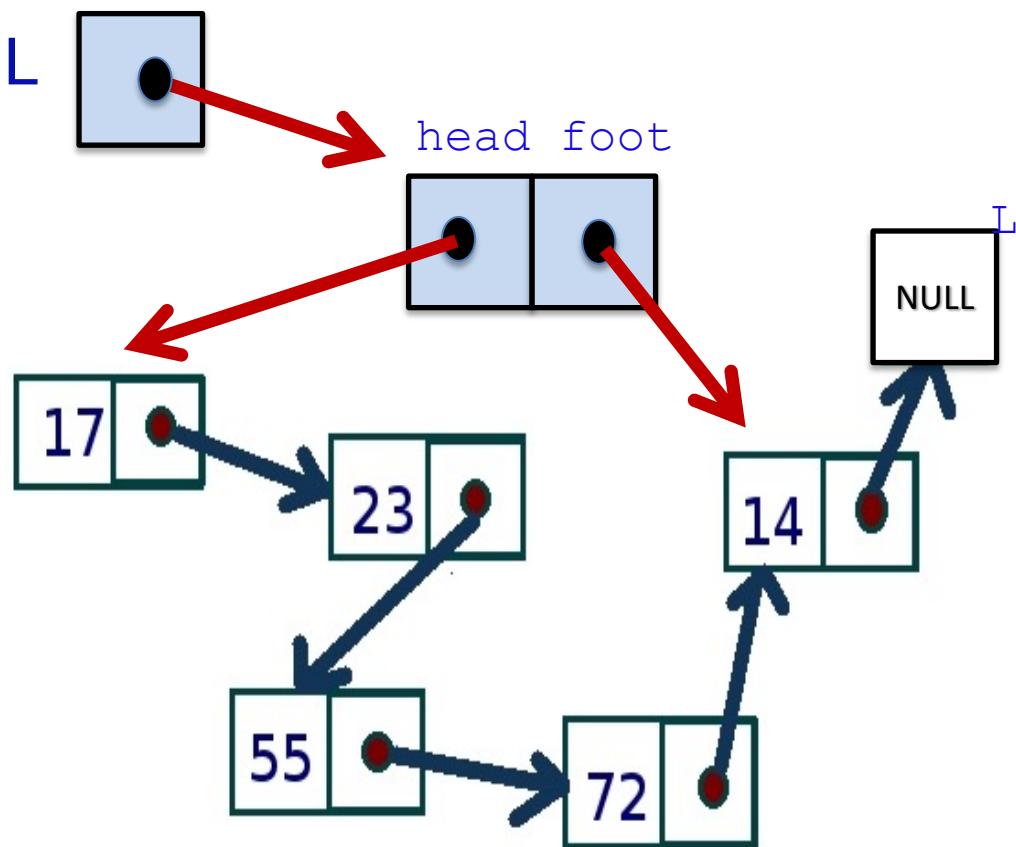
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# Linke Lists (using Alistair's listops.c)

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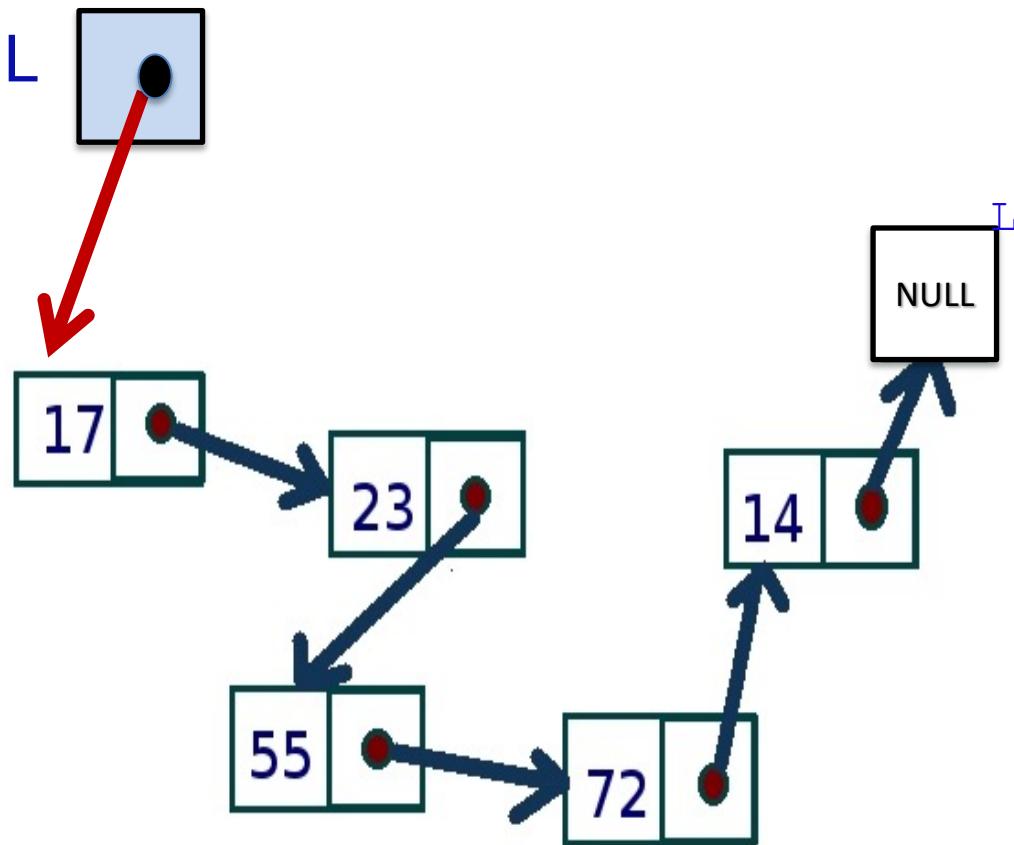
typedef struct {
    node_t *head;
    node_t *foot;
} list_t;

int main(...) {
    list_t *L= make_empty_list();
    L= insert_at_foot(L, 55);
    L= insert_at_foot(L, 72);
    L= insert_at_foot(L, 14);

    L= insert_at_head(L, 23);
    L= insert_at_head(L, 17);
    ...
    free_list(L);
}
```

## Linked List version 2:

- ✓ O(1) insert at the start
- ✗ O(n) insert at the end
- ✓ no need to maintain foot when processing



```
typedef struct node node_t;
struct node {
    data_t data;
    node_t *next;
};
typedef node_t list_t;

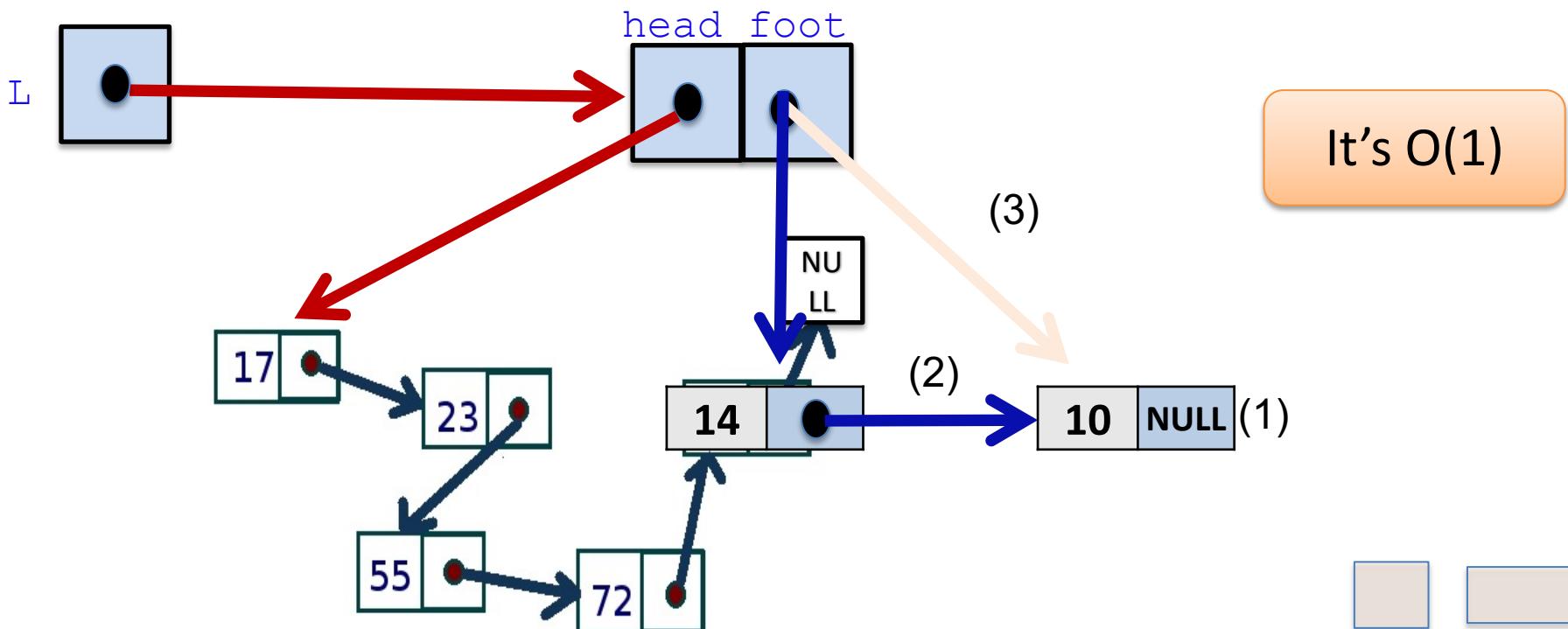
int main(...) {
    list_t *L= NULL;
    L= insert_at_start(L, 14);
    L= insert_at_start(L, 72);
    L= insert_at_start(L, 55);

    L= insert_at_start(L, 23);
    L= insert_at_start(L, 17);
    ...
    free_list(L);
}
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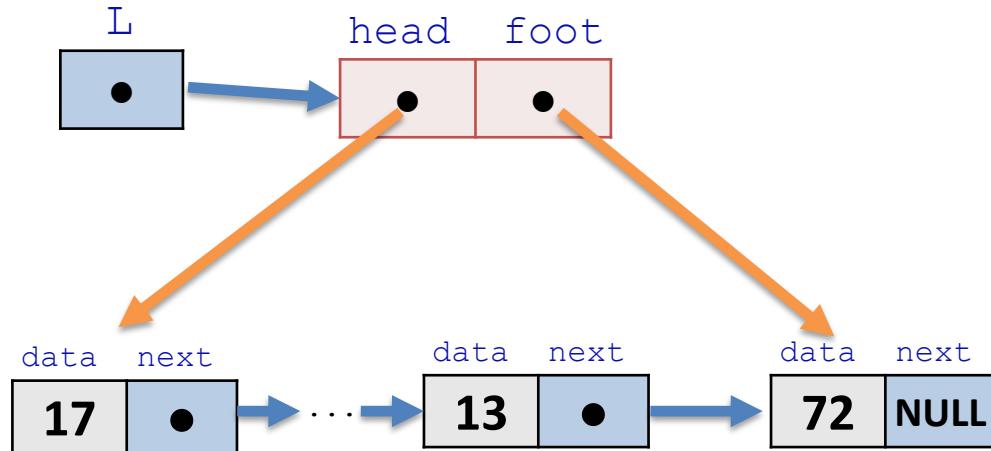
# Linked List Example: insert\_at\_foot : Insert node with data 10 at foot

1. create new node and set data
2. Link the node to the chain
3. Repair the foot
4. if the list is empty before inserting

```
node_t *new= mymalloc(sizeof(*new));  
new->data= 10; // here, data_t is int  
new->next= NULL;  
if (L->foot) {  
    L->foot->next = new;  
    L->foot= new;  
} else  
    L->foot= L->head= new;
```



# Linked List: examples



```
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typedef struct node {
    data_t data;
    node_t *next;
} node_t;
typedef struct {
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} list_t;
```

```
// print data of all nodes
void print_list(list_t *L) {
    ...
}

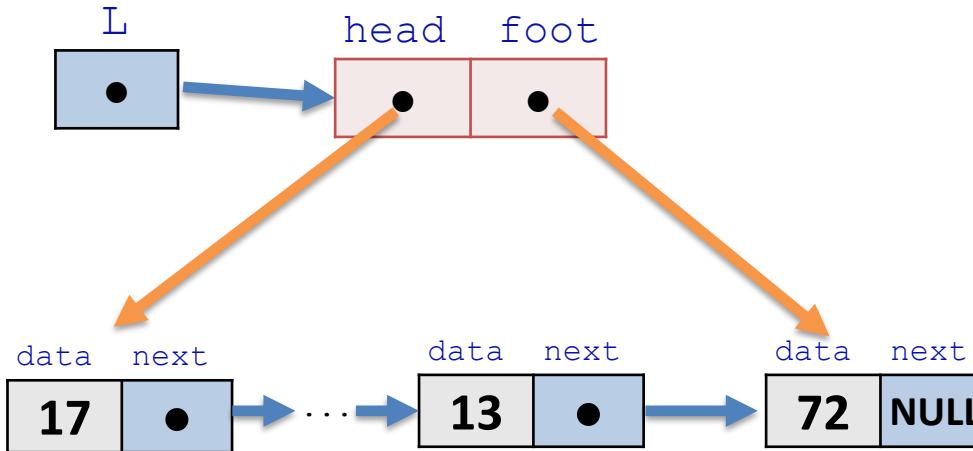
// cmp 2 list in lexicographical order
// returns -1, 0, 1
int listcmp(list_t *a, list_t *b) {
    ...
}
```

```
// delete the 2nd node (supposed L has at least 2 nodes)
node_t *prev= L->head;           // preceding node
node_t *curr= prev->next;
...
```

# Linked List: examples of using

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typedef struct node {  
    data_t data;  
    struct node *next;  
} node_t;  
typedef struct {  
    node_t *head;  
    node_t *foot;  
} list_t;
```

```
// print data of all nodes  
void print_list(list_t *L) {  
    node_t *p= L->head;  
    while ( p!=NULL) {  
        printf("%d ", p->data);  
        p= p->next;  
    }  
}
```



```
// delete the 2nd node (supposed L has at least 2 nodes)  
node_t *prev= L->head;           // preceding node  
node_t *curr= prev->next;  
prev->next= curr->next;  
if (curr->next==NULL) L->foot= prev;  
free(curr);  
  
/* Note 1: delete a generous node is more complicated  
(because it can be the first node). In principle:  
- check if the list is empty  
- check if the deleted node is the head  
- keep track of the prev and curr to delete the curr  
- check if the delete node is the foot
```

# Linked List Example: search for data x

1. start with first element
  2. loop while exists
    - 2a check
    - 2b move to the next element
- here P is NULL

```
node_t *P= L->head;  
while (P) { // do smt with P->data  
    if (P->data == x) return P;  
    P= P->next;  
}  
return NULL;
```

