



# Lecture 2: Arrays & Linked Lists

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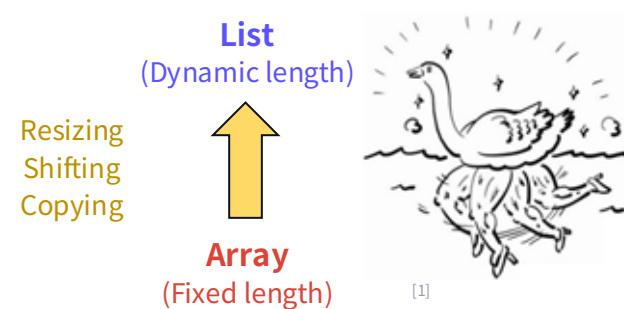
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# Arrays

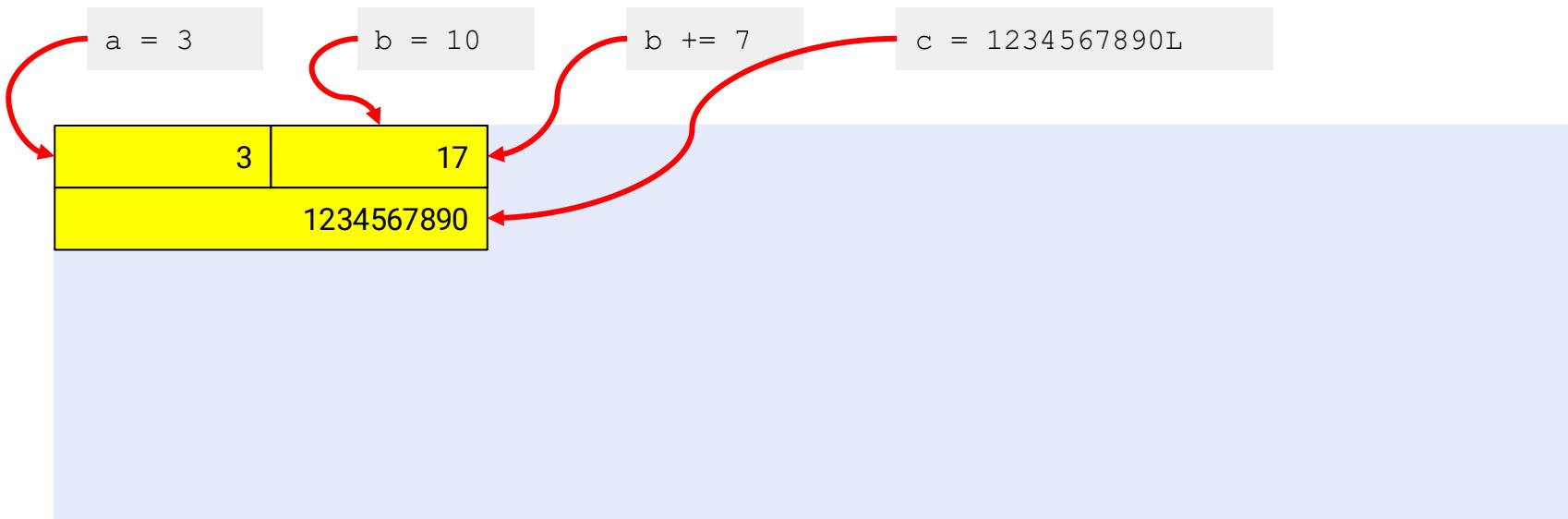
# Arrays

- An **array** is an object comprising a numbered sequence of memory boxes
  - More fundamental data structure that Python lists are built on.
  - This is why we can easily access the  $i$ -th element of list A by using  $A[i]$ .
- An array comprises
  - **Fixed integer length ( $N$ )** – should be **set when initializing it**
  - A sequence of  $N$ /memory boxes (numbered 0 through  $N-1$ )



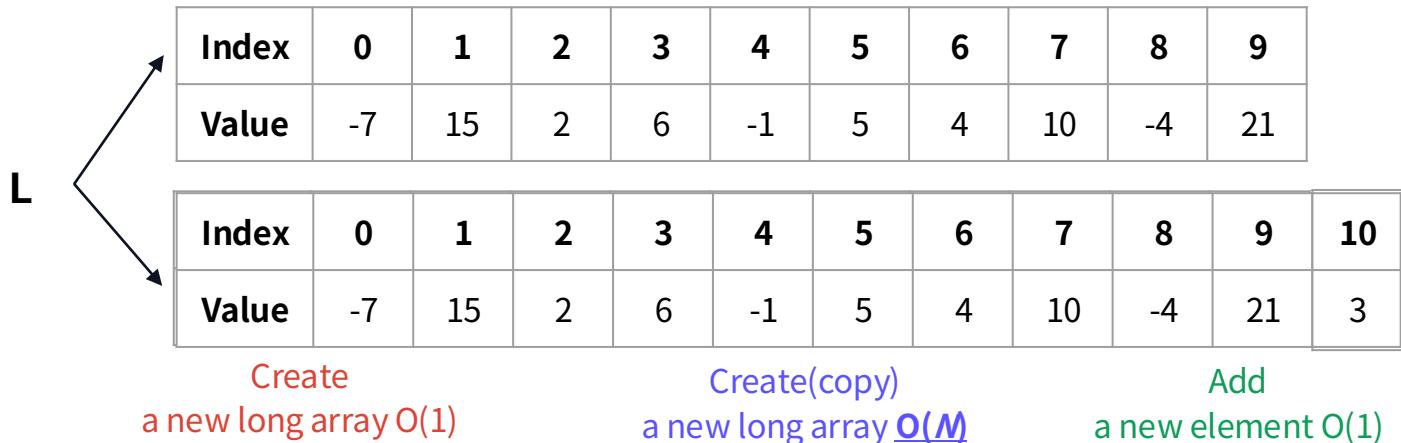
# Internal Implementation: Memory

- Internally, all variables and constants we use in our program should be stored somewhere in **memory**.
  - For a single variable of a primitive type (int, float, …), we know its size (how many bits are needed).



# Array Resizing

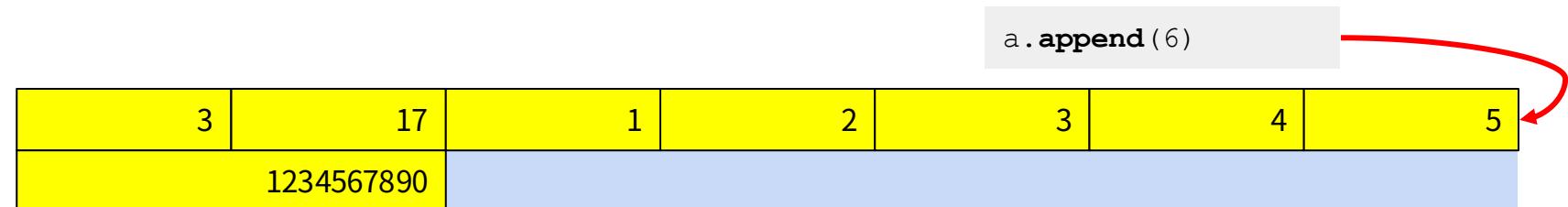
- Two problems of an array due to its fixed length
  - **Memory wastage:** if it contains only  $n \ll N$  valid elements
  - **Memory shortage:** if it wants to contain more than  $N$  elements
- Array resizing: create another larger array and copy all the elements
  - `L.append(3)` when the current array is full.



# Internal Implementation: Memory

- Now, let's think about the time complexity!
  - Theoretical time complexity for `a.append(6)`? **O(1)**
  - Actual time complexity for `a.append(6)`, if there's no enough space after it?

**O(M)**



This is not ideal, since we do not have to know how memory space is being used at every moment!

# Array Resizing

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- Array resizing is expensive: new memory boxes and copy operation
  - Increasing size by one every time is not efficient (too many resizing)
  - Increasing size too much at once is not efficient either (memory wastage)
- To resize fewer, Python list size grows as 0, 4, 8, 16, 25, 35, 46, 58, ⋯
  - Mild over-allocation proportional to the current size
- Anyway, is there any better way of organizing a collection of data to support append and pop easily?

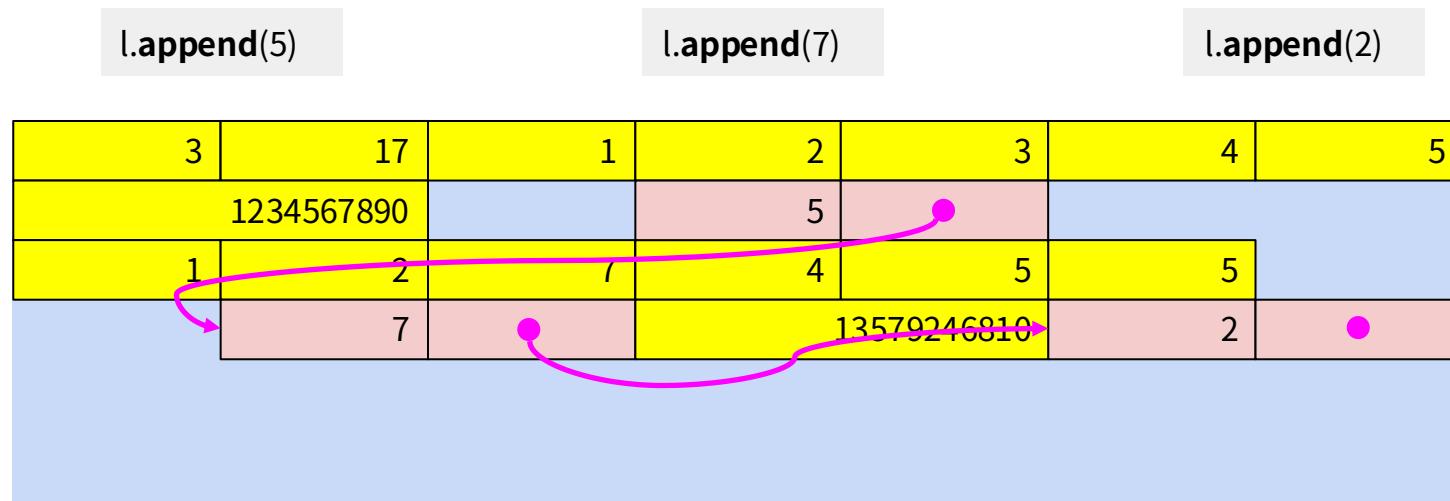
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# Linked Lists

# Linked Lists

- Main idea:

- Allow each element in the list to be **scattered in the memory**.
- Instead, each element **points to the next one**.



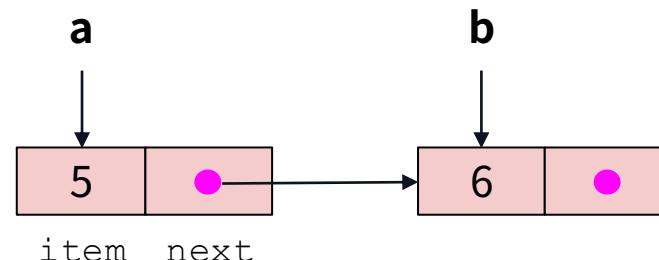
# Linked Lists

- Class Node

- Because we always need to store the **item** and the pointer to the **next** node, let's make this as a class!

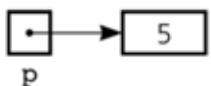
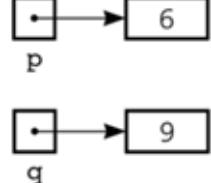
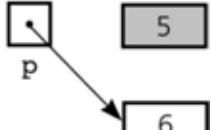
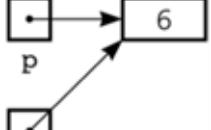
```
class Node():
    def __init__(self, x):
        self.item = x
        self.next = None
```

```
a = Node(5)
b = Node(6)
a.next = b
```



```
print(a.item) → 5
print(a.next.item) → 6
```

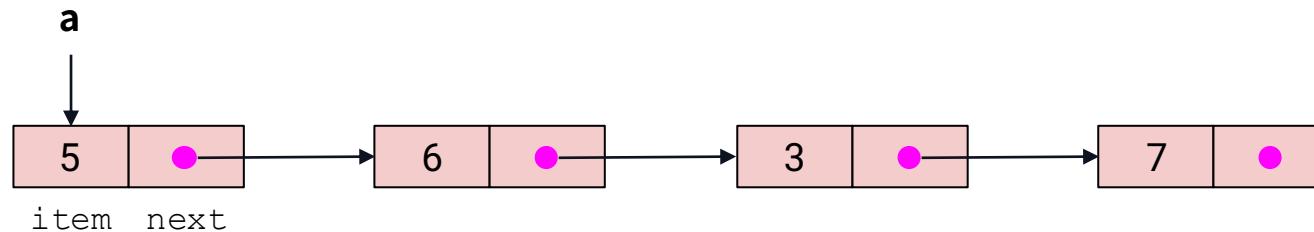
# Review: Python Object Reference

	p.item	q.item		
p = Node (5)	5			
p = Node (6)	6			
q = p	6	6		
q = Node (9)	6	9		
p = None	Error!	9		
q = p	Error!	Error!		

# Singly Linked List

- Let's design the **singly linked list** data structure. What functionalities do we need?

- Creating** an empty list
  - Adding / inserting** a new item
  - Retrieving** an item
  - Deleting / removing** an existing item
- } at position *i*



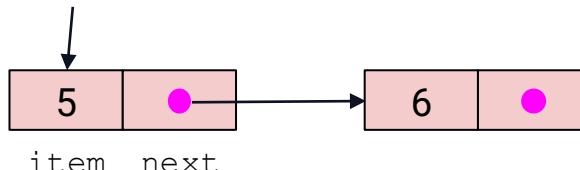
# Singly Linked List

- Class `LinkedList`

- We keep only the reference to the **first node**.
- At creation, first node is `None`, having no element in the list.

```
class Node():
    def __init__(self, x):
        self.item = x
        self.next = None
```

**first**



```
class LinkedList():
    def __init__(self):
        self.first = None

    def insert(self, x, i):
        # insert x at [i]

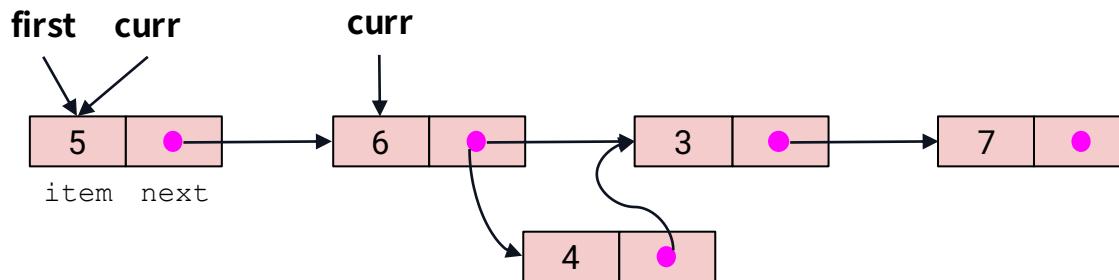
    def get(self, i):
        # get item at [i]

    def delete(self, i):
        # delete item at [i]
```

# Inserting an Item at position $i$

- Step 1: Creating a new node with the given item.
- Step 2: Traverse to the  $(i-1)$ -th position.
- Step 3: Set the new node's next as the original  $i$ -th node.
- Step 4: Update the  $(i-1)$ -th node's next as the new node.

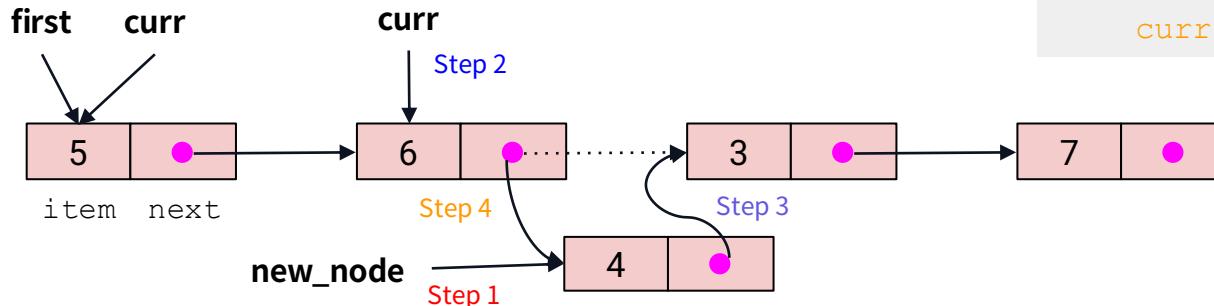
Example:  
insert “4” at position 2.



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```
class Node():
    def __init__(self, x):
        self.item = x
        self.next = None
```



```
def insert(self, x, i):
    # insert x at [i]
    new_node = Node(x)

    pos = 0
    curr = self.first
    while pos < i - 1:
        curr = curr.next
        pos += 1

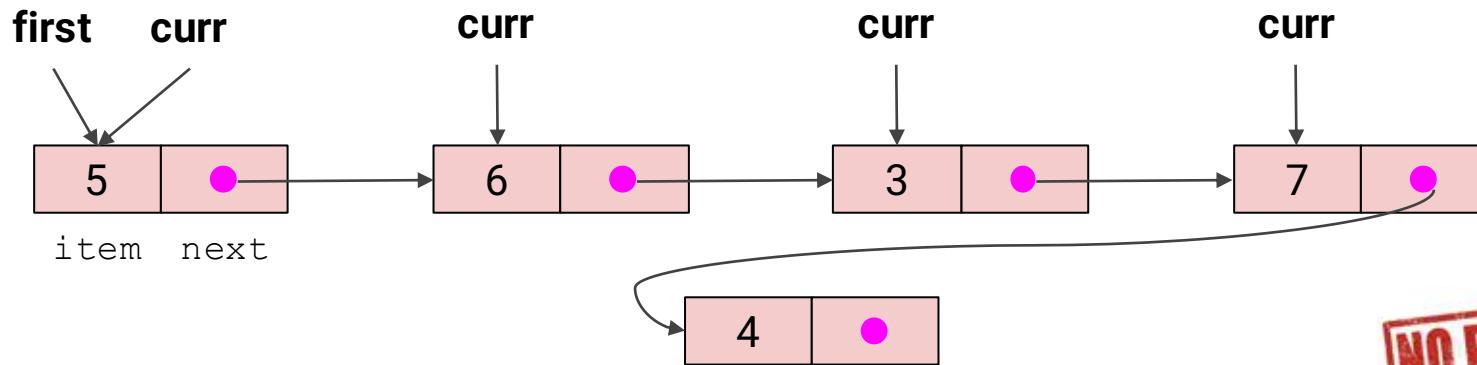
    new_node.next = curr.next

    curr.next = new_node
```

# Does it work at the end?

- Step 1: Creating a new node with the given item.
- Step 2: Traverse to the  $(i - 1)$ -th position.
- Step 3: Set the new node's next as the original  $i$ -th node.
- Step 4: Update the  $(i - 1)$ -th node's next as the new node.

Example:  
insert "4" at position **4**.

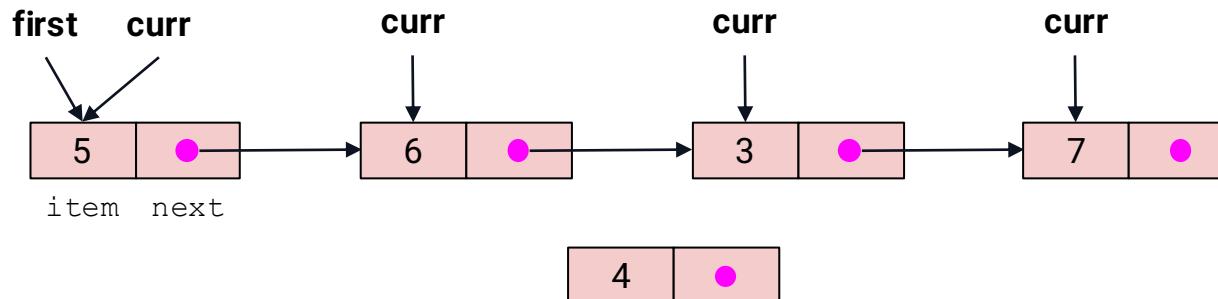


# Does this work at the beginning?

- Step 1: Creating a new node with the given item.
- Step 2: Traverse to the  $(i - 1)$ -th position.
- We need **special treatment** when we insert at position 0!

Example:  
insert “4” at position 0.

$i - 1 = -1$  😱



# Inserting an Item at position $i$

- If inserting at the first position:
  - Step 1: Creating a new node with the given item.
  - Step 2: Set the new node's next as the original **first node**.
  - Step 3: **Update the first node** reference to the new node.
- else:
  - Step 1: Creating a new node with the given item.
  - Step 2: Traverse to the  $(i-1)$ -th position.
  - Step 3: Set the new node's next as the original  $i$ -th node.
  - Step 4: Update the  $(i-1)$ -th node's next as the new node.

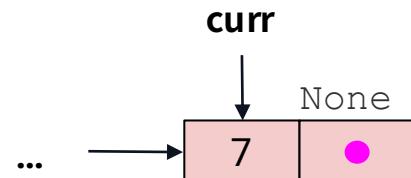
**Check:** does this work when we insert the very first item  
(that is, does it work when `self.first = None`)?

```
def insert(self, x, i):  
    # insert x at [i]  
    if i == 0:  
        new_node = Node(x)  
        new_node.next = self.first  
        self.first = new_node  
    else:  
        new_node = Node(x)  
  
        pos = 0  
        curr = self.first  
        while pos < i - 1:  
            curr = curr.next  
            pos += 1  
  
        new_node.next = curr.next  
  
        curr.next = new_node
```

# Inserting an Item at position $i$

**Check:** what happens with our code if  $i >$  last position?

It will crash here,  
when it tries to access `None.next`



```
def insert(self, x, i):
    # insert x at [i]
    if i == 0:
        new_node = Node(x)
        new_node.next = self.first
        self.first = new_node
    else:
        new_node = Node(x)

        pos = 0
        curr = self.first
        while pos < i - 1:
            curr = curr.next
            pos += 1

        new_node.next = curr.next

        curr.next = new_node
```

We should prevent this, instead of letting the users to be responsible!

# Size Variable

- First try:
  - Let's add a check at the beginning, if *i* is within the valid range.
  - Valid range?
  
- From 0 to current length (item count)
  
- But, how do we know the size?
  - A naive way: traverse from the `first` until we meet None.
  - This is not efficient, since we need to traverse  $N$  items whenever we insert a new item, regardless of the target position. 😰
  - Any better way?

```
def insert(self, x, i):  
    # insert x at [i]  
    if i > size: return  
    if i == 0:  
        new_node = Node(x)  
        new_node.next =  
self.first  
        self.first = new_node  
    else:  
        new_node = Node(x)  
    elif i <= size:  
        pos = 0  
        curr = self.first  
        while pos < i - 1:  
            curr = curr.next  
            pos += 1  
  
        new_node.next = curr.next  
        curr.next = new_node
```

# Size Variable

- Solution: Let's keep the `size` variable in the class, and maintain it whenever we insert or delete an element.
- Time complexity? **O(1)**

```
class LinkedList():
    def __init__(self):
        self.first = None
        self.size = 0

    def insert(self, x, i):
        # insert x at [i]

    def get(self, i):
        # get item at [i]

    def delete(self, i):
        # delete item at [i]
```

```
def insert(self, x, i):
    # insert x at [i]
    if i == 0:
        new_node = Node(x)
        new_node.next = self.first
        self.first = new_node
        self.size += 1
    elif i <= self.size:
        new_node = Node(x)

        pos = 0
        curr = self.first
        while pos < i - 1:
            curr = curr.next
            pos += 1

        new_node.next = curr.next
        curr.next = new_node
        self.size += 1
```

# Retrieving an Item at position $i$ – Homework

- Basic logic
  - Step 1: Traverse to the  $i$ -th position.
  - Step 2: Return the item in the node.
- Any special cases to consider?
  - Check if your implementation works when
    - $i = 0$
    - $i > \text{self.size}$
    - $\text{self.size} = 0$
    - ...

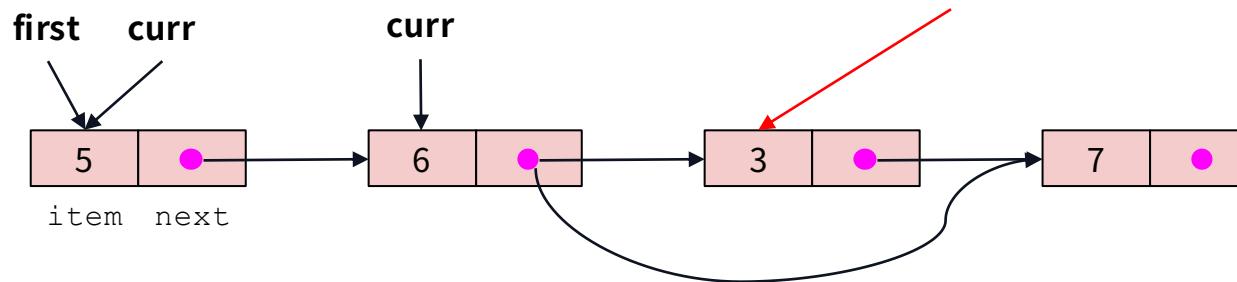
```
def get(self, i):  
    # get item at [i]  
  
    # TODO(students): implement!  
  
    return ?
```

# Deleting an Item at position $i$

- Step 1: Traverse to the  $(i - 1)$ -th position.
- Step 2: Set the  $(i - 1)$ -th node's next as the target's next.

Example:  
delete item at position 2.

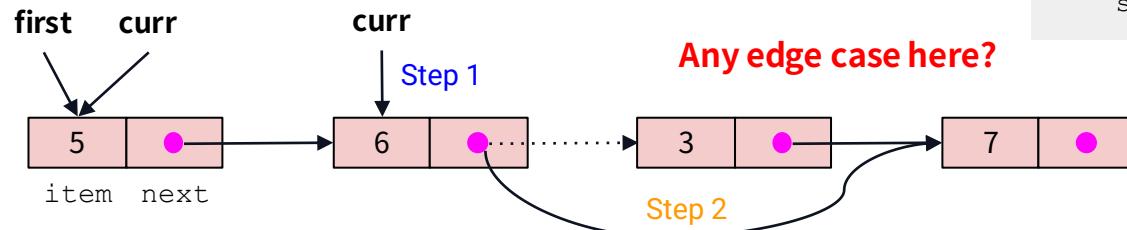
This node is no longer accessible.  
“3” is no longer in your list!



# Deleting an Item at position $i$

- **Step 1:** Traverse to the  $(i - 1)$ -th position.
- **Step 2:** Set the  $(i - 1)$ -th node's next as the target's next.

```
class Node():
    def __init__(self, x):
        self.item = x
        self.next = None
```



Any edge case here?

```
def delete(self, i):
    # delete item at [i]
    pos = 0
    curr = self.first
    while pos < i - 1:
        curr = curr.next
        pos += 1

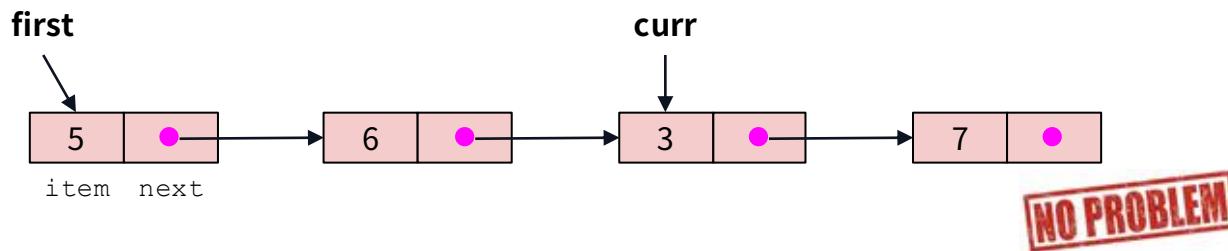
    curr.next = curr.next.next

    self.size -= 1
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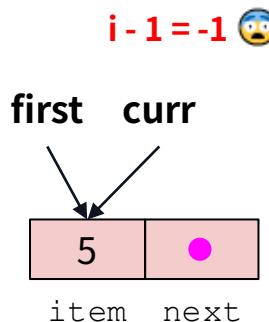
Example:  
delete item at position **3**.



# Does this work at the beginning?

- Step 1: Traverse to the  $(i - 1)$ -th position.
- Step 2: Set the  $(i - 1)$ -th node's next as the target's next.

Again, we need **special treatment** when we delete the first one!



```
if i == 0:  
    self.first = self.first.next  
else:  
    ...
```

This condition is never satisfied.

Example:  
delete item at position 0.

```
def delete(self, i):  
    # delete item at [i]  
    pos = 0  
    curr = self.first  
    while pos < i - 1:  
        curr = curr.next  
        pos += 1  
  
    curr.next = curr.next.next  
    self.size -= 1
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# Time Complexity

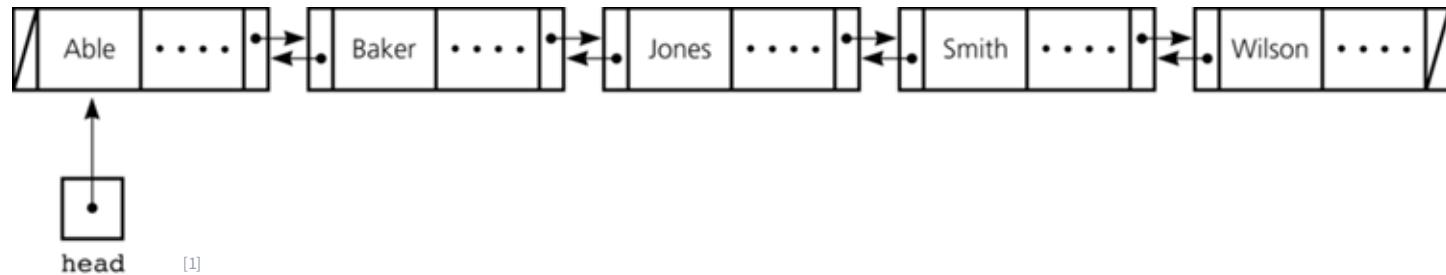
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- Time complexity of Linked List?

Task	Worst case	Average case	Best case
Insertion	$O(M)$	$O(M)$	$O(1)$
Retrieval	$O(M)$	$O(M)$	$O(1)$
Deletion	$O(M)$	$O(M)$	$O(1)$

Happen when?

# Doubly Linked List



- Sometimes it is useful to have ability to access *previous* items.
- No asymptotic benefit on complexity.

# Comparison

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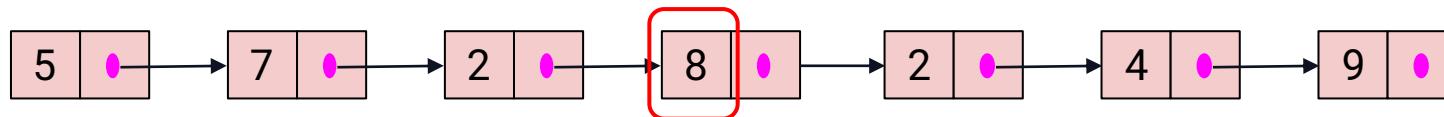
- Array
  - **Consecutive** memory space is assigned.
  - Fixed length
  - **Random access** is supported in **O(1)**.
  - Suffers from **item shifting**.
  
- Linked list
  - **Scattered** in the memory space.
  - Additional space is needed for storing the next reference.
  - **No random access** allowed. (Linear traversal is required, taking **O(N)**.)
  - **No shifting** is needed even with size change.

# Applications of Linked Lists

# Application Questions

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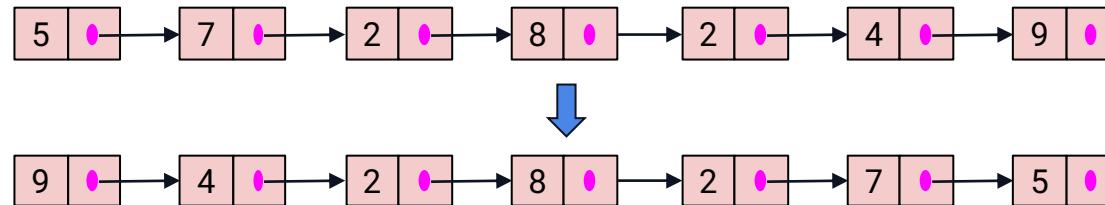
- Print the middle of a given linked list. (Assume list size is not maintained.)
- Brute-force solution
  - Traverse the entire list to count the number of elements.
  - Traverse half of them again.
  - $\rightarrow O(N)$



# Application Questions

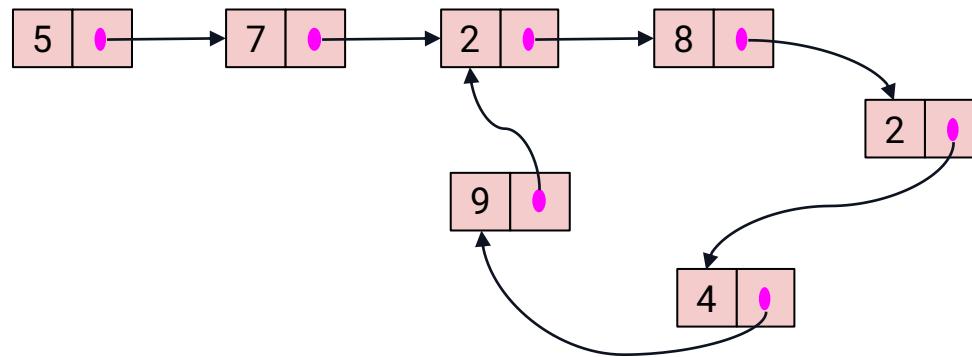
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- Reverse a given linked list.



# Application Questions

- Detect if there is a cycle in the given linked list.





# Building intelligence for the future of work