

LinkedList Introduction - Operations

Insertion

At the beginning

- Inserting items at the beginning of the linkedlist: very simple, we just have to update the references
- $O(1)$ time complexity

```
linkedList.insertAtStart(10)
```

At the end

- Inserting items at the end of the linked list: not that very simple, we have to traverse the whole linkedlist to find the last node
- How do we find the last node? We know the last node is pointing to a NULL
 - we have to update the references when we get there
 - $O(N)$ time complexity

```
linkedList.insertAtEnd(25)
```

Remove

At the beginning

- Remove item at the beginning of the list is always very fast: we do

not have to search the item, we just have to update the references accordingly

- $O(1)$ time complexity

```
linkedList.removeStar()
```

At the end

- Remove item at given point of the list is not always very fast: we have to search for the given item which may take a lot of time if the item is at the end of the list
- $O(N)$ time complexity

```
linkedList.remove(10)
```

```
linkedList.removeEND()
```

Resume

	Linked List
Insert at the start	$O(1)$
Insert at the end	$O(N)$
Remove at the start	$O(1)$
Remove at the end	$O(N)$