

Lecture 2

Linear Data Structures

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Linear Data Structures

- ◆ Data structures support the following operations on a set S of items
 - ◆ Insert an item into S
 - ◆ Remove an item from S
 - ◆ Search for an item in S
- ◆ What is a linear data structure?
 - ◆ Data items are stored sequentially in a linear data structure
 - ◆ E.g., stack, queue, linked list

Stack (Today)
Queue (Today)
Linked List (Today)
Tree (Lecture 3)
Heap (Lecture 4)
.....

search key



set








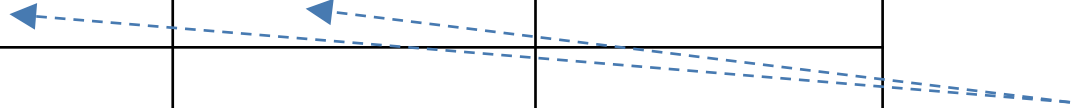
Operation

Stack S

Queue Q

Linked List L

	Insert an item	push(e)	enqueue(e)	insert(x)
	Remove an item	pop()	dequeue()	remove(x)
	Search for a key	N/A	N/A	search(k)



fixed deletion order

- ◆ We are going to study the **properties** and the **operations** of stack, queue, and linked list
- ◆ Operations with $O(1)$ running time
 - ◆ All operations in stack and queue, insert(x), remove(x) in linked list
- ◆ Operations with $O(n)$ running time
 - ◆ search(k) in linked list

n denotes the number of data items stored

Outline



- ◆ Stacks

- ◆ Queues

- ◆ Linked lists

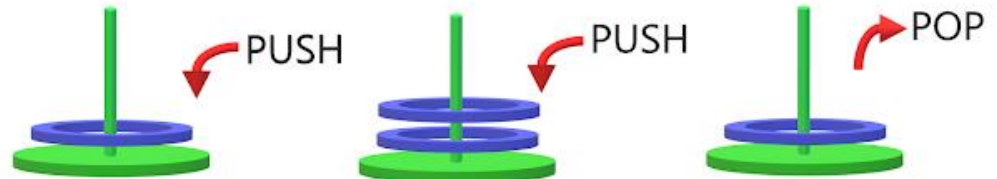
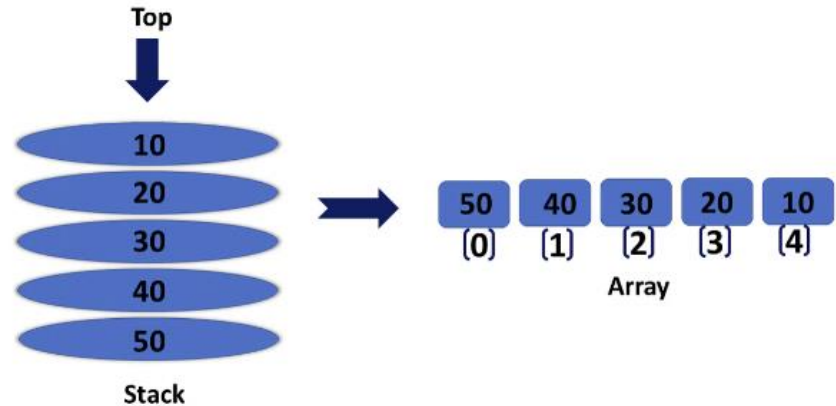
- ◆ Variants of linked lists

Stack



Stack: a pile of things arranged one on top of another

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/>



Simple Representation of a Stack with PUSH and POP operations

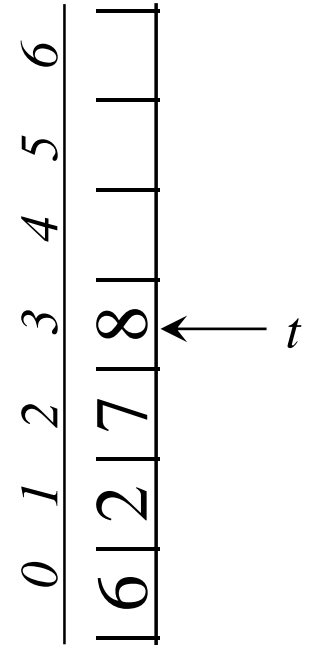
Built-in Stack in Java

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/21/docs/api/java.base/java/util/Stack.html>

Stack



- ◆ The last-in first-out (LIFO) property
 - ◆ Only the last inserted object can be removed
 - ◆ E.g., insert 6, insert 2, insert 7, insert 8,
remove → return 8
- ◆ Applications
 - ◆ Syntax parsing (e.g., for XML, HTML)
 - ◆ Searching in puzzle problems
 - ◆ Memory management (for procedure call)
during program execution



Stack: Array Implementation

- ◆ The last-in first-out (LIFO) property

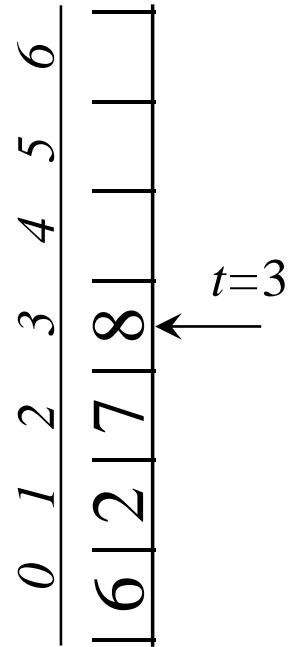
- ◆ Instance variables



- ◆ S : an array of items
- ◆ $S.length$: the length of the array S
- ◆ t : the position of the top item

- ◆ Operations

- ◆ **push**(e): insert item e (at the top of the stack)
- ◆ **pop**(): extract the top item
- ◆ **size**(): return the number of items stored
- ◆ **isEmpty**(): check whether the stack is empty
- ◆ **top**(): return the top item without removing it



Stack: Auxiliary Operations

- ◆ `isEmpty()`: check whether the stack is empty
- ◆ `size()`: return the number of items stored
- ◆ `top()`: return the top item without removing it

`size()`

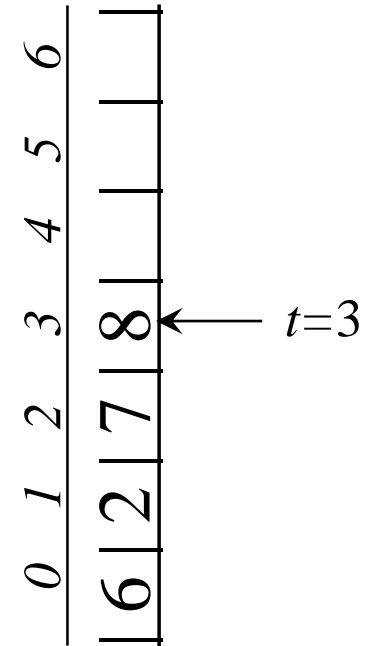
1. return $t+1$

`isEmpty()`

1. return $(t < 0)$

`top()`

1. if `isEmpty()`
2. **throw an exception**
3. return $S[t]$



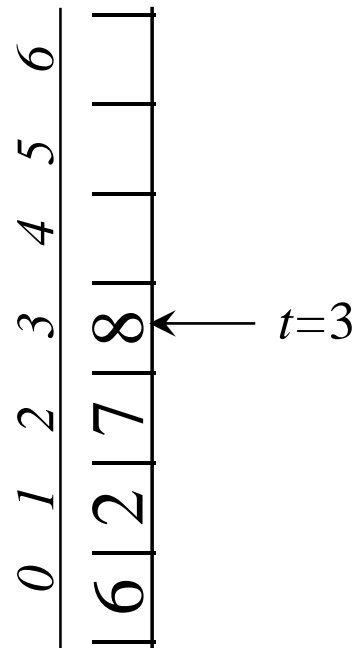
Stack: push(e)

- ◆ **push(e):** insert e to the top of the stack
 - ◆ Example: push(3)

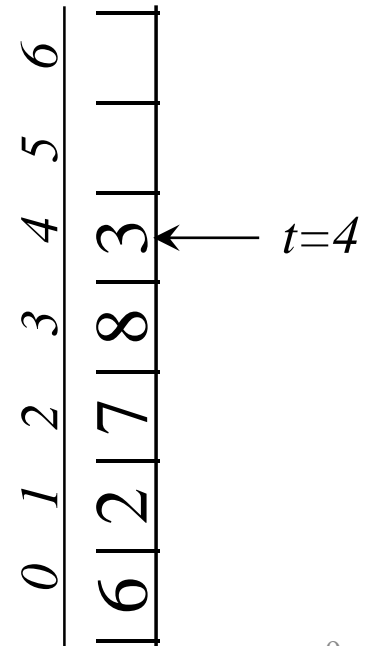
push (e)

1. if size() = $S.length$
2. **throw an exception**
3. $t \leftarrow t + 1$
4. $S[t] \leftarrow e$

Before:



After:



Stack: pop()

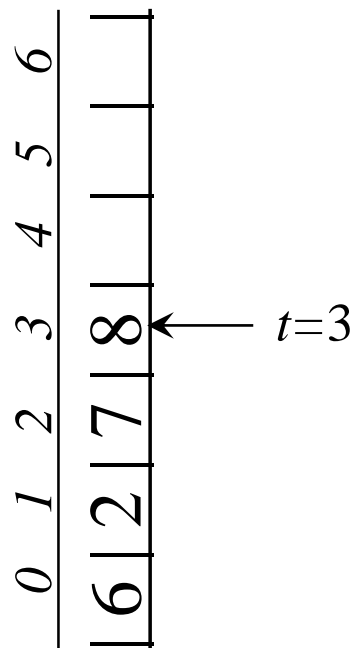
◇ **pop()**: extract the top item

◇ Example: pop() returns 8

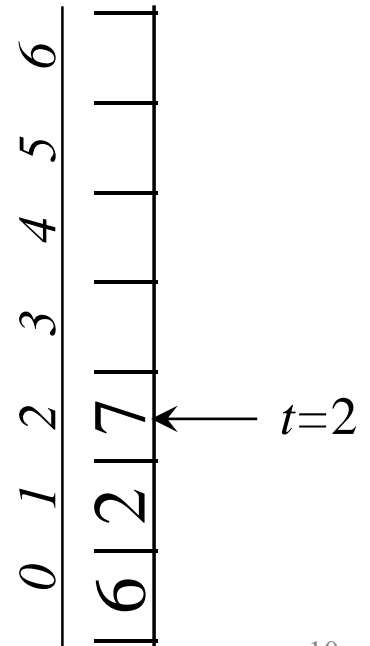
pop()

1. if isEmpty()
2. **throw an exception**
3. $temp \leftarrow S[t]$
4. $S[t] \leftarrow \text{null}$
5. $t \leftarrow t - 1$
6. return $temp$

Before:



After:



Stack: Java Code

```
public class ArrayStack<E> {  
    private E[ ] S;  
    private int t = -1;  
    public ArrayStack(int max_size) {  
        ...  
    }  
    public int size() {  
        ...  
    }  
    public boolean isEmpty() {  
        ...  
    }  
    public E top() throws Exception {  
        ...  
    }  
    public void push(E e) throws Exception {  
        ...  
    }  
    public E pop() throws Exception {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

- ◆ The generic type <E>

- ◆ <E> can be provided at run time
- ◆ E.g., create a stack of integers by
new ArrayStack<int>(10);

- ◆ Class ArrayStack<E>: defines the type of ArrayStack<E> object

- ◆ Instance variables
- ◆ Constructor for creating an object
- ◆ Methods

- ◆ *Remark:* This version is simpler than the code in the textbook

- ◆ We use one class and one type of Exception only

Examples of using a stack

- ◆ Reverse an array by using a stack
 - ◆ Test case: `[6, 2, 7, 8] → [8, 7, 2, 6]`
- ◆ Match parentheses by using a stack
 - ◆ Test case #1: `[] (()) → true`
 - ◆ Test case #2: `(. → false`
- ◆ Source codes
 - ◆ Download at <https://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=resource&bcsId=8635&itemId=1118771338&resourceId=35121>
 - ◆ ReverseWithStack.java, MatchDelimiters.java

Outline

- ◆ Stacks



- ◆ Queues

- ◆ Linked lists

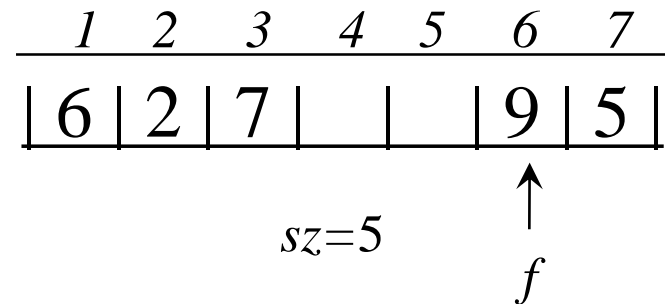
- ◆ Variants of linked lists

Queue

- ◆ The first-in first-out (FIFO) property
 - ◆ Only the first inserted object can be removed
 - ◆ E.g., insert 9, insert 5, insert 6, insert 2, insert 7
remove → return 9



- ◆ Applications
 - ◆ CPU scheduling
 - ◆ Disk scheduling
 - ◆ Playlist in media player



Queue: Array Implementation

- ◆ The first-in first-out (FIFO) property

- ◆ Instance variables

- ◆ Q : an array of items

- ◆ $Q.length$: length of array Q

- ◆ f : the front position

- ◆ sz : the number of items stored

- ◆ Operations

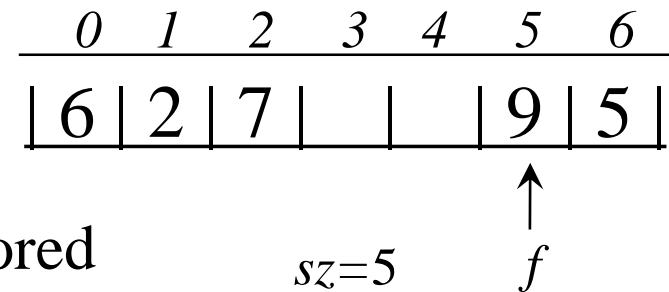
- ◆ **enqueue**(e): insert item e (at the rear of the queue)

- ◆ **dequeue**(): extract the item from the front

- ◆ **size**(): return the number of items stored

- ◆ **isEmpty**(): check whether the queue is empty

- ◆ **top**(): return the front item without removing it



Queue: Auxiliary Operations

- ◆ Use Q as a circular array by using the modulo operation
 - ◆ Modulo means the remainder of integer division
- ◆ The **rear** position is $r = (f + sz) \bmod Q.length$
 - ◆ E.g., in this example, the items are stored at 5, 6, 0, 1, 2

size ()

1. return sz

isEmpty ()

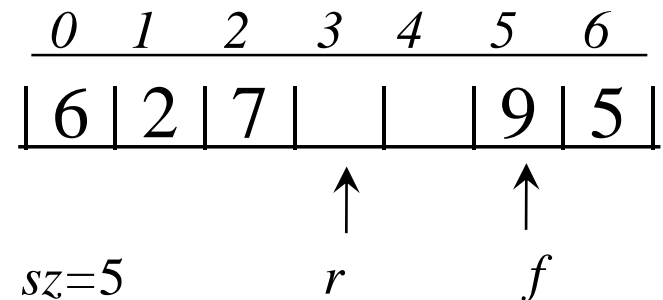
1. return $(sz = 0)$

front ()

1. if `isEmpty ()`

2. **throw an exception**

3. return $Q[f]$



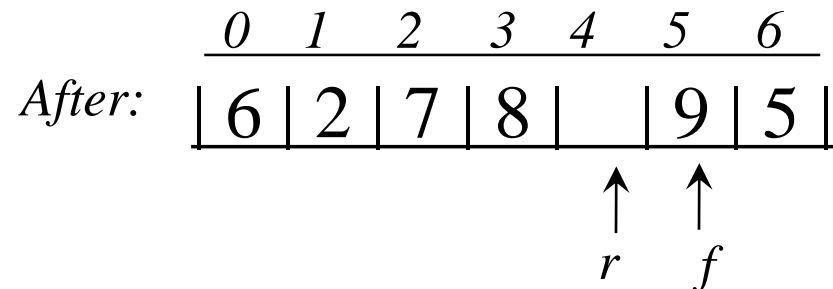
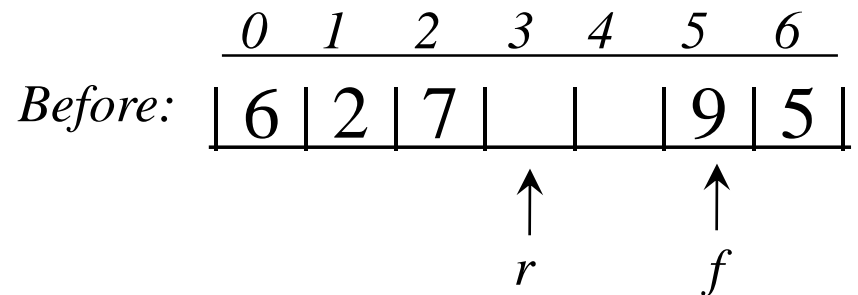
Queue: enqueue(e)

- ◆ **enqueue(e):** insert item e (at the rear of the queue)
 - ◆ Example: enqueue(8)

What if **size() = $Q.length$** ?

enqueue (e)

1. if **size() = $Q.length - 1$**
2. **throw an exception**
3. else
4. $r \leftarrow (f + sz) \bmod Q.length$
5. $Q[r] \leftarrow e$
6. $sz \leftarrow sz + 1$



Version 1 - slide

isEmpty ()

1. return ($sz = 0$)

enqueue (e)

1. if $size() = Q.length - 1$
2. throw an exception
3. else
4. $r \leftarrow (f + sz) \bmod Q.length$
5. $Q[r] \leftarrow e$
6. $sz \leftarrow sz + 1$

Let $N = Q.length$.

If $size() = N$, then $f = r$.

If $f = r$, the queue is full whilst $isEmpty$ is determined by $sz=0$, but not $f=r$.

So the queue is full when $size() = sz = N$.

Both N or $(N - 1)$ is correct, but $size() = N - 1$ has one unused unit in the queue.

Version 2 - textbook

Algorithm size():

return $(N - f + r) \bmod N$

Algorithm isEmpty():

return $(f = r)$

Algorithm front():

if isEmpty() then

throw a QueueEmptyException

return $Q[f]$

Algorithm dequeue():

if isEmpty() then

throw a QueueEmptyException

$temp \leftarrow Q[f]$

$Q[f] \leftarrow \text{null}$

$f \leftarrow (f + 1) \bmod N$

return temp

Algorithm enqueue(e):

if $size() = N - 1$ then

throw a FullQueueException

$Q[r] \leftarrow e$

$r \leftarrow (r + 1) \bmod N$

If $size() = N$, then $f = r$.

If $f = r$, we do not know whether the queue is empty or full.

When $size() = N - 1$, the queue has one unused unit, and $f = r$ never happens.

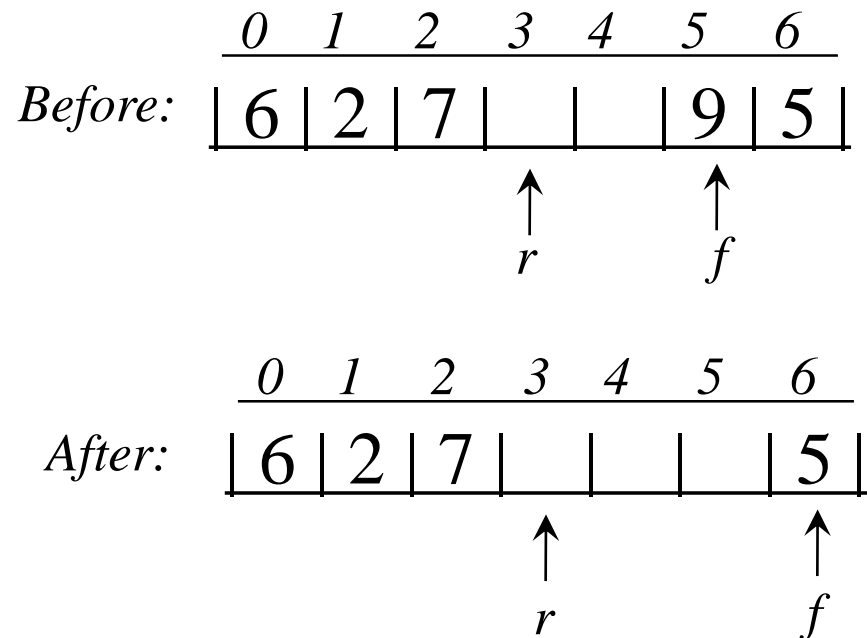
The implementation above contains an important detail, which might be missed at first. Consider the situation that occurs if we enqueue N objects into Q without dequeuing any of them. We would have $f = r$, which is the same condition that occurs when the queue is empty. Hence, we would not be able to tell the difference between a full queue and an empty one in this case. Fortunately, this is not a big problem, and a number of ways for dealing with it exist.

Queue: dequeue()

- ◆ **dequeue():** extract the item from the front
 - ◆ Example: dequeue() returns 9

dequeue ()

1. if isEmpty()
2. **throw an exception**
3. else
4. $temp \leftarrow Q[f]$
5. $Q[f] \leftarrow \text{null}$
6. $f \leftarrow (f + 1) \bmod Q.length$
7. $sz \leftarrow sz - 1$
8. return $temp$



Queue: Java Code

```
public class ArrayQueue<E> {
```

```
    private E[ ] Q;
```

```
    private int f=0;
```

```
    private int sz=0;
```

```
    public ArrayQueue(int max_size) {
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    public int size() {
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    public boolean isEmpty() {
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    public E front() throws Exception {
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    public void enqueue(E e) throws Exception {
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    public E dequeue() throws Exception {
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

◆ Class `ArrayQueue<E>`: defines the type of `ArrayQueue<E>` object

◆ Instance variables

◆ Constructor for creating an object

◆ Methods

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- ◆ Stacks

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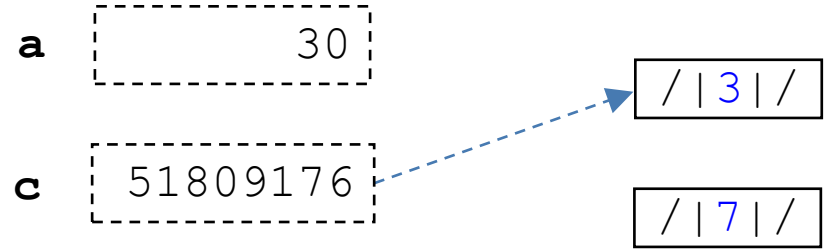


- ◆ Linked lists

- ◆ Variants of linked lists

Java: primitive type vs. reference type

```
int a = 30;  
Node c = x_node;  
a = 50;  
c = y_node;
```



◆ Primitive-type variable

- ◆ **Types:** byte, short, int, long, float, double, char, boolean
- ◆ A variable stores a value
 - ◆ E.g., a stores the integer value 30

◆ Reference-type variable

- ◆ Types that are not primitive (e.g., Object, String, Node)
- ◆ A variable stores an address of a data object
 - ◆ E.g., c stores the address of a Node object
 - ◆ It can also store the **null** value, meaning invalid reference
- ◆ Use the dot notation to access an instance variable (e.g., c.key₂₂)

[Doubly] Linked List: Structure

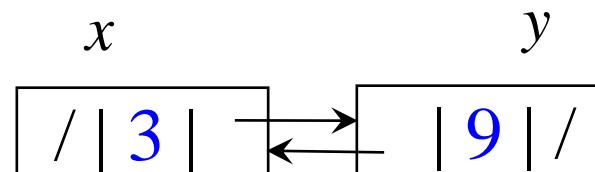
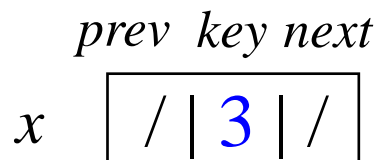
◆ In a [doubly] linked list, each node x stores:

- ◆ $x.key$: key value of the node
- ◆ $x.prev$: reference to the previous node
- ◆ $x.next$: reference to the next node



◆ A reference can be set to:

- ◆ The memory address of another node, OR
- ◆ null value (shown as '/' in our figures)



[Doubly] Linked List: Structure



◆ Linked list L is a chain of nodes (see the previous page)

◆ **head** is the first node in the linked list

◆ First node: $prev = \text{null}$; Last node: $next = \text{null}$

◆ Consecutive nodes x & y should satisfy:

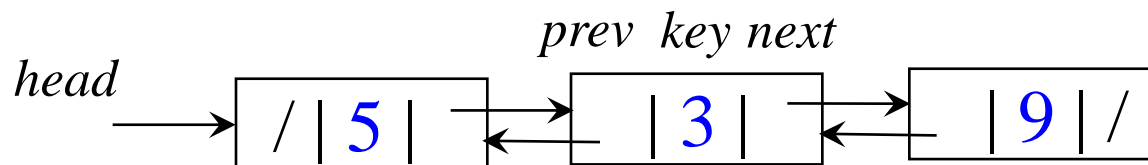
$$x.next = y \quad \text{and} \quad y.prev = x$$

◆ Operations

◆ $\text{search}(k)$: search a node with key value k $O(n)$ time

◆ $\text{insert}(x)$: insert a node into L $O(1)$ time

◆ $\text{remove}(x)$: remove an (existing) node from L $O(1)$ time



[Doubly] Linked List Structure: Java Code

Remark: To make the code simple, we just store an integer key in a node and don't use get/set methods

```
class Node {  
    int key;  
    Node prev;  
    Node next;  
}
```

A linked list just stores the head

```
class LinkedList {  
    Node head;  
    LinkedList() {  
        head=null;  
    }  
    Node search(int k) {  
        ...  
    }  
    void insert(Node x) {  
        ...  
    }  
    void remove(Node x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

[Doubly] Linked List: search(k)

◆ search(k): search a node with key value k

◆ Example: search(3)

search (k)

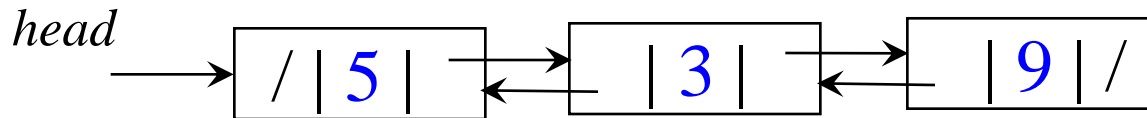
1. $x \leftarrow head$

2. while $x \neq null$ and $x.key \neq k$

3. $x \leftarrow x.next$

4. return x

Input:



Output:

x

[Doubly] Linked List: insert(x)

- ◆ insert(x): insert a node into a linked list

insert (x)

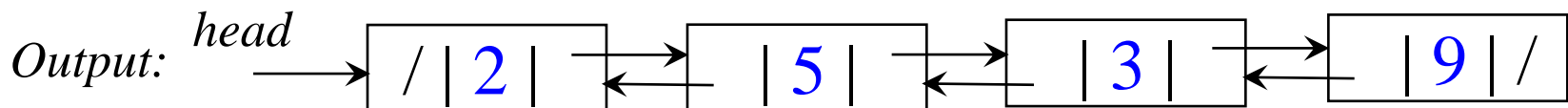
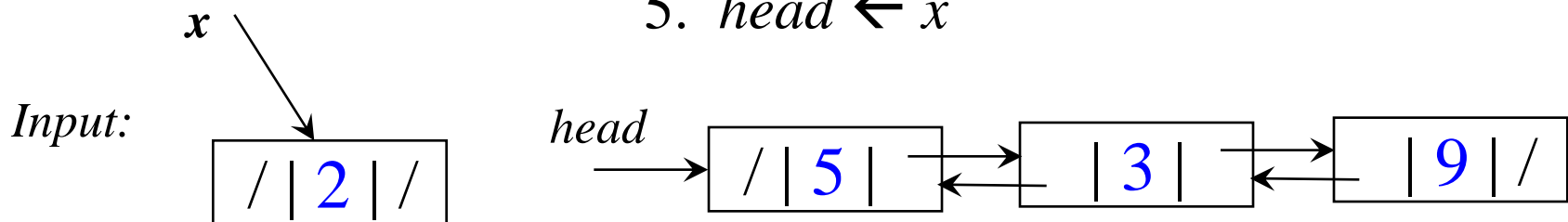
1. $x.\text{prev} \leftarrow \text{null}$

2. $x.\text{next} \leftarrow \text{head}$

3. if $\text{head} \neq \text{null}$

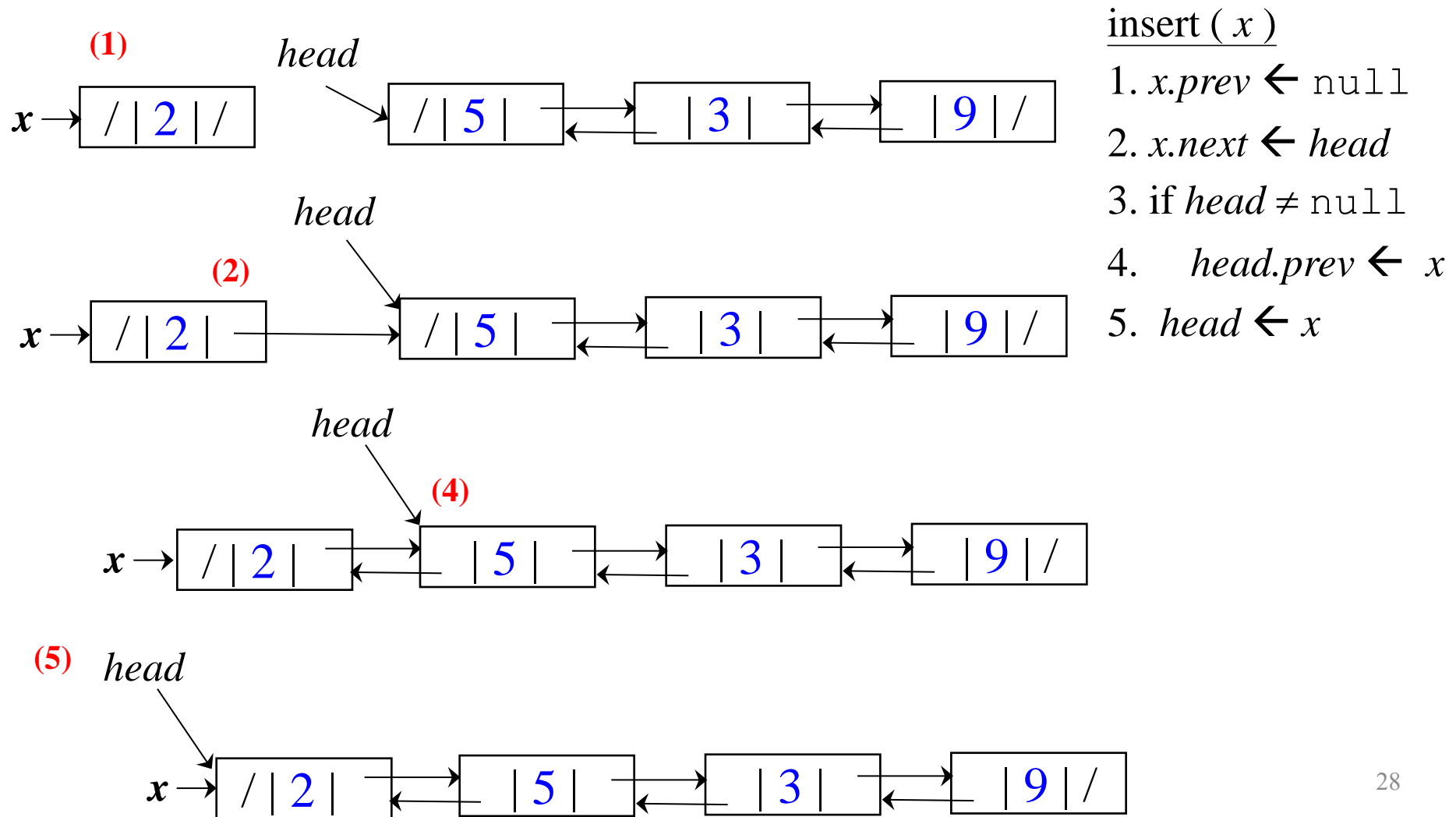
4. $\text{head}.\text{prev} \leftarrow x$

5. $\text{head} \leftarrow x$



[Doubly] Linked List: insert(x)

◆ Example



[Doubly] Linked List: remove(x)

◆ remove(x): remove an (existing) item from a linked list

◆ x must be an existing node in L

◆ If we wish to remove a node with the key k , we must search it first

remove (x)

1. if $x.\text{prev} \neq \text{null}$

2. $x.\text{prev}.\text{next} \leftarrow x.\text{next}$

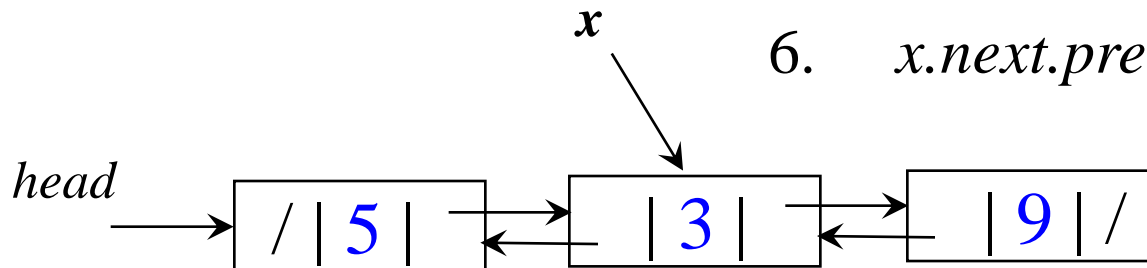
3. else

4. $\text{head} \leftarrow x.\text{next}$

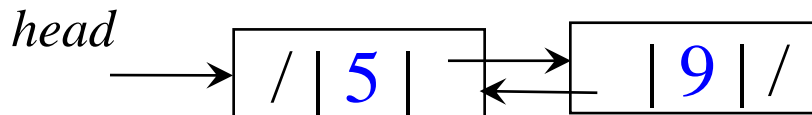
5. if $x.\text{next} \neq \text{null}$

6. $x.\text{next}.\text{prev} \leftarrow x.\text{prev}$

Input:

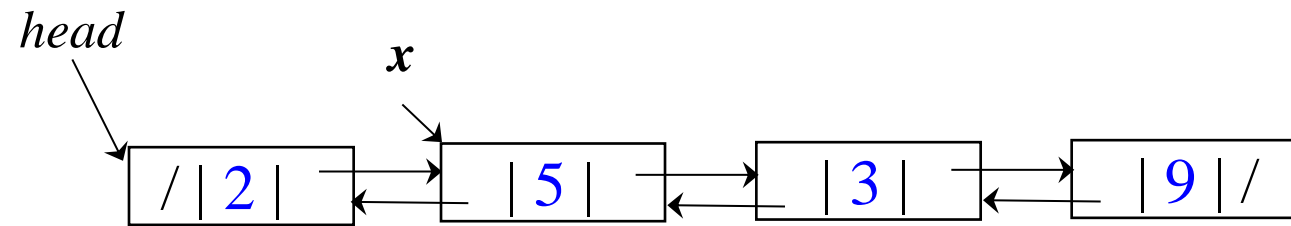


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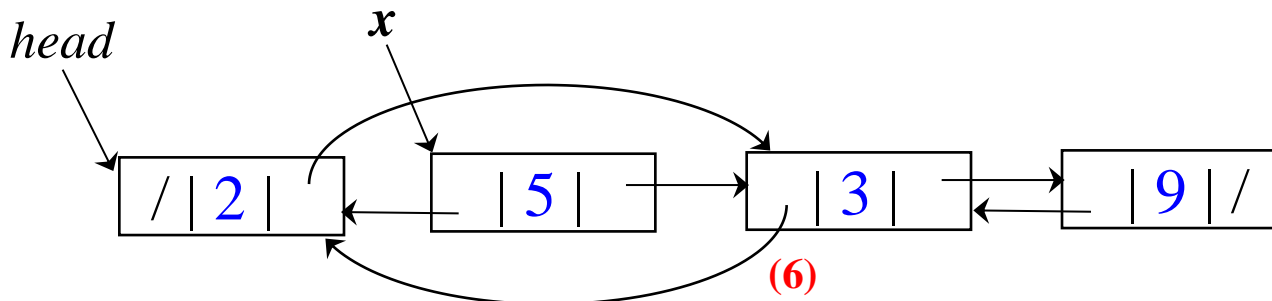
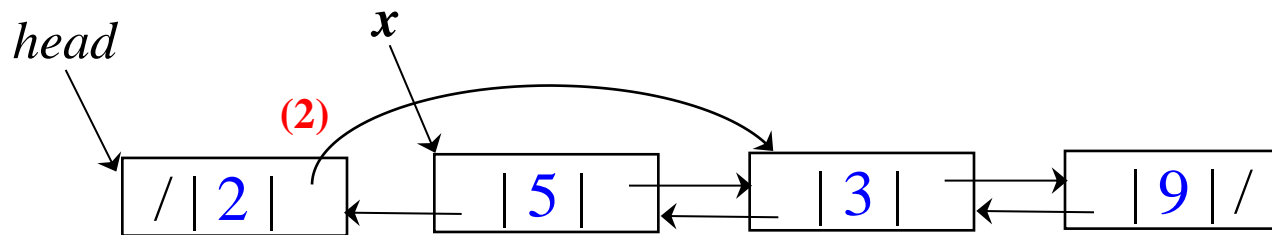
[Doubly] Linked List: remove(x)

- ◆ Case I: x is not the head of the linked list



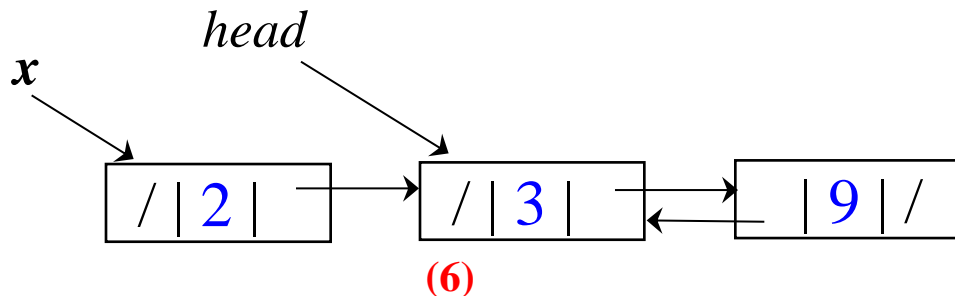
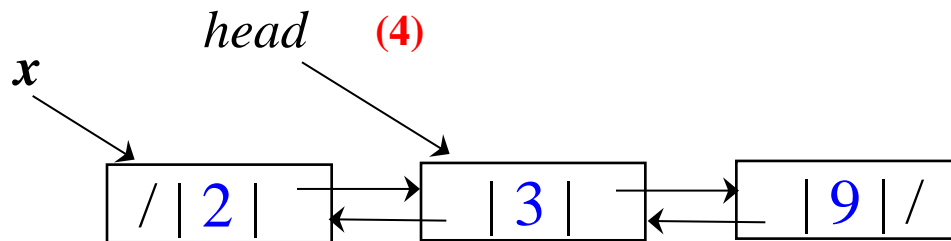
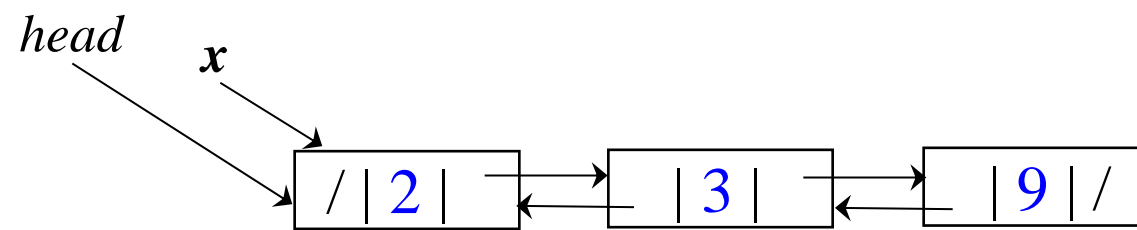
remove (x)

1. if $x.prev \neq \text{null}$
2. $x.prev.next \leftarrow x.next$
3. else
4. $head \leftarrow x.next$
5. if $x.next \neq \text{null}$
6. $x.next.prev \leftarrow x.prev$



[Doubly] Linked List: remove(x)

◆ Case II: x is the head of the linked list



remove (x)

1. if $x.prev \neq \text{null}$
2. $x.prev.next \leftarrow x.next$
3. else
4. $head \leftarrow x.next$
5. if $x.next \neq \text{null}$
6. $x.next.prev \leftarrow x.prev$

Outline

- ◆ Stacks

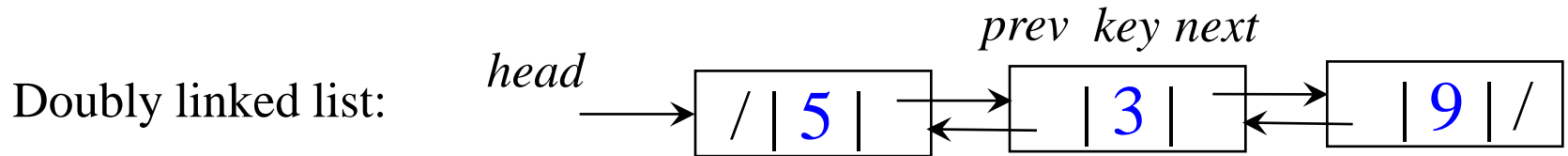
- ◆ Queues

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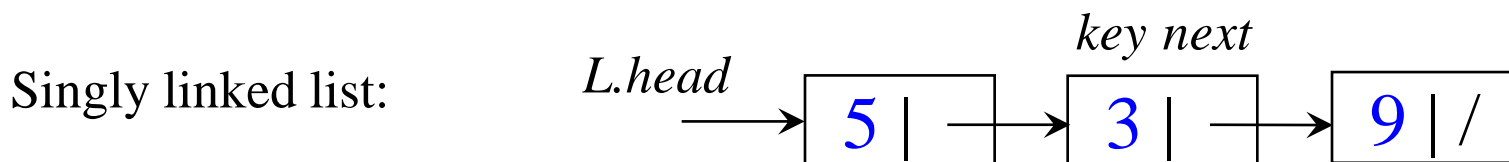
- ◆ Variants of linked lists

Variants: Singly Linked List



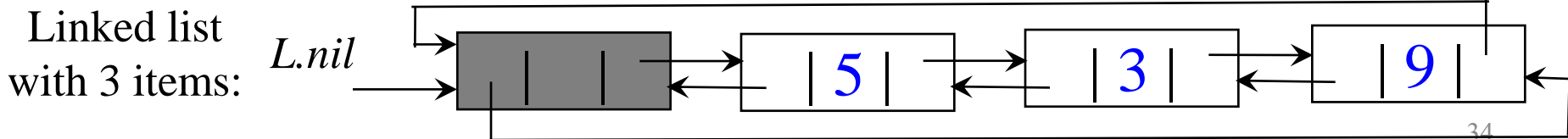
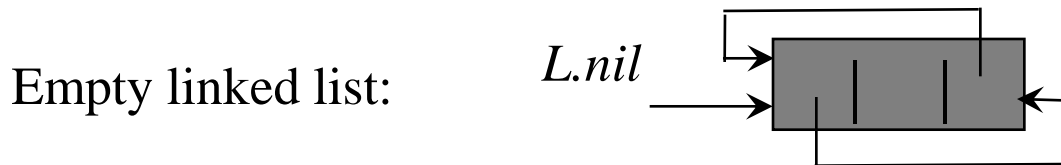
- ◆ In a doubly linked list, each node stores *key*, *prev*, *next*
 - ◆ This is the type of linked list used in previous slides
 - ◆ Require more space ☹️
 - ◆ Simple algorithm for deleting a node 😊
- ◆ In a singly linked list, each node stores *key*, *next* only
 - ◆ Require less space 😊
 - ◆ More complicated algorithm for deletion ☹️

[Question] How do we remove the node “3” in this linked list?



Variants: Linked List with Dummy Node

- ◆ How to simplify the operations on linked lists?
- ◆ Use a circular linked list, with a dummy node
 - ◆ Replace the `null` value by a **dummy** item *L.nil*
 - ◆ The “next” of *L.nil* is the first node (i.e., *L.head* is *L.nil.next*)
 - ◆ The “prev” of *L.nil* is the last node
- ◆ Simpler algorithms can be used on such linked list
 - ◆ E.g., *L.nil.next* is always not `null` (no need to check `null`)



Variants: Array as Linked List

- ◆ We can also implement a linked list by using an array
 - ◆ Use an array $A[0..n-1]$ of items; each $A[i]$ is an item
 - ◆ $A[i].prev, A[i].next$ store array positions instead of reference values (use -1 to represent `null`)
- ◆ *head_pos*: the head position of the linked list (of used items)
- ◆ *free_pos*: the head position of the free list (of unused items)
 - ◆ When we *create* an item, just extract it from the free list
- ◆ Consider the following example:

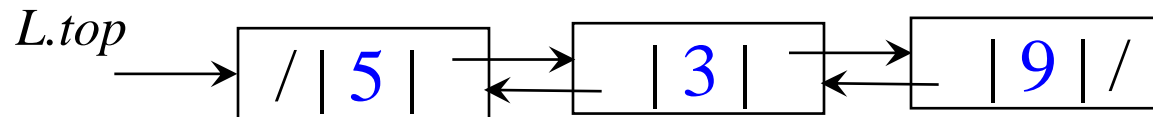
- ◆ *head_pos* = 0 → positions of used items: 0, 3, 5
- ◆ *free_pos* = 1 → positions of unused items: 1, 2, 4, 6

		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<i>head_pos</i> = 0	key:	5			3		9	
	prev:	-1	-1	1	0	2	3	4
<i>free_pos</i> = 1	next:	3	2	4	5	6	-1	-1

Questions to you

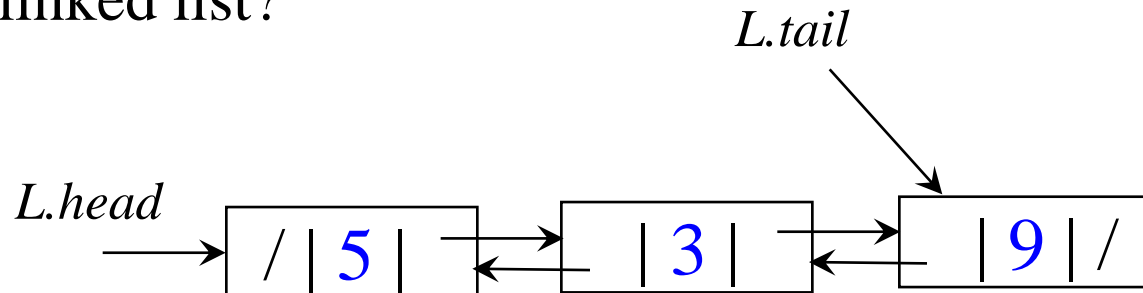
- ◆ How to implement a **stack** by a linked list?

How about the stack operations (push, pop)
on this linked list?



- ◆ How to implement a **queue** by a linked list?

How about the queue operations (enqueue, dequeue)
on this linked list?



Summary

- ◆ Stack: LIFO property, push, pop
 - ◆ Queue: FIFO property, enqueue, dequeue
 - ◆ Linked list and its operations
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- ◆ Please read Chapters 3 and 6 in the book
“*Data Structures and Algorithms in Java*”