

# Stacks, Queues, Linked-Lists

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# Announcements

- Assignment 2 release Out.
  - Does not have visible test-cases
  - Scores will only be visible after the due date
- Assignment 2 Due date: Nov 26 11:59pm
- Next Quiz next Tuesday (Nov 12)

# Dealing with data...

- How to use it ?
- How to **store** it ?
- How to **process** it ?
- How to gain “knowledge” from it ?
- How to keep it secret?

# How should data be stored?

Depends on your requirement

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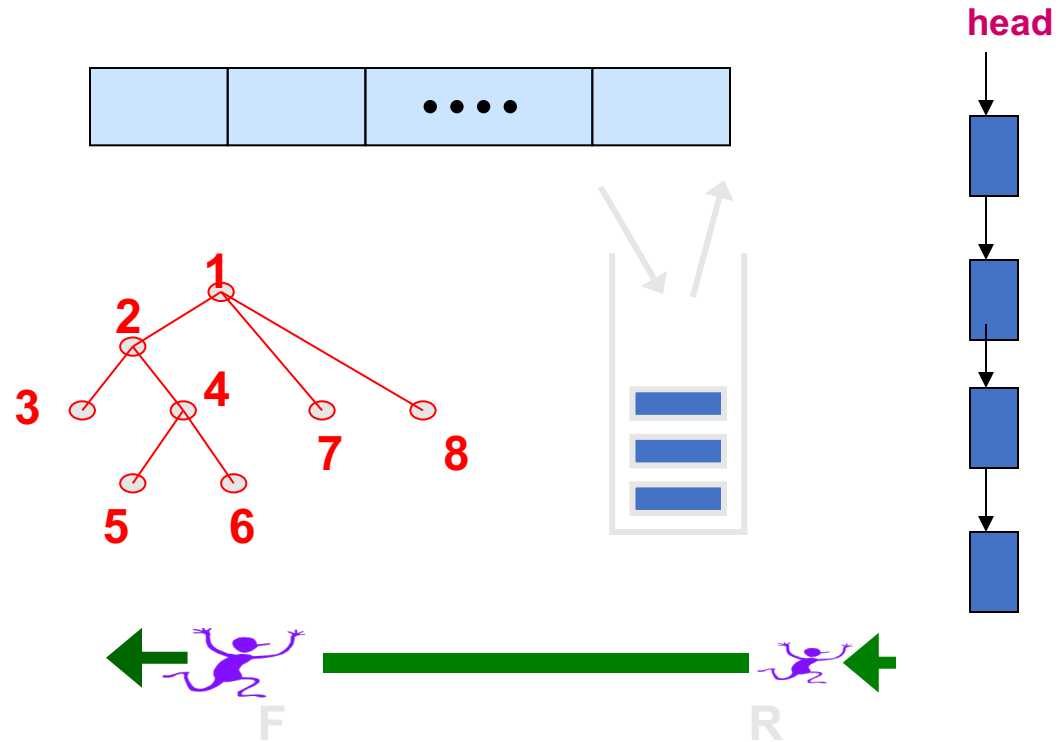
**“We back up our data on sticky notes because  
sticky notes never crash.”**

Data is diverse ..  
But we have some building blocks



# Elementary Data “Structures”

- **Arrays**
- **Lists**
- **Stacks**
- **Queues**
- **Trees**



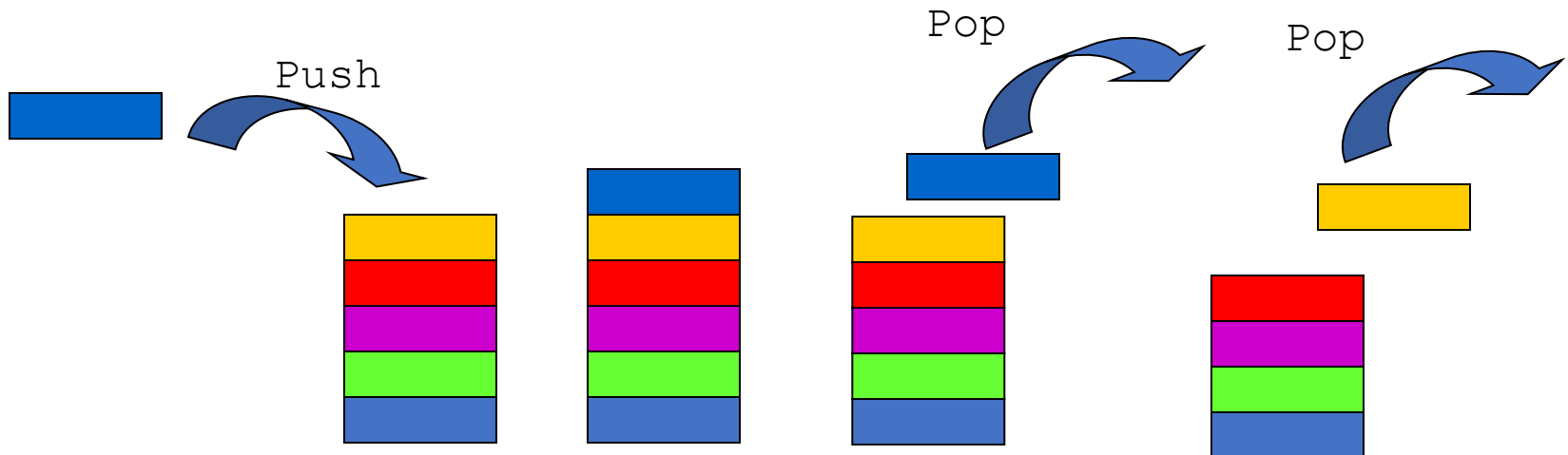
In some languages these are basic data types – in others they need to be implemented

# Stacks

# Stack

A list for which Insert and Delete are allowed only at one end of the list (the *top*)

- LIFO – Last in, First out





# Stack Example: Postfix Calculation

- Postfix notation places operator after operands
  - Infix:  $(3 + 2) * 10$
  - Postfix:  $3\ 2\ +\ 10\ *$
- **Postfix Advantages:**
  - Do not need expressions to be parenthesized
    - Actually: It does not need any parentheses as long as each operator has a **fixed number of operands**.
    - Example:
      - An operator like “+ (addition)” needs two operands (numbers) that it can add.
      - $A+B$ . here A and B are operands and + is the operator
  - Fewer operations need to be entered to perform typical calculations
  - Make fewer errors

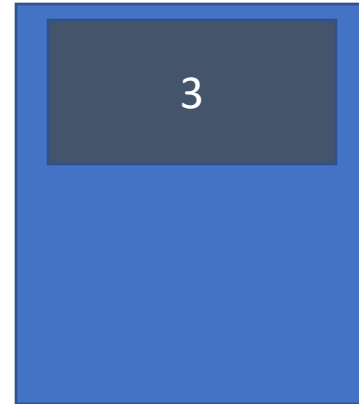
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- **A Stack can be used to calculate Postfix notations**
  - Push symbols as they appear
  - Whenever we read an operator, **pop two operands**
  - Evaluate operation, push result

# Stack Example

A Stack Data Structure

3 2 + 10 \*

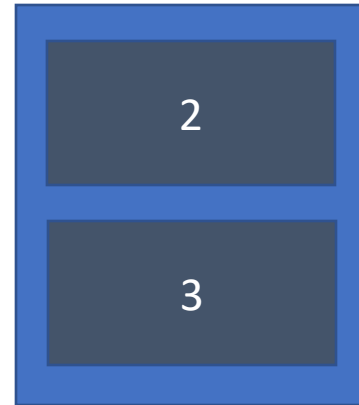


Push element

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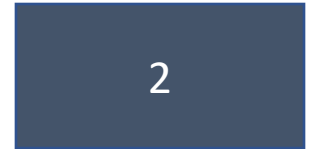
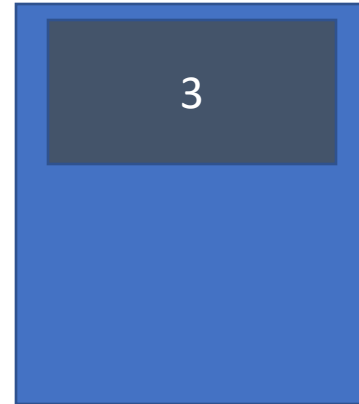


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Pop two element

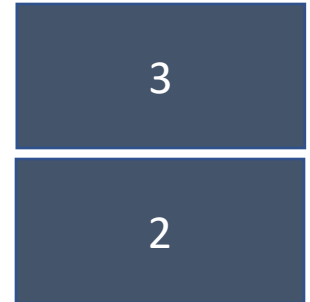
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Pop two element


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# Stack Example

A Stack Data Structure

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Perform operation and push result back

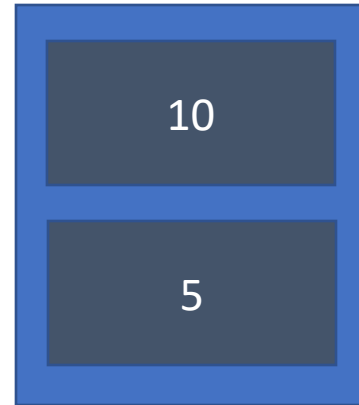
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Push element

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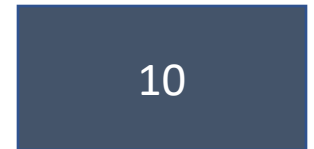
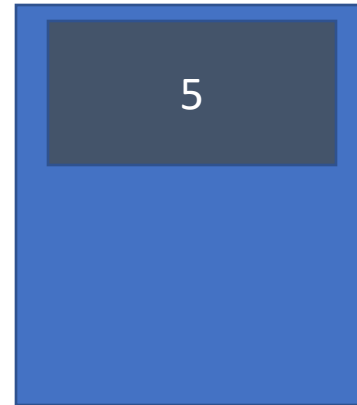


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A Stack Data Structure



Pop two element

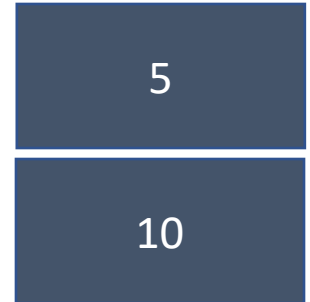
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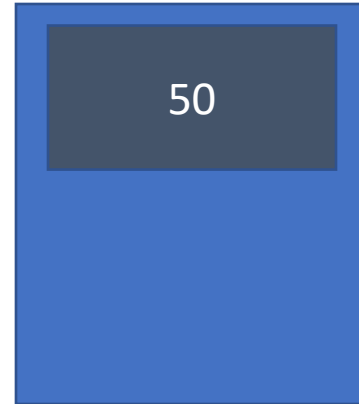
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# Stack Example

A Stack Data Structure

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Perform operation and push result back

# Exercise

- At home draw out the stack to solve the following Postfix expression

15 7 1 1 + - ÷ 3 × 2 1 1 + + -

- The answer you should get is 5

# What else is this good for ?

- Page-visited history in a Web browser
- Undo sequence in a text editor
- Saving local variables when one function calls another, and this one calls another
- Matching parenthesis in text and code

# Abstract data types and Data Structures

## Data Structure

a way to store and organize data to facilitate access and modifications.

*Ex. array, linked list, later in the course: hash table, heap, ...*

## Abstract Data Type (ADT)

a set of data values and associated operations that are precisely specified independent of any particular implementation.

*Ex. stack, queue, ... later in the course: dictionary,...*

- ADT describe the functionality of data structures
- Data structures are **implemented as** ADT
  - how is the data stored?
  - which algorithms implement the operations?

# Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

- An abstract data type (ADT) is an abstraction of a data structure
- An ADT specifies:
  - Data stored
  - Operations on the data
  - Error conditions associated with operations

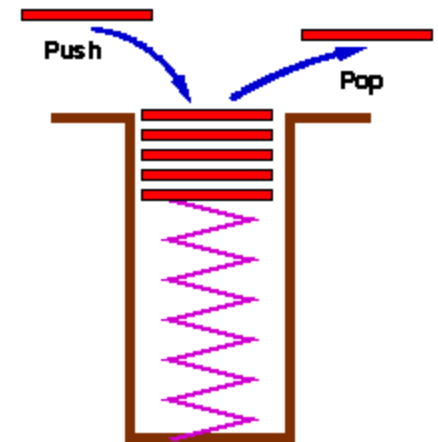
# Stack ADT

## Objects:

A finite sequence of nodes

## Operations:

- create
- push: Insert element at top
- top: Return top element
- pop: Remove and return top element
- isEmpty: test if the stack is empty





# Exceptions

- Attempting the execution of an operation of ADT may sometimes cause an error condition, called an exception
- Exceptions are said to be “thrown” by an operation that cannot be executed
- In the **Stack** ADT, operations **pop** and **top** cannot be performed if the stack is empty
- Attempting the execution of **pop** or **top** on an empty stack throws an **EmptyStackException**

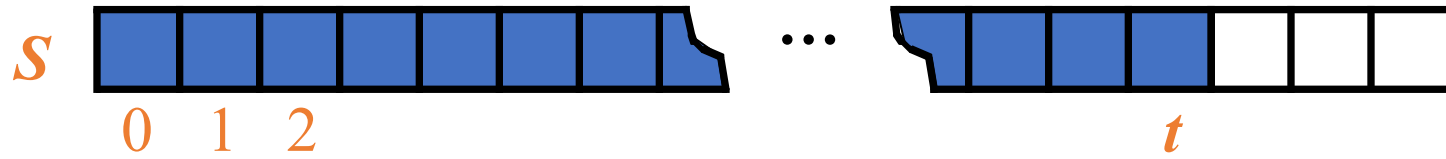
# Exercise: Stacks

- Describe the output of the following series of stack operations
  - Push(8)
  - Push(3)
  - Pop()
  - Push(2)
  - Push(5)
  - Pop()
  - Pop()
  - Push(9)
  - Push(1)

**Stack Visualization**

<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/StackArray.html>

# Array-Based Stack



- we add elements from left to right
- a variable keeps track of the index of the top element

```
class CapacitatedStack:
    def __init__(self):
        self.capacity = 20
        self.items = self.capacity * [None]
        self.count = 0
```

- capacity of stack is capped to size of array

# Array-Based Stack

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```

- How can we implement the operations **size**, **isEmpty**, **push** and **pop**?

```
def size(self):
    return self.count
```

```
def isEmpty(self):
    return self.count == 0
```

```
def push(self, item):
    if self.count < self.capacity:
        self.items[self.count] = item
        self.count += 1
    else: raise Exception("CapacitatedStack overflow.")
```

```
def pop(self):
    if self.count > 0:
        self.count -= 1
        return self.items[self.count]
    else:
        raise Exception("Cannot pop from empty stack")
```

What are running times of these operations?

# Growable Array-based Stack

- Fixed-capacity stack: fast but not very useful
- How can we make an array-based stack that has unlimited capacity?
  - **Incremental strategy**: increase the size of the array by a constant  $c$  when capacity is reached
  - **Doubling strategy**: double the size of the array when capacity is reached
- **Problem: arrays cannot be resized. You can only copy over elements to a new array**

# Growable Array-based Stack

```
def push(self, item):
    if self.count >= self.capacity:
        # doubling, incremental would be += ...
        self.capacity *= 2
        copy_items = self.capacity*[None]
        for i in range(self.count): copy_items[i] = self.items[i]
        self.items = copy_items

    self.items[self.count] = item
    self.count += 1
```

## What's the runtime of push?

- when the stack doesn't expand?

**$O(1)$**

- when it does expand?

Incremental:  **$O(n)$**

Doubling:  **$O(n)$**

WHY? : need to copy the current elements in the stack (array) to the new one

# Stacks/Growable Arrays in Python

- The list data type in Python is based on a growable array with doubling strategy --- can be used to build Stack ADT

<code>s.append(x)</code>	PUSH	Can be used to implement appends x to the end of the sequence, here, end of the list is the top of the stack
<code>s.pop()</code>	POP	Retrieves and removes the item from the end of list
<code>s == []</code>	IS_EMPTY	Checks if stack is empty
<code>s[-1]</code>	TOP	Gets the item from the end of the list

- The Stack ADT operations :
  - push/ isEmpty/ top / pop can be performed in  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Complexity of implementing Python data structures

[https://www.ics.uci.edu/~brgallar/week8\\_2.html](https://www.ics.uci.edu/~brgallar/week8_2.html)

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# Queues

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# Queues

## Queue

Stores a set  $S$  of elements with insertions and deletions follow a **FIFO** (first-in, first-out) scheme

## Operations for a Queue ADT

**enqueue( $S, x$ )**: inserts element  $x$  into  $S$

**dequeue( $S$ )**: removes and returns the element first inserted into  $S$

**size( $S$ )**: returns the number of elements in  $S$

**isEmpty( $S$ )**: indicates whether  $S$  is the empty set

# Growable Array-based Queue

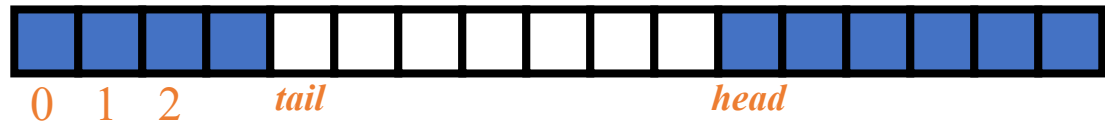
- We can also implement a queue using an growing array, but with a slight complication
- Unlike a stack, we need to **keep track of the head and the tail** of the queue



- What happens if the tail reaches the end of the array, but there's still room at the front? Is the queue full?

# Growable Array-based Queue

- **Wrap the queue!**



- **Expand the array when queue is completely full**

- When copying, “unwind” the queue so the head starts back at 0

**enqueue(x):**

```
if size == capacity:  
    double array and copy contents  
    reset head and tail pointers  
data[tail] = x  
tail = (tail + 1) % capacity  
size++
```

**dequeue():**

```
if size == 0:  
    error("queue empty")  
element = data[head]  
head = (head + 1) % capacity  
size--  
return element
```



# Queues in Python

- Do Python lists provide an efficient implementation of Queues if used “directly”?
- No:
  - enqueue(x): s.append(x) in O(1) time, but
  - dequeue(): s.pop(0) in O(n) time **[Not the same as s.pop() used in a stack. Notice the index in the call to pop]**
- Deques (double-ended Queues) are provided as collections.deque

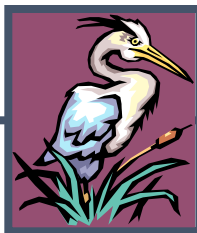
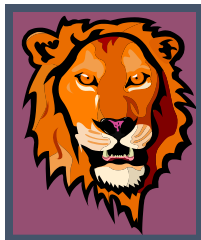
```
from collections import deque
S = deque([2, 3, 5])
S.append(7)
S.popleft()
S
deque([3, 5, 7])
```

- deques are not implemented using arrays but doubly-linked lists

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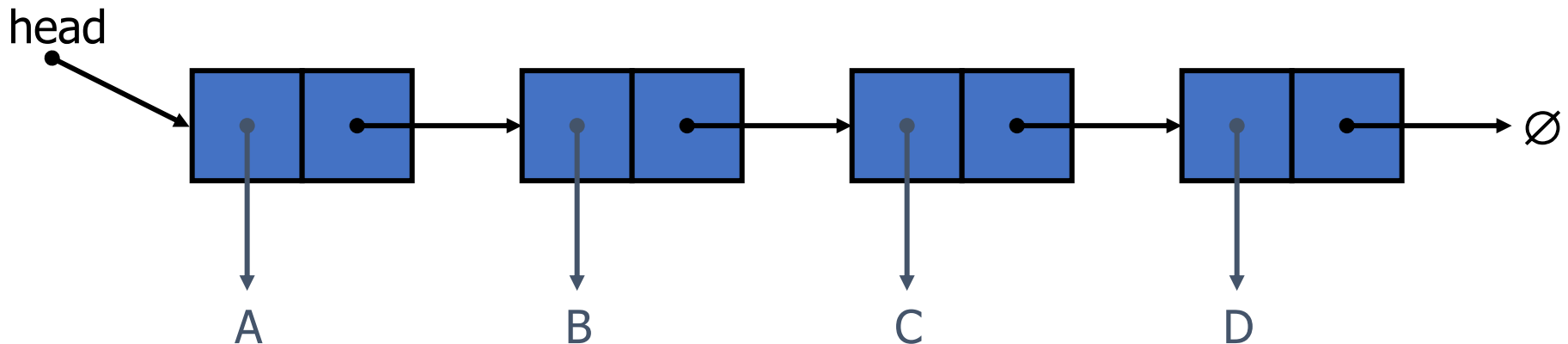
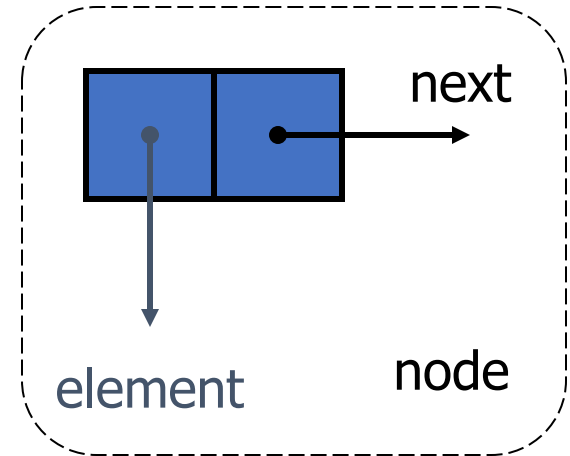
# Linked Lists

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# Singly Linked List

- singly linked list: data structure consisting of
  - a sequence of nodes,
  - starting from a head pointer
- each node stores
  - element
  - **link to the next node** (use pointers with C/C++)
- Nodes are not adjacent in memory like an array
- **Elements** of nodes can be combination of multiple data-types unlike arrays!



# Implementing a Singly Linked List

```
class SNode:
    def __init__(self, elem=None, next=None):
        self.elem = elem
        self.next = next

class SList:
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = None
```

```
node3 = SNode("Toronto")
node2 = SNode("Seattle", node3)
node1 = SNode("Rome", node2)

list = SList()
list.head = node1

currentNode = list.head
while (currentNode):
    print(currentNode.elem)
    currentNode = currentNode.next
```

Rome  
Seattle  
Toronto

**How do we insert/delete efficiently in a Singly Linked List?**

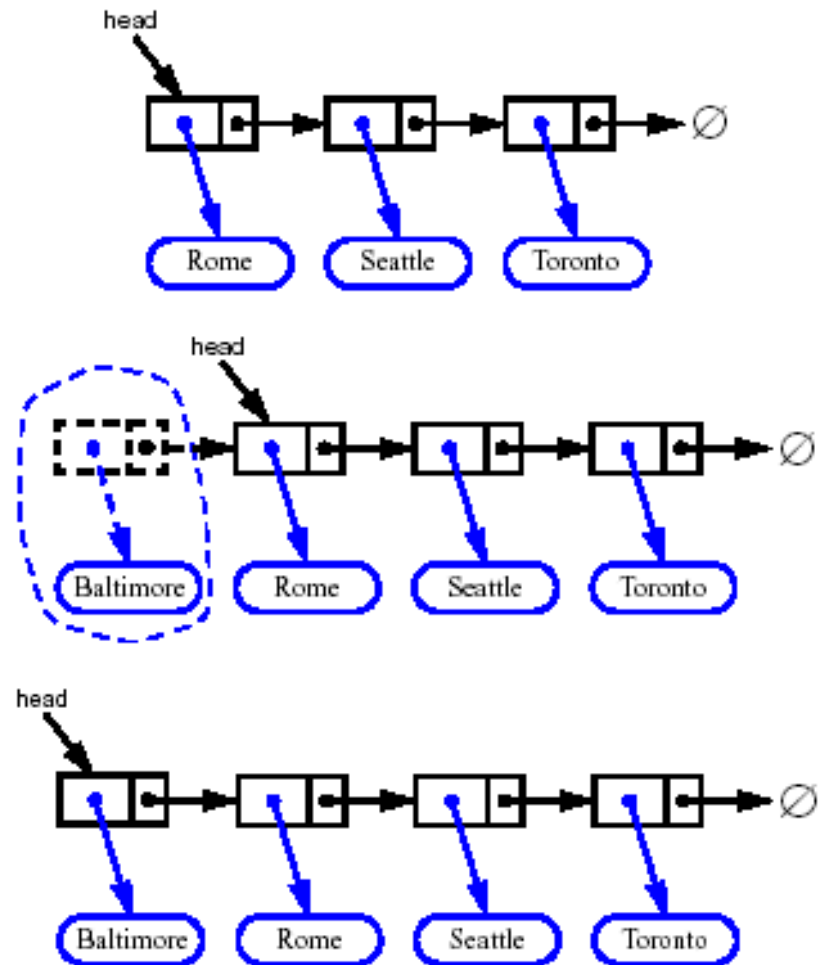
# Inserting at the Head

1. Allocate a new node
2. Insert new element
3. Have new node point to old head
4. Update head to point to new node

```
newNode = SNode("Baltimore")
newNode.next = list.head
list.head = newNode

printList(list)
```

```
Baltimore
Rome
Seattle
Toronto
```



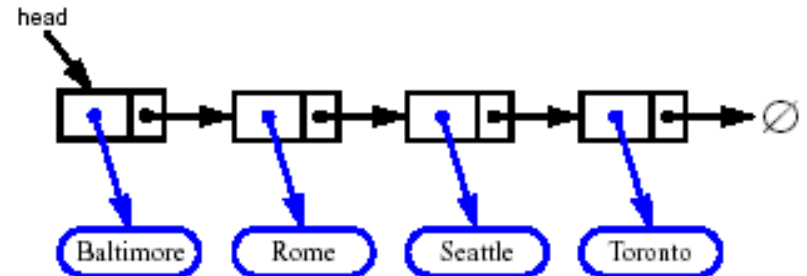
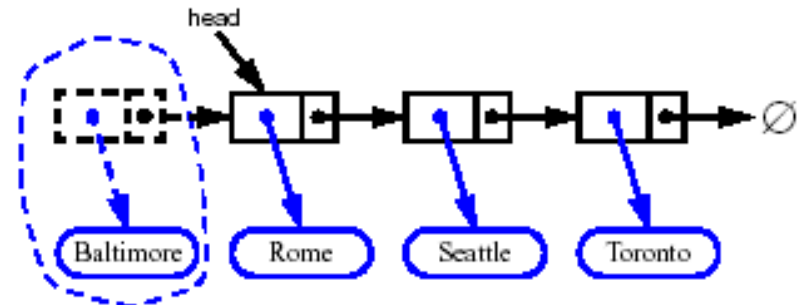
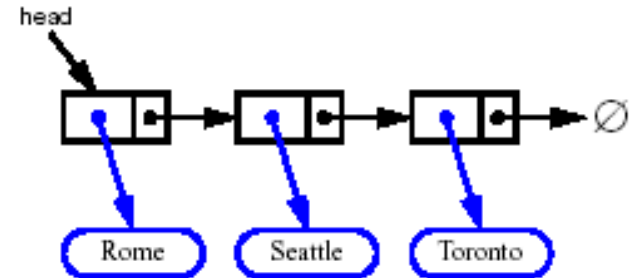


# Removing at the Head

1. Update head to point to next node

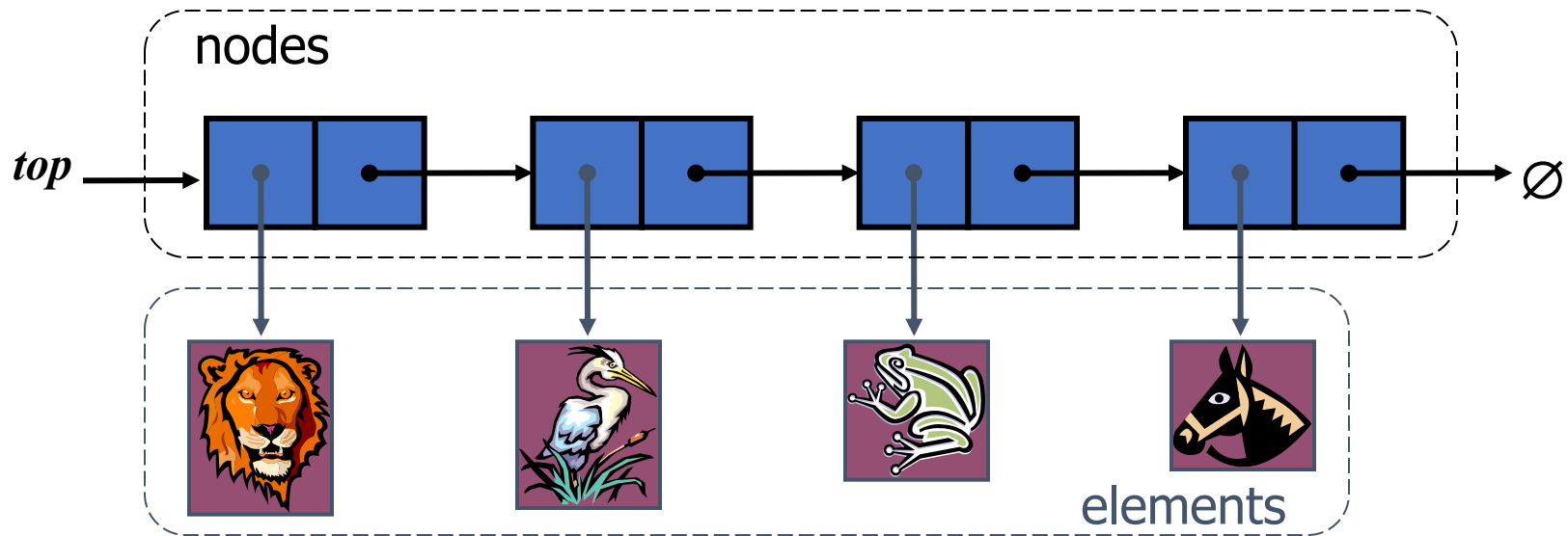
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list.head = list.head.next  
printList(list)
```

Rome  
Seattle  
Toronto



# Stack as Singly Linked List

- top element at head (i.e., the head is called top, when we are dealing with stack)



- The space used is  $O(n)$  and each operation of the Stack ADT takes  $O(1)$  time

# Stack as a Singly Linked List

```
class Stack:
    def __init__(self):
        self.list = SList()
        self.count = 0

    def isEmpty(self):
        return self.count == 0

    def push(self, item):
        newNode = SNode(item, self.list.head)
        self.list.head = newNode
        self.count += 1

    def pop(self):
        if self.isEmpty():
            raise Exception('stack is empty.')
        else:
            item = self.list.head.elem
            self.list.head = self.list.head.next
            self.count -= 1
            return item

    def size(self):
        return self.count
```

**Stack:** Defined in terms of the Singly Linked List

**Push:** Add to the head of the list

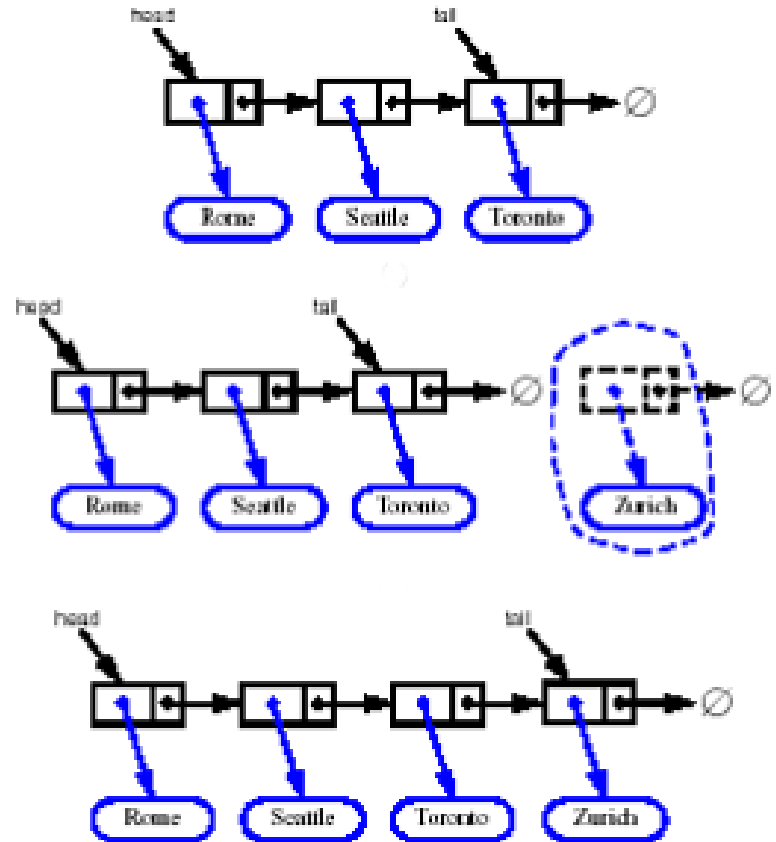
**Pop:** Remove to the head of the list  
Move the head

# Inserting at the Tail (at the End)

1. Allocate a new node
2. Insert new element
3. Have new node point to null
4. Have old last node point to new node
5. Update tail to point to new node

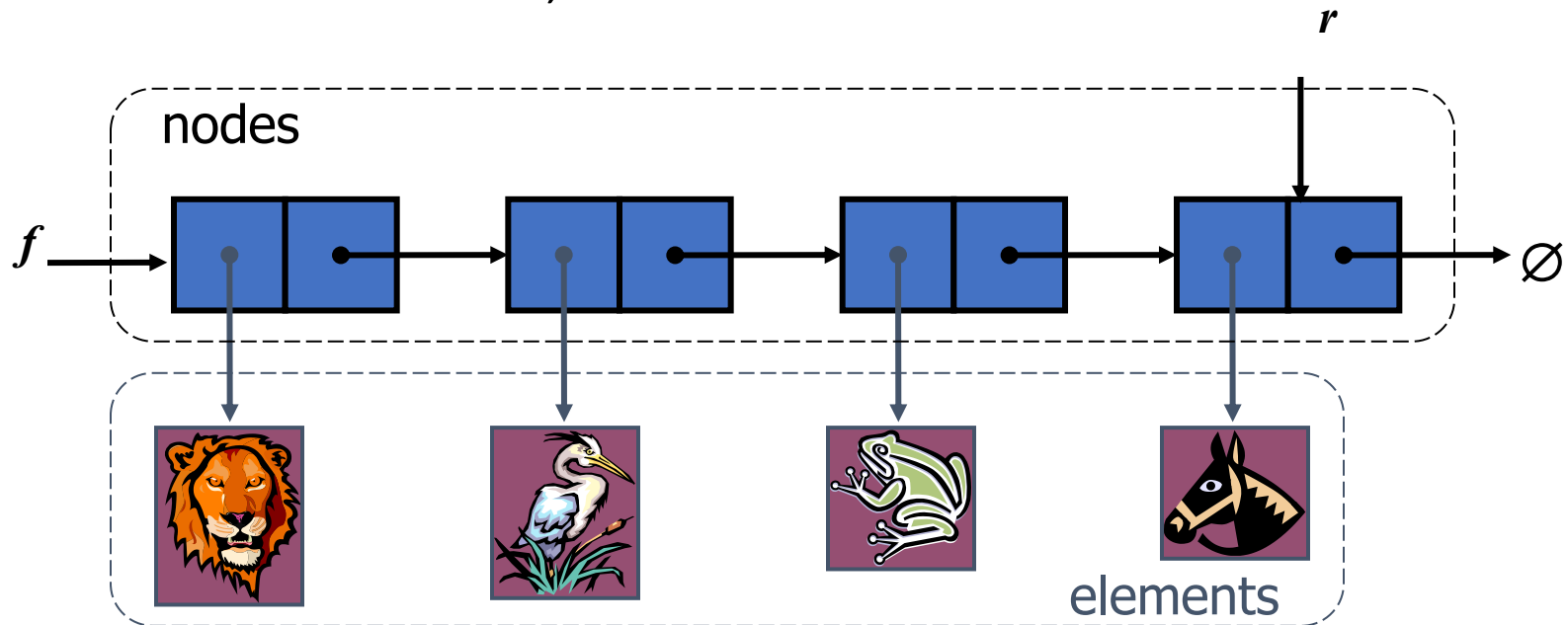
- **requires pointer to tail:  
list.tail**

- Complexity of appending to tail =  $O(1)$



# Queue as Singly Linked List

- front element at head, rear element at tail



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# Queue as Singly Linked List

```
class Queue:
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = None
        self.tail = None
        self.count = 0

    def isEmpty(self):
        return self.count == 0

    def enqueue(self, elem):
        newNode = SNode(elem)
        if self.isEmpty():
            self.head = newNode
            self.tail = newNode
        else:
            self.tail.next = newNode
            self.tail = newNode
        self.count += 1
```

```
    def dequeue(self):
        if self.isEmpty():
            raise Exception('Queue is empty.')
        else:
            elem = self.head.elem
            if self.head.next:
                self.head = self.head.next
            else:
                self.head = None
                self.tail = None
            self.count -= 1
            return elem

    def size(self):
        return self.count
```

```
Q = Queue()
Q.isEmpty()
```

True

```
Q.enqueue('lion')
Q.enqueue('bird')
Q.enqueue('frog')
Q.enqueue('horse')
Q.dequeue()
```

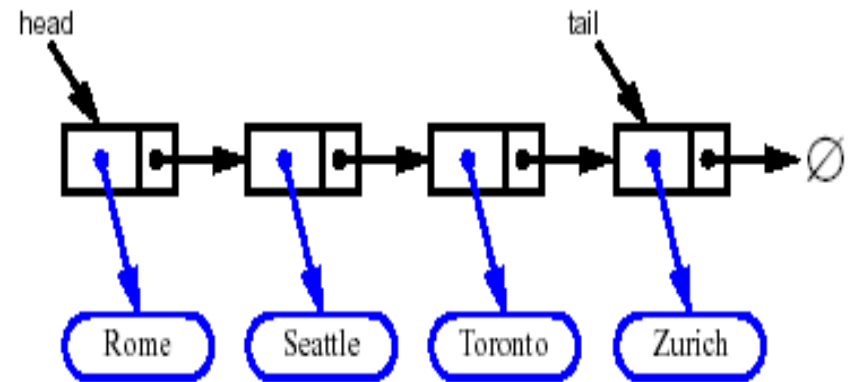
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**How do we implement a Deque  
(pop/push at both ends)?**

# Removing at the Tail ?!

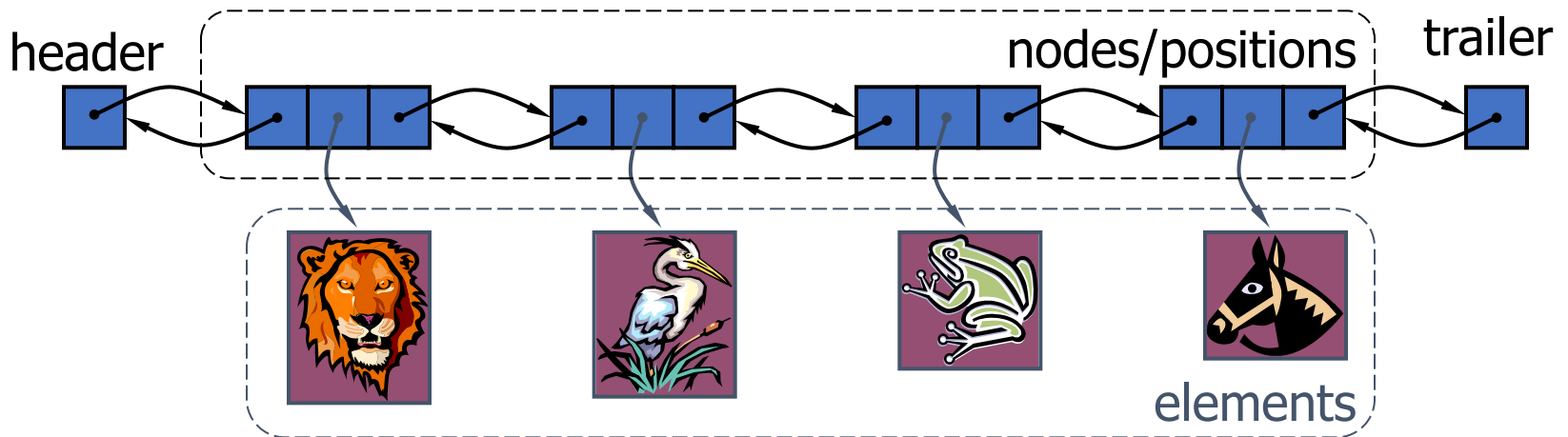
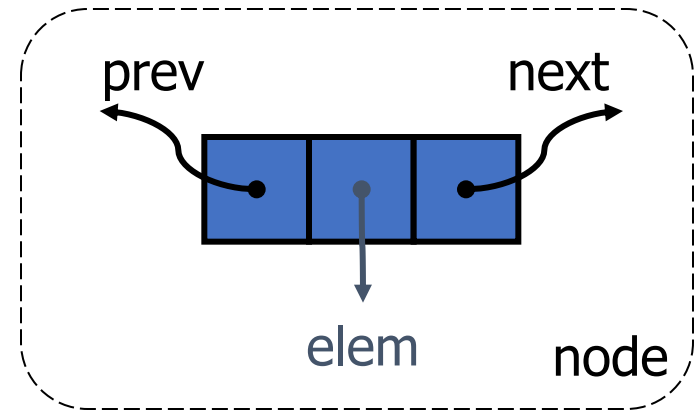
- **no constant-time way to update the tail to point to the previous node. WHY?**

- removing at the tail of a singly linked list is not efficient!
  - Once has to traverse the whole length of the list
  - Complexity  $O(n)$



# Doubly Linked List

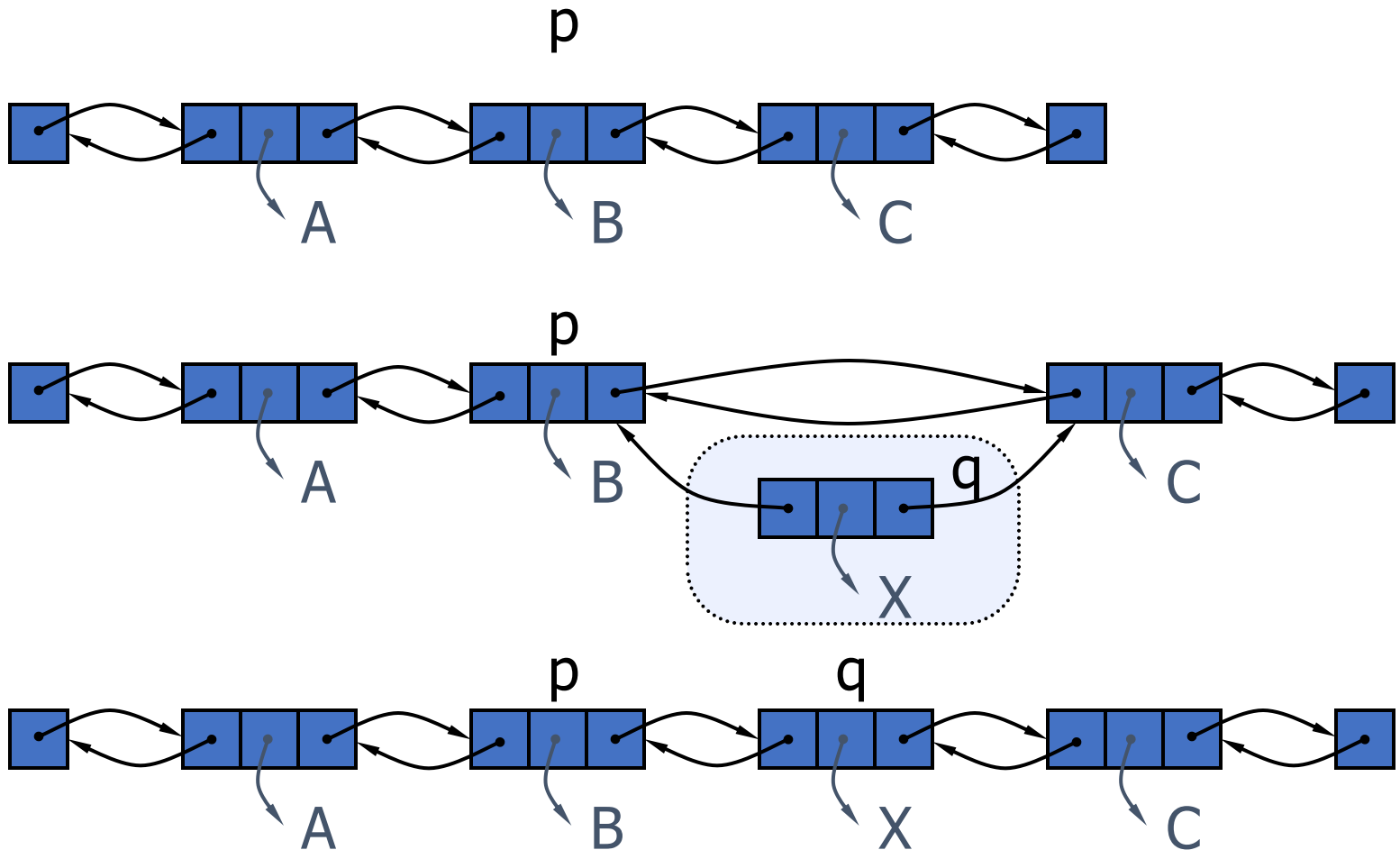
- each node stores
  - element
  - link to next node
  - **link to previous node**
- special trailer and header nodes
- **makes adding and remove at both ends of the list  $O(1)$  complexity**
  - Perfect for dequeue in Python





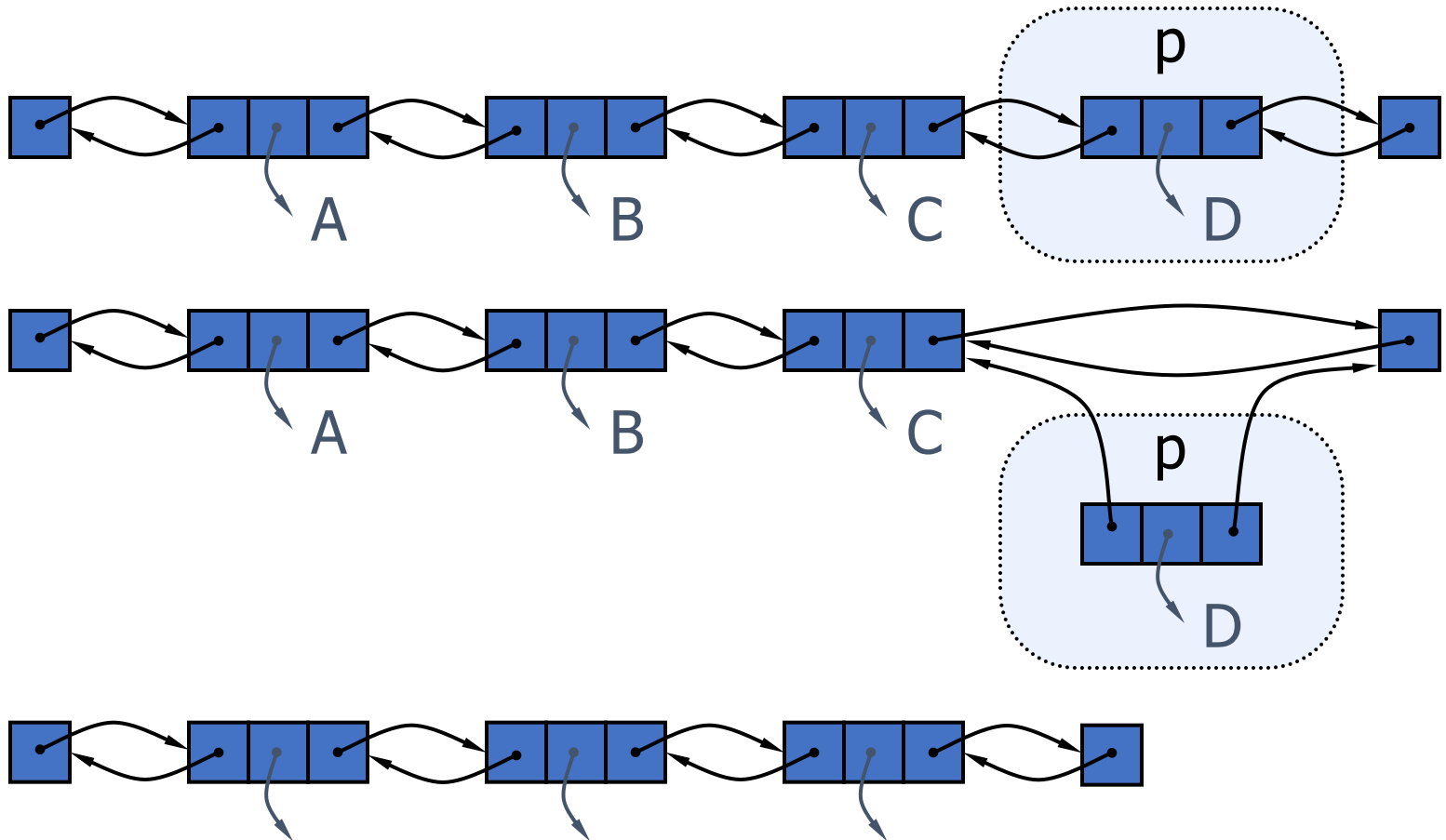
# Insertion

- Insert a new node,  $q$ , between  $p$  and its successor.



# Deletion

- Remove a node,  $p$ , from a doubly-linked list.



# Summary

- ADTs we have seen so far
  - Stacks, Queues, (and Lists and Sets in Python)
- data structures for Stacks and Queues:
  - array, but fixed capacity
  - linked lists
- Singly Linked Lists vs Doubly Linked Lists



*That's all Folks!*  
*Any Question?*