

# LINKED LISTS

# RECALL: ARRAYS

- Single chunk of memory underneath
- Access with `arrname[i]`
- Good for:
  - direct access/modification of elements at certain index
- Bad at:
  - inserting/deleting: need to shift and potentially get new array

# ARRAYLIST

- A higher level list implementation - underneath uses arrays
- Convenient
- Efficient for:
  - accessing / setting value at index -  $O(1)$
  - adding elements to the end - typically  $O(1)$ , sometimes  $O(n)$
- Not efficient for:
  - adding in middle -  $O(n)$
  - removing -  $O(n)$

# LINKED LIST

- Data structure
- A list
  - Supports things like get, add, insert, remove, etc.
- Different underlying implementation
  - collection of nodes that are "linked" together
  - forms a sequence of elements

# LINKED LIST - NODE

- Object
- Single value in list
- Stores
  - element
  - reference to next node (self-referential)

# LINKED LIST

- Sometimes a separate class from node
- `head` - reference to first `Node` in list
  - adding to start is  $O(1)$
- `tail` (optional) - reference to last node in list
  - makes adding to / removing from end  $O(1)$

## LINKED LIST (CONT.)

- downside:
  - access is inefficient (must traverse)
  - extra memory (store pointer to next for each node)

# DOUBLY LINKED LIST

- Modification
  - Node has additional reference to previous
- Advantages
  - `remove(Node n1)` - more efficient (no need to traverse)
  - fast removal from end