

## Data Examples

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## Announcements

Midterm Scores out today/tomorrow  
Regrade Requests Open Friday, Due 3/31

Context Setting: Where are we now?

## Where are we now? Where are we going?

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- For now – we've learned *most* of the basics of Python!
- There are plenty of Python we don't see in CS88
- Apply OOP principles to explore new ideas
- We're going to focus on storing / organizing data
- Lists, Tuples, and Dictionaries: Data Structures you already know!
- BUT: How do we build our own?
- We'll build our own lists first, then talk about trees and other ways of organizing data
- Last few lectures: Switch to SQL

## Why Learn “Data Structures”?

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- OOP helps us organize our programs
- Data Structures help us organize our data!
  - > Can be implemented using OOP
- You already know lists and dictionaries!
- Enjoy this stuff? Take CS 61B!
- Find it challenging? Don't worry! It's a different way of thinking.

## Aside: CGP Grey & Rock, Paper, Scissors [[Watch Video #1](#)]

- How many rounds of Rock Paper Scissors is a 1 in 1,000,000,000 chance of winning?
- Each video leads to another set of videos.
- This is technically a tree, but we'll come back to that later.

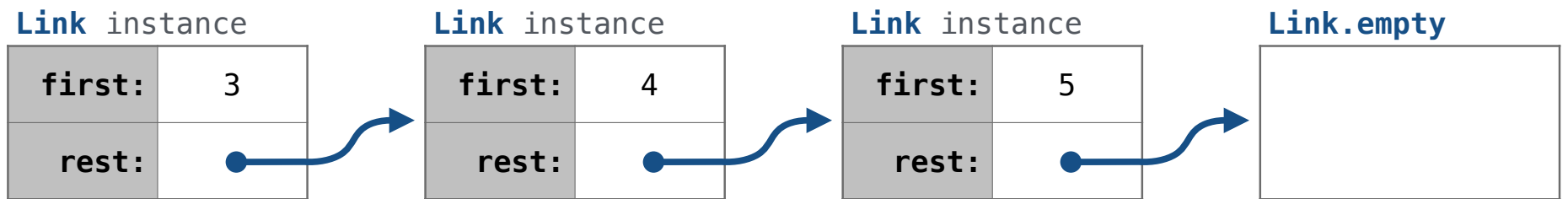


## Linked Lists Practice



## Linked List Notation

```
s = Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))
```



## Why use Linked Lists?

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You might not have Python's `list()` class

Linked lists are great for lots of cases:

- Modeling a Polynomial Equation  
each item is (coefficient, exponent, next\_term)
- Items in a music Playlist  
each item is a (song, next\_song) pair

Why?

easy to add/remove items: often want to remove the first item

- Model real-world relationships
- Anything that is a "chain" is a good option

## Linked List Practice

## Recursion and Iteration

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Many linked list processing functions can be written both iteratively and recursively

Recursive approach:

- What recursive call do you make?
- What does this recursive call do/return?
- How is this result useful in solving the problem?

```
def length(s):  
    """The number of elements in s.  
  
    >>> length(Link(3, Link(4, Link(5))))  
    3  
    """  
  
    if s is Link.empty:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return 1 + length(s.rest)
```

Iterative approach:

- Describe a process that solves the problem.
- Figure out what additional names you need to carry out this process.
- Implement the process using those names.

```
def length(s):  
    """The number of elements in s.  
  
    >>> length(Link(3, Link(4, Link(5))))  
    3  
    """  
  
    k = 0  
    while s is not Link.empty :  
        s, k = s.rest, k + 1  
    return k
```

## Constructing a Linked List

Build the rest of the linked list, then combine it with the first element.



```
s = Link.empty  
s = Link(5, s)  
s = Link(4, s)  
s = Link(3, s)
```

```
def range_link(start, end):  
    """Return a Link containing consecutive  
    integers from start up to end.
```

```
>>> range_link(3, 6)  
Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))  
"""
```

```
if start >= end:  
    return Link.empty  
else:  
    return Link(start, range_link(start + 1, end))
```

```
def range_link(start, end):  
    """Return a Link containing consecutive  
    integers from start to end.
```

```
>>> range_link(3, 6)  
Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))  
"""
```

```
s = Link.empty  
k = end - 1  
while k >= start:  
    s = Link(k, s)  
    k -= 1  
return s
```

## Linked Lists Can Contain Anything:

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What if we make an Album, which is a linked list of songs?

```
fearless = Song("Fearless", "Taylor Swift", 241)
```

```
fifteen = Song("Fifteen", "Taylor Swift", 294)
```

```
fearless_album = Link(fearless, Link(fifteen) ... )
```

**How can we...?**

**Calculate the total length of the album?**

**Find the longest song?**

## Finding the total Album Length

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Given a linked list of Songs, which each has a length attribute, find the total length of the album

```
def total_album_length(album):  
    if album == Link.empty:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return album.first.length + total_album_length(album.rest)
```

## Finding the Longest Song

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Given a linked list of Songs, which Song is the longest?

```
def total_album_length(album):  
    if album == Link.empty:  
        return None  
    if album.rest == Link.empty:  
        return album.first.length  
  
    rest_longest = longest_song(album.rest)  
    if album.first.length > rest_longest.length:  
        return album.first  
    else:  
        return rest_longest
```



## Nested Linked Lists

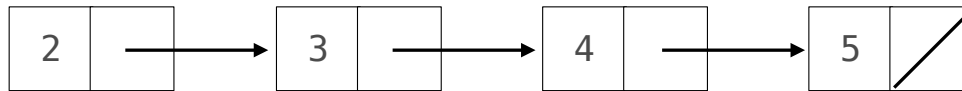
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```
>>> s = Link(2, Link(3, Link( 4 , Link(5))))
```

```
>>> t = Link(2, Link(3, Link( Link(4) , Link(5))))
```

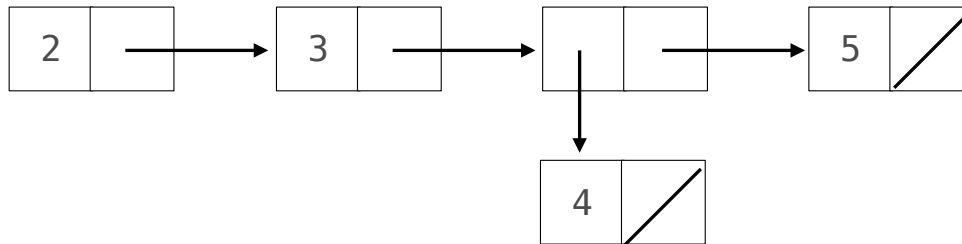
```
>>> print(s)
```

```
<2 3 4 5>
```



```
>>> print(t)
```

```
<2 3 <4> 5>
```



## Nested Linked Lists

```
>>> s = Link(Link(8), Link(Link(4, Link(6, Link(Link(7)))), Link(5)))
>>> print(s)
<<8> <4 6 <7>> 5>
>>> s.first.first
8
>>> s.rest.first.rest.rest.first
Link(7)
>>> s.rest.first.rest.rest.first.first
7
```

