CMPSC 112 – Introduction to Computer Science II (Spring 2015) Prof. John Wenskovitch

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Lab 4 - Implementing a Doubly-Linked List Due (via Bitbucket and hard copy) Monday, 23 February 2015 30 points

Lab Goals

- Practice working with linked lists
- Update our recent lecture code to turn our SinglyLinkedList.java data structure into a doubly linked list
- Answer a few questions to test your knowledge about the class content to-date

Assignment Details

In this lab, we will continue our discussion of linked lists from the past few classes. We will alter our SinglyLinkedList implementation to create a doubly linked list. You will also answer a few short questions at the end.

Please note that this is a two-week lab due to Exam 1.

Doubly Linked List (20 points)

In the past few classes, we have been implementing a singly linked list data structure. In a singly linked list, each node in the list contains a reference to the list item that follows it. We also briefly introduced the idea of a doubly-linked list, in which each node in the list contains a reference to the list item that follows it, as well as a reference to the list item that precedes it.

In this lab, we will update our singly linked list code into a new class called <code>DoublyLinkedList.java</code>. Much of the functionality will remain the same, but you will need to keep track of the additional reference through insertions and deletions to the list.

In particular, you should implement each of the following functions:

1. In your Node subclass, you should include a new instance variable called previous of type Node, and also implement the related accessor getPrevious() and mutator setPrevious() functions. You will also need to update the Node constructor to take a previousNode parameter in addition to the existing newValue and nextNode parameters. Finally, your Node subclass will need a hasPrevious() function that mimics the functionality of the existing hasNext() function.

- 2. In your add() function, you will need to add a reference to the old tail when creating the Node you are inserting.
- 3. In your remove() function, you will need to update two references: set the next value of the previous Node to the next Node, and set the previous value of the next Node to the previous Node.
- 4. Your get() function should not need to be changed from the SinglyLinkedList version. Therefore, you will add a new getFromEnd() function that mimics the same behavior, but starts from the end and uses the previous links to iterate through the list.

A framework has been provided for you in the lab4/src directory. This framework includes a function called testPreviousLinks(). Please do not modify this function – it is used to test that all of your previous references are correct.

Also in the lab4/src directory is a test file called DoublyLinkedListTester.java. Your DoublyLinkedList class should work with this test file when you are finished. The output of this DoublyLinkedListTester file should appear as follows:

```
Printing list contents:

1
2
3
4

Printing list contents:

1
2
4

1

true

Emptying list true

Printing list contents:

17
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Additional Questions (10 points)

Please answer the following questions thoroughly:

- 1. Give an algorithm for finding the second-to-last node in a singly linked list.
- 2. Give an algorithm for concatenating two singly linked lists L and M into a single list L', which contains all of the nodes of L followed by all of the nodes of M.
- 3. Suppose you are given two circularly linked lists, J and K. Give an algorithm for determining if J and K store the same sequence of elements (but perhaps with different starting points).

Submission Details

For this assignment, your submission (to both your BitBucket repository and by hardcopy) should include the following:

- 1. Your source code for DoublyLinkedList.java
- 2. Sample output showing that your class works with DoublyLinkedListTester.java
- 3. The answers to the questions from the "Additional Questions" section
- 4. An Assignment Information Sheet for your two code files

Please note that each student in the class is responsible for completing and submitting their own version of this assignment. However, you also will be assigned to work to a team that is tasked with ensuring that all of its members are able to complete each step of the assignment. Team members should make themselves available to each other to answer questions and resolve any problems that develop during the laboratory session. While it is acceptable for members of a team to have high-level conversations, you should not share source code or full command lines with your team members. To ensure that you can communicate effectively, members of each team should sit next to each other in the room. Please see the instructor if you have questions about this policy.