



CS 0445 – Algorithms and Data Structures 1

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Lab 3 Reversing a Linked List

Goal

In this lab you will implement a `reverse` method that will reverse the order of the items in the linked implementation of the List ADT.

Resources

- Appendix A: Creating Classes from Other Classes
- Chapter 12: Lists
- Chapter 14: A List Implementation That Links Data

In javadoc directory

- `ListInterface.html`—Interface documentation for the interface `ListInterface`

Java Files

- `ListInterface.java`
- `LList.java`
- `LinkedListExtensionsTest.java`

In the `reverse` method of `LList`, implement your algorithm from the pre-lab exercises. Iteration is needed.

Checkpoint: Compile and run `LinkedListExtensionsTest`. The `checkReverse` tests should pass. If not, debug and retest.

Post-Lab Follow-Ups

1. Implement the `reverse` method using only the public methods in `ListInterface`. Compare the performance with what you did in the lab.
2. Consider a method

```
void randomPermutation()
```

that will randomly reorder the contents of the list. Create two versions of the method and compare the performance. In the first version, only use the methods from `ListInterface`. In the second version, always work directly with the linked chain in the `LList` implementation.
3. Consider a method

```
void moveToBack(int from)
```

that will move the item at position `from` to the end of the list. Create two versions of the method and compare the performance. In the first version, only use the methods from `ListInterface`. In the second version, always work directly with the linked chain in the `LList` implementation.
4. Consider a method

```
void interleave()
```

that will do a perfect shuffle. Conceptually, you split the lists into halves and then alternate taking items from the two lists. For example, if the original list is `[a b c d e f g h i]`, the splits would be `[a b c d e]` and `[f g h i]`. (If the length is odd, the first list gets the extra item.) The result of the interleave is `[a f b g c g d i e]`. Create two versions of the method and compare the performance. In the first version, only use the methods from `ListInterface`. In the second version, always work directly with the linked chain in the `LList` implementation.



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