

CS218 - Data Structures  
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## 1 Linked List in Python

Raster images of the notebook 04-linked-list

### Linked List

```
In [17]: class Node:
          def __init__(self, data=None):
              self.val = data
              self.next = None

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

### The Push Operation

Push operation has two cases:

1. When there are no nodes
2. When there is already one or more nodes

```
In [18]: def push(self, val):
          new_node = Node(val)

          # no node currently
          if self.head is None:
              self.head = new_node
              return

          # otherwise, reach the end and then insert
          last = self.head
          while last.next is not None:
              last = last.next

          last.next = new_node

          LinkedList.push = push  ## We can add functions to classes even after definition
```

## The Pop Operation

Pop also has two cases:

1. When there is only one node
2. When there are 2 or more nodes -- in this case, we keep two pointers: *prev* and *temp*. Move both until *temp* is the last. Then set next of *prev* to *None*

```
In [19]: def pop(self):
         if self.head is None:
             raise Exception("Cannot pop. No value.")

         # case where there is only one node
         if self.head.next is None:
             print("case 1")
             val = self.head.val
             self.head = None # automatic garbage collection
             return val

         # case where there is 2 or more nodes
         # reach the previous to last node
         print("case 2")
         temp = self.head
         while temp.next is not None:
             prev = temp
             temp = temp.next

         val = temp.val
         prev.next = None
         return val

LinkedList.pop = pop
```

## Conversion to String

Python has a special function `__str__`. This is called whenever a cast to string is made. (These are called *dunder* (double underscore) functions.)

```
In [20]: def __str__(self):
         ret_str = '['
         temp = self.head
         while temp is not None: # or just while temp:
             ret_str += str(temp.val) + ', '
             temp = temp.next

         ret_str = ret_str.rstrip(', ')
         ret_str += ']'
         return ret_str

LinkedList.__str__ = __str__
```

```
In [15]: l = LinkedList()
         l.push(1)
         l.push(2)
         l.push(3)

         print(l)
         print(l.pop())
         print(l.pop())
         print(l.pop())
         print(l)
```

## Insertion

Again, two cases:

1. Insertion at index 0: new head, old head becomes next of this new head
2. Insertion at any other index: in this case, move *prev* and *temp* forward *index* times. Then, insert new node between *prev* and *temp*.

```
In [21]: def insert(self, index, val):
          new_node = Node(val)

          # insertion at index 0 is different
          if index == 0:
              print("Case 1")
              new_node.next = self.head
              self.head = new_node
              return

          # for other indices
          print("Case 2")
          temp = self.head

          counter = 0
          while temp is not None and counter < index:
              prev = temp
              temp = temp.next
              counter += 1
              # print(counter)

          # print("Will insert after: ", prev.val)
          prev.next = new_node
          new_node.next = temp

          LinkedList.insert = insert
```

```
In [25]: l = LinkedList()
          l.push(1)
          l.push(2)
          l.push(3)
          l.insert(0, 10)
          print(l)

          l.insert(1, 11)
          print(l)
          l.insert(1000, 12)
          print(l)
          l.insert(5, 121)
          print(l)

          Case 1
          [10, 1, 2, 3]
          Case 2
          [10, 11, 1, 2, 3]
          Case 2
          [10, 11, 1, 2, 3, 12]
          Case 2
          [10, 11, 1, 2, 3, 121, 12]
```

## Remove Operation

This is also the same:

1. If first node is present and same as val, remove it.
2. Otherwise, move *prev* and *temp* until temp points to the value. Set next of *prev* to next of *temp*. (Temp is lost)

```
In [27]: def remove(self, val):
        temp = self.head

        # check first node
        if temp is not None:
            if temp.val == val:
                print("case 1")
                self.head = temp.next
                temp = None # not needed, really
                return

        # let's move to next nodes
        # temp holds the value of the node that will be deleted
        while temp is not None:
            if temp.val == val:
                break

            prev = temp
            temp = temp.next

        if temp is None: # not found
            print("case 2.1")
            return

        print("case 2.2")
        prev.next = temp.next # just lose the reference to delete node

        LinkedList.remove = remove
```

```
In [30]: l = LinkedList()
        l.push(1)
        l.push(2)
        l.push(3)
        l.remove(2)
        print(l)

        l.remove(12)
        print(l)

        l.remove(1)
        print(l)

        l.remove(3)
        print(l)

        case 2.2
        [1, 3]
        case 2.1
        [1, 3]
        case 1
        [3]
        case 1
        []
```

```
In [23]: # Todo: len, get(index)
```