

# CS 1332 Midterm 1 Study Guide

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## 1. Arrays

Arrays allow you to store data in *contiguous space in memory*

Note 1.1

### Pros:

- Arrays are flexible in what they can store (primitives, reference types, etc)
- *Constant time access* when the index is known
  - Accessing when index is not known (searching) ->  $O(n)$

### Cons:

- If you run out of space you need to resize the array which is  $O(n)$

## 2. ArrayLists

ArrayLists are backed by arrays, and are **contiguous**, which means you cannot have null spaces between data elements. This causes us to need to shift data to fill up the null spaces after remove operations.

### 2.1. ArrayList Big O

Theorem 2.1.1

### Adding

**Adding to Front:  $O(n)$**  -> need to shift elements over to make space to add

**Adding to Back: amortized  $O(1)^*$** . There is no need to shift but its amortized because every  $n$  operations, you need to perform an  $O(n)$  operation by resizing

- Amortized: when an “expensive” operation occurs infrequently so we can “average” it over the runtimes

### Removing

**Removing from the Front:  $O(n)$**  -> must shift elements to fill the empty space

**Removing from the back:  $O(1)$**  -> simple set to null

**Adding and Removing at a Given Index:  $O(n)$**  -> shift data around the index

**Accessing at a given index:  $O(1)$**  -> arraylist backed by array

## 2.2. Pros and Cons

Note 2.2.1

### Pros

- Data elements are stored contiguously
- **Dynamic Memory** - even though we resize the backing array behind the scenes, we consider ArrayLists to be dynamic

Note 2.2.2

### Cons

- Cannot store primitives
- Still needs  $O(n)$  operations for resizing

## 3. LinkedList

### 3.1. Singly Linked List

#### 3.1.1. SLL Big O/Methods

**Adding****Adding to Front:**  $O(1)$ 

- Create new node, point next to head, and set the new node to be the new head
  - If list is empty, the head is null which actually works out anyways without edge case (?)

**Adding to Back**  $O(n)$ 

- Need to traverse to last node by iterating until `curr.next` is null (since we need access to last node). Set last node w/data's next value to the new node.
- If head is null, point head to new node

**Removing****Removing from Front:**  $O(1)$ 

- Save data from head node, then set `head = head.next`

**Removing from Back:**  $O(n)$ 

- Need to traverse until `curr.next.next` is null, then set `curr.next` to null
- If size is zero, throw exception
- If size is 1, set head to null

### 3.2. Tail Pointer

Having a **tail pointer** makes *adding to back easier*, since you can just set the tails next reference to the new node and update tail. So adding to back is now  **$O(1)$**

### 3.3. Doubly Linked List

Generally doubly linked lists always have both a head and tail pointer, and contain a reference to previous node.

For a DLL of size 0, both the head and tail point to null. For a DLL of size 1, both the head and tail point to the same node.

#### 3.3.1. DLL Big O/Methods

**Adding****Adding to the Front:**  $O(1)$ 

- Set the new nodes next to head, and set the head's previous to new node. Then set head to the new node.
- When size = 0, set head and tail to new node

**Adding to the Back:**  $O(1)$ 

- Set the tail's next to the new node, and the new nodes previous to the tail. Then set tail to new node.
- When size = 0, set head and tail to new nodes

**Removing****Removing from the Back:**  $O(1)$ 

- Set tail to tail's previous, then set tail next to null.
- When size = 0, set head and tail to null

**Removing from the Front:**  $O(1)$ 

- Set head to head's next, then set head.previous to null.
- Size = 0 -> exception
- When size = 1, set head and tail to null.

Having **doubly linked lists** makes *removing from back easier*, since to remove you need to go to the node before the last one, and you need to reset tail. So you can set the second to last node.next to null and reset the tail to the second to last node. So it becomes  **$O(1)$**

### 3.4. Circularly Singly Linked List

The last node in the list points back to the head

For CSLL, we can't use `curr == null` to check if we've reached the end of the list. Instead, we must use `curr == head` to terminate the loop

#### 3.4.1. CSLL Big O/Methods

## Theorem 3.4.1.1

**Adding****Adding to the Front:**  $O(1)$ 

- Create a new, empty node. Connect the new node's next to head's next. Set head's next to the new node. Put the data from head into the new node. Put the data we want to add into the head node.

**Adding to the Back:**  $O(1)$ 

- Same steps as add to front, but now set head = head.next

**Removing**

In general, removing cannot be optimized to be  $O(1)$  unless removing from front/edge cases

**Removing from Front:**  $O(1)$ 

- Save data from head to return
- Copy data from head's next into head
- Set head's next to head.next.next
- If size = 1, just set to null

**Removing from Back:**  $O(n)$ 

- Need to iterate to the end of the array and set the 2nd to last node to point to head (?)

## 4. Stacks

## Definition 4.1

A **stack** is a last in, first out (LIFO) linear data structure, meaning that additions and removals happen on the same side of the structure.

The main operations for stacks include:

- **push(data)** - adds the data to the "top" of the stack
- **pop()** - removes the data at the top of the stack and returns it
- **peek()** - returns data for the top of the list without removing

### 4.1. SLL-Based Stack

- Does not need a tail pointer

## Note 4.1.1

An SLL based stack uses the *front of the SLL as the top of the stack*. Thus, push simply becomes addToFront and pop becomes removeFromFront, both of which are  **$O(1)$  operations**

### 4.2. Array-Based Stack

- Requires a size variable along with the array

## Note 4.2.1

In this case, the top of the stack is the back of the array. So we push by adding data to **arr[size]** and pop by removing the value at **arr[size-1]**, both of which are  **$O(1)$  operations**.