Introduction to Computer Science
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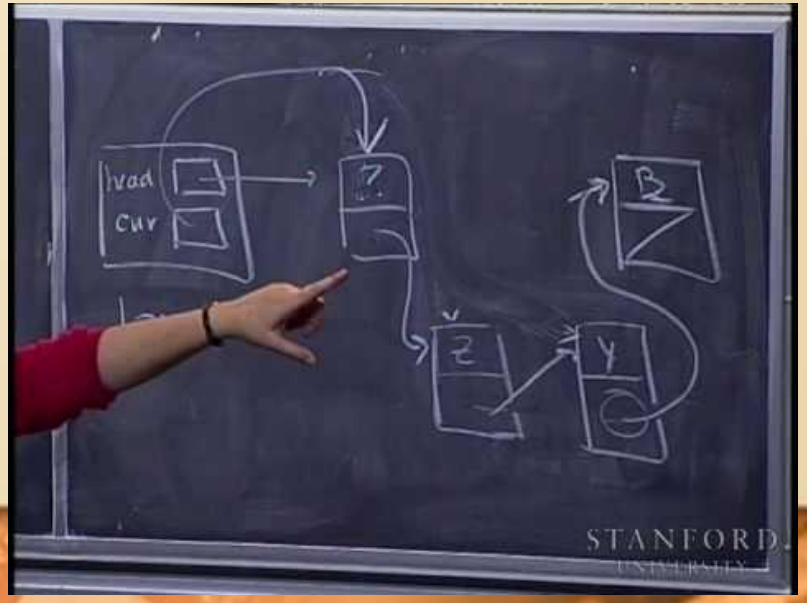
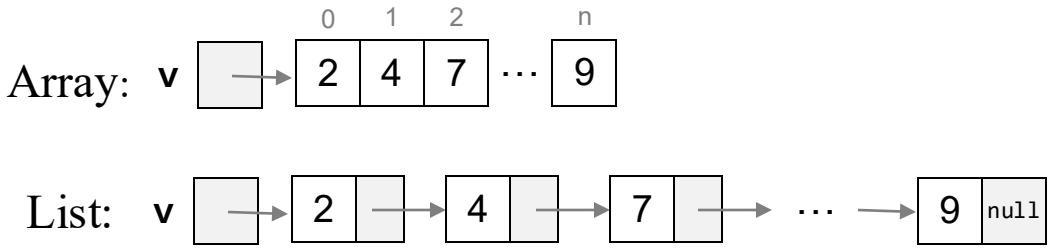
Lecture 10-1

Data Structures I



Data structures

Basic data structures



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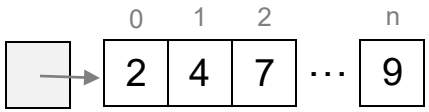
Array: v



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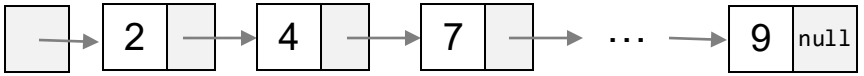

Abstract Data Structures (ADTs)

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- Set
- Stack
- Queue
- Map
- Tree
- ...

Typically implemented using arrays or lists

Lists

List: an ordered collection of elements.

Examples

Shopping list

User list

Playlist

Course list

Guest list

File list

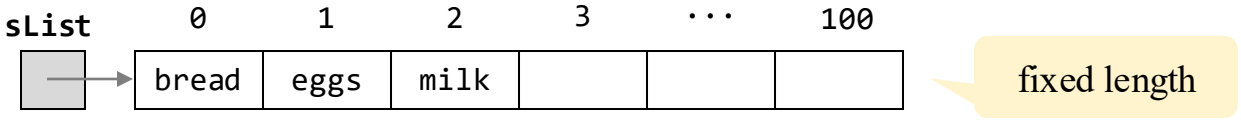
etc.

Typical list-oriented operations

- Create a list
- Add an element
- Find an element
- Remove an element
- Update an element

Arrays vs Lists

Array implementation



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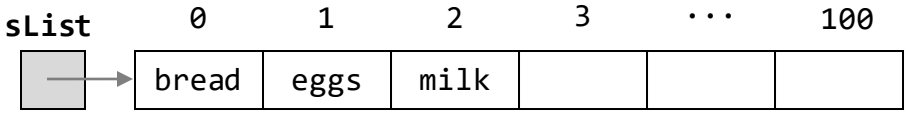

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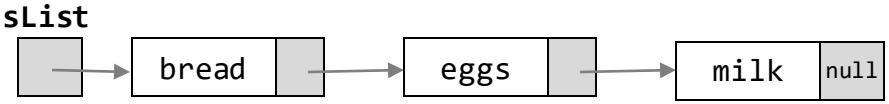
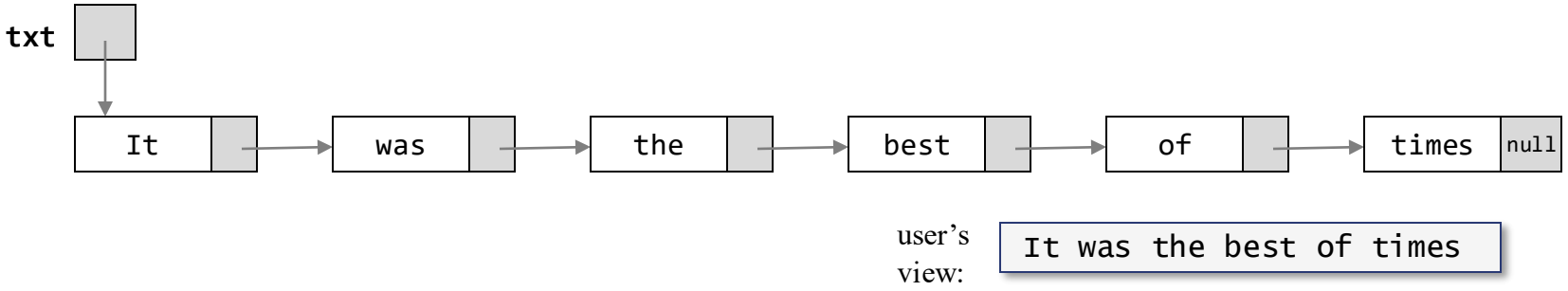


dynamic length

- The elements are stored using *nodes*; each node has a value, and a link to the next node
- Adding / removing an element in a list of size n: $\boldsymbol{O(1)}$
- Important data structure that comes to play in numerous applications.

List application example: Word processing



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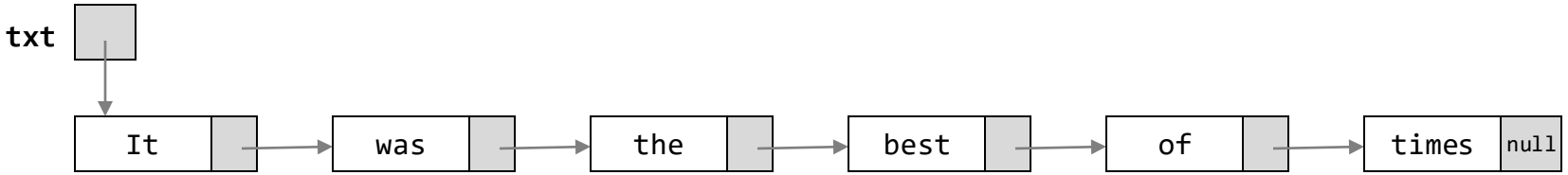

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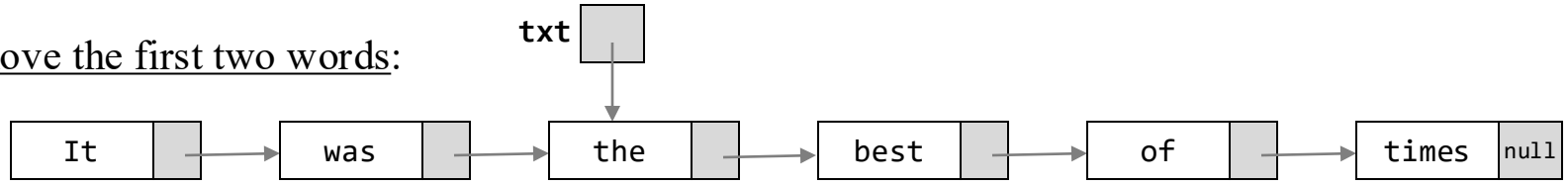

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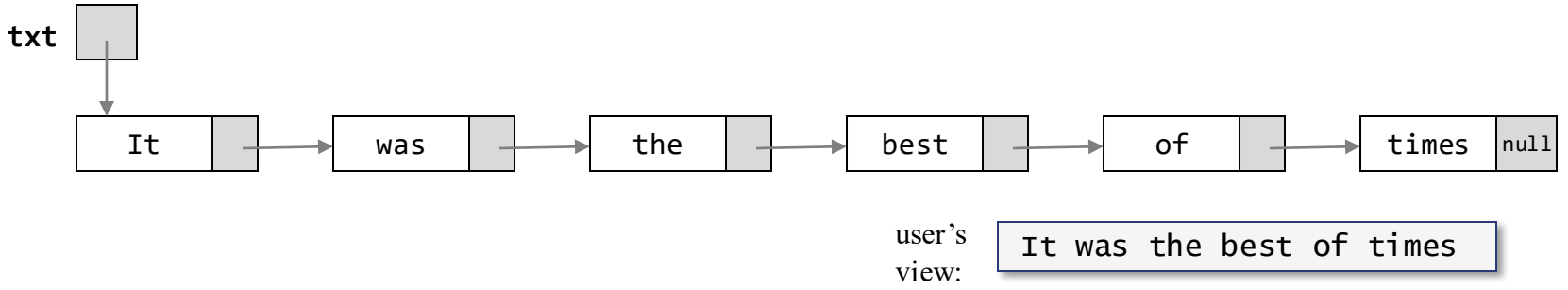

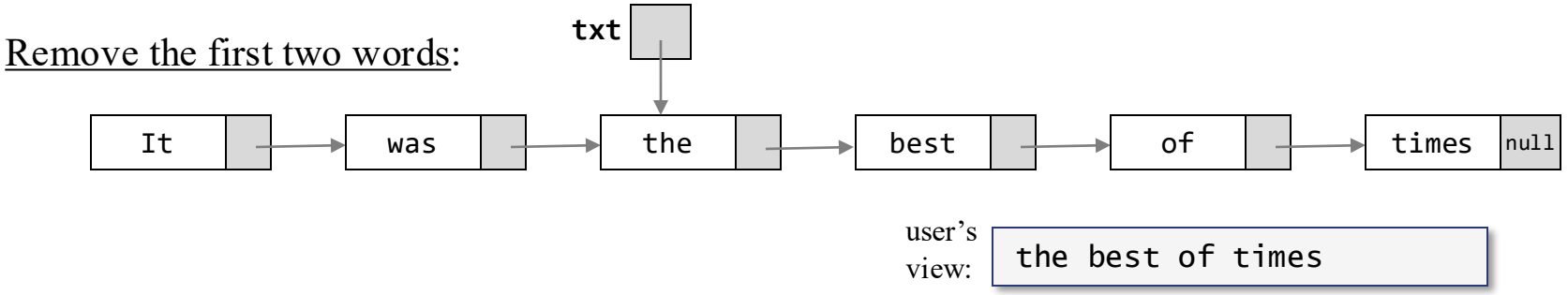

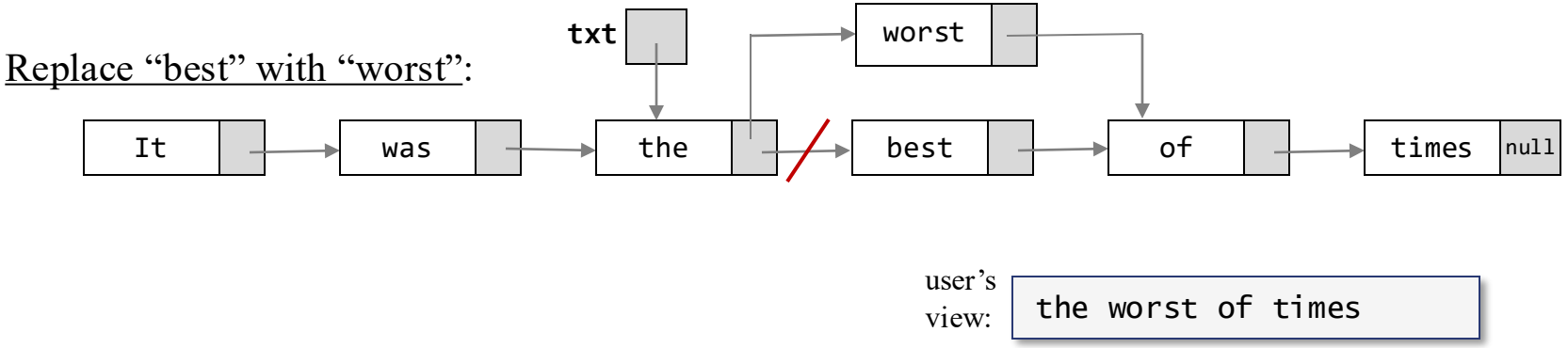

Linked lists: Lecture plan

- Motivation
- Architecture
- List operations

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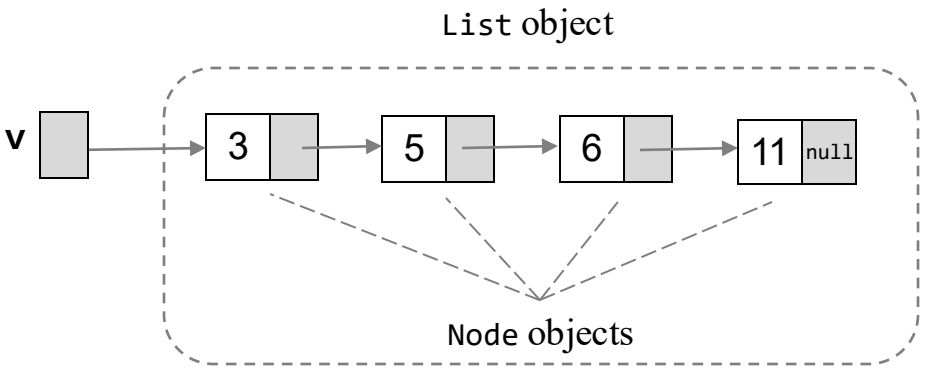

Based on three classes:

- `Node:` represents an individual node
- `List:` represents a list of nodes
- `ListIterator:` helps process lists (*later*)

Node class: Abstraction

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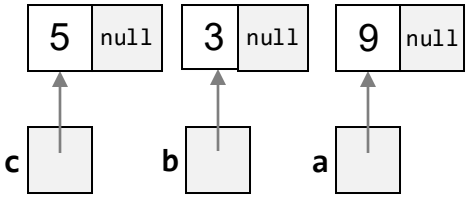

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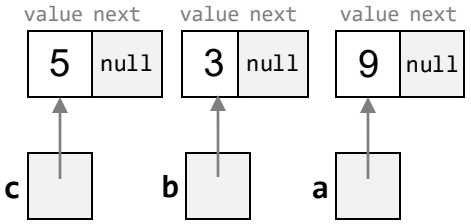

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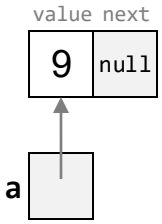

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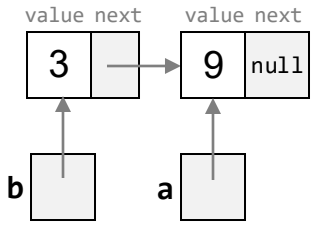

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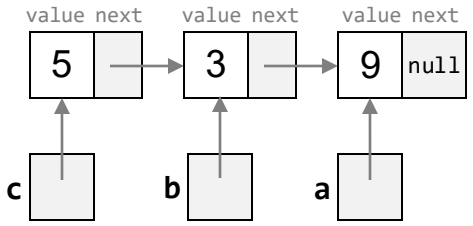

- We created a list, starting at pointer c.
- But, the list construction was messy and unsafe, and so will be its processing
- Solution: Create and use a separate `List` class.

List class: Demo

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    ...
    /** Returns an iterator over the elements in this list,
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    public ListIterator listIterator()
}
```

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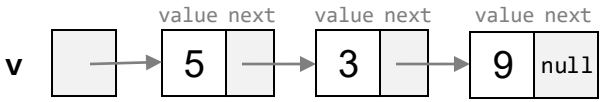
// Some class (client code)
class Foo {
  ...
  public static bar() {
    ...
        // Builds a list
    List v = new List();
    v.add(5); v.add(3); v.add(9);
    System.out.println(v);
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

```
// Output
(5 3 9)
```

Client view:



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Constructing a list

```
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    private Node first;
    private int size;

    /** Constructs an empty list */
    public List() {
        first = null;
        size = 0;
    }

    ...

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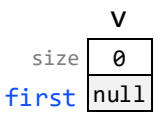

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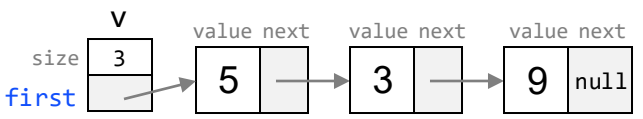
Adding elements



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// Output
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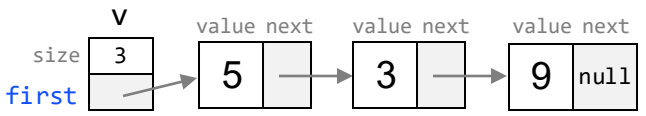
Example: `toString`



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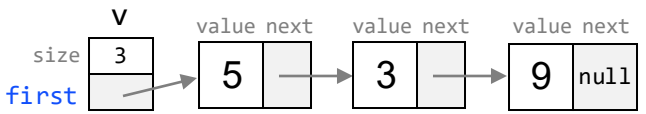

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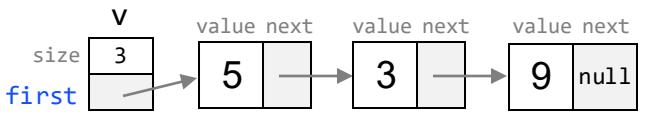

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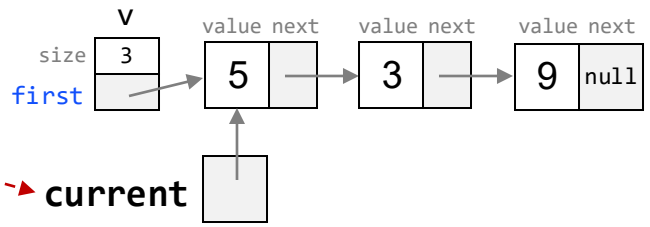

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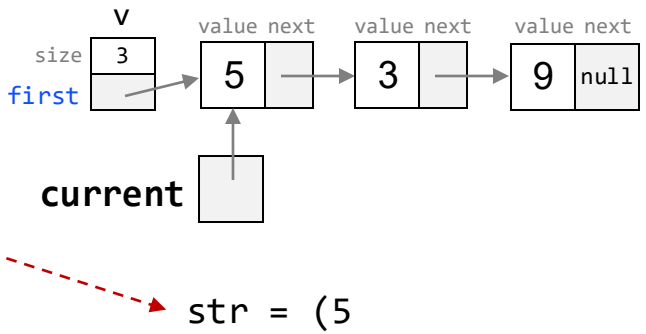

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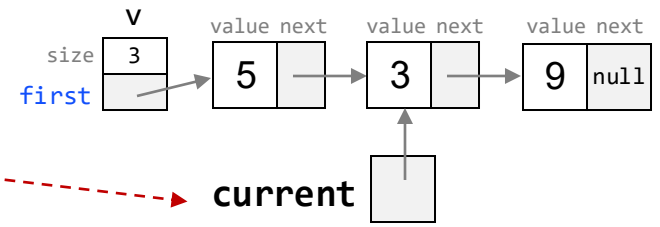

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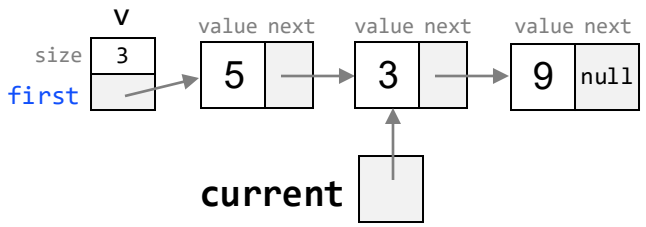


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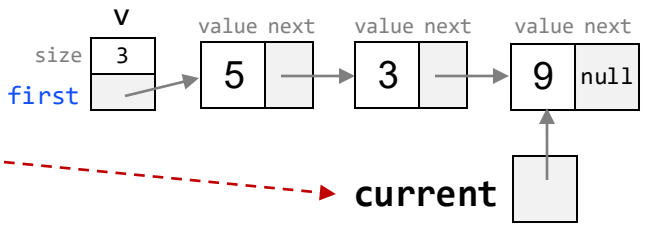

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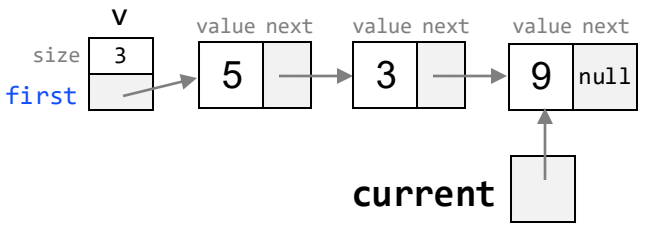


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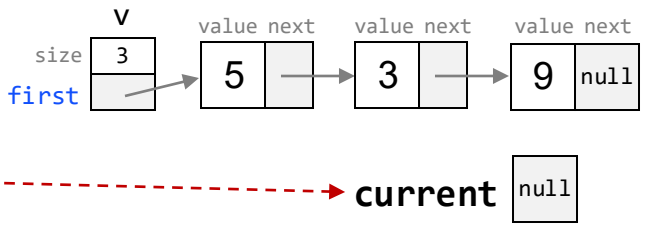


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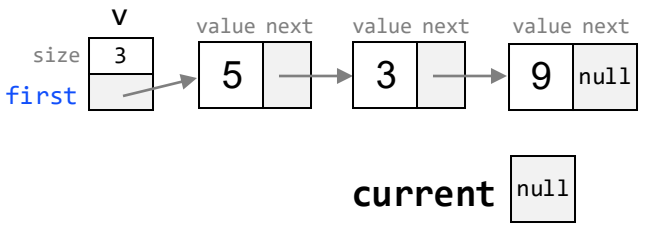


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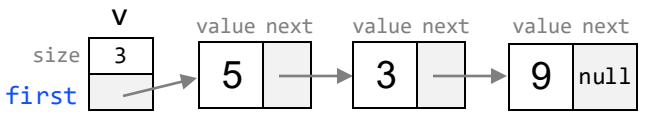

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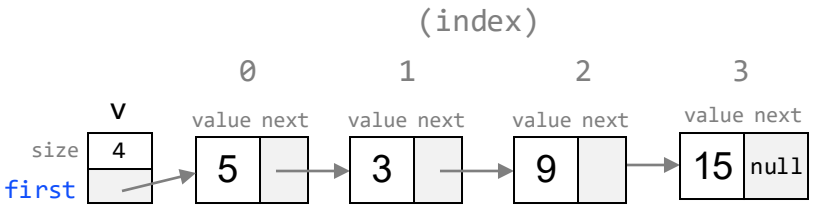

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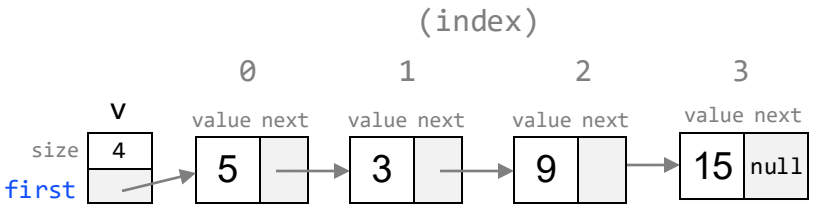

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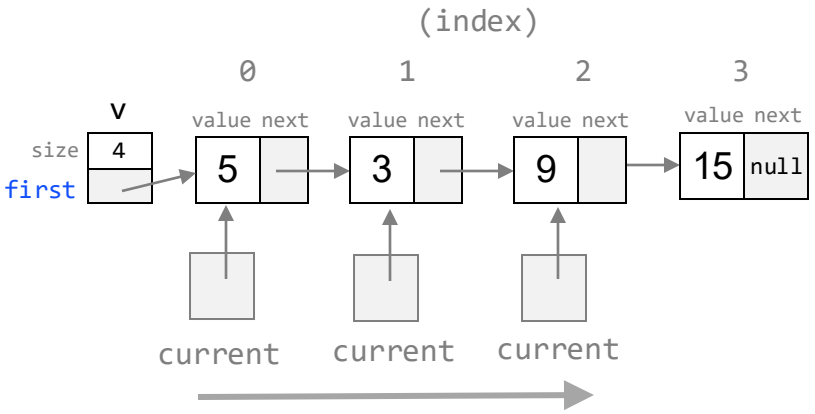

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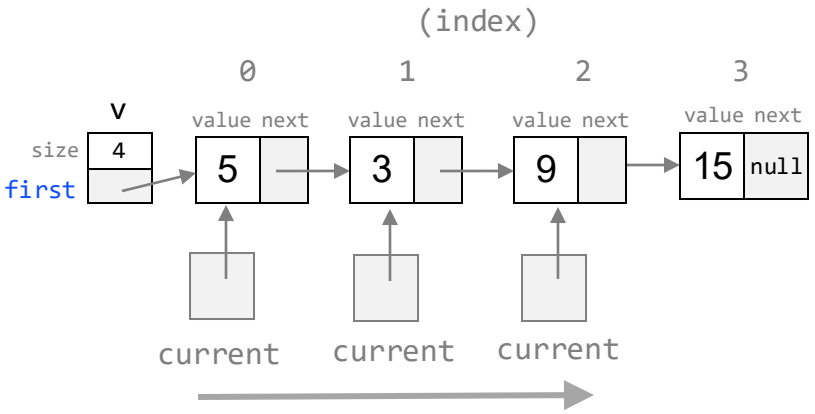

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Linked lists: Lecture plan

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Architecture

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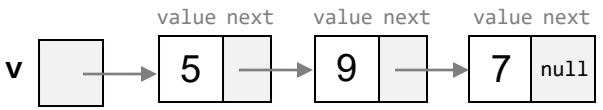

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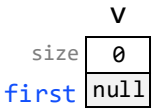

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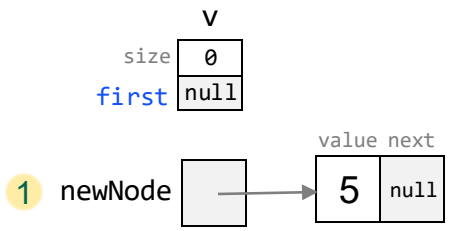

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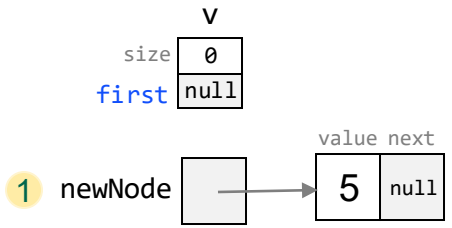

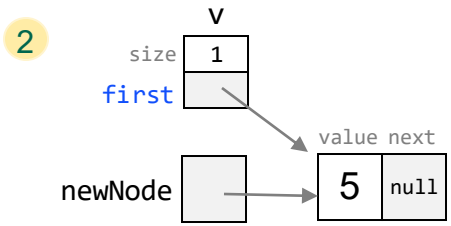

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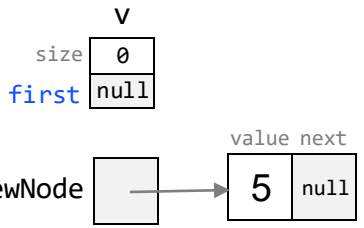

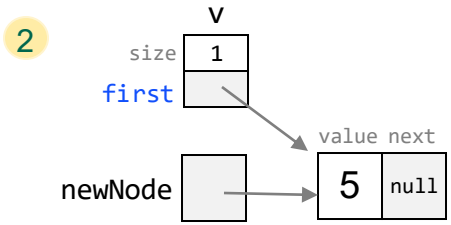

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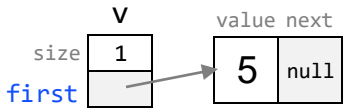

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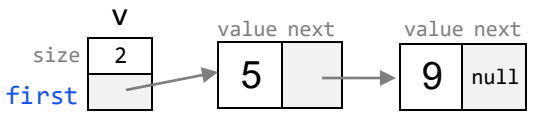

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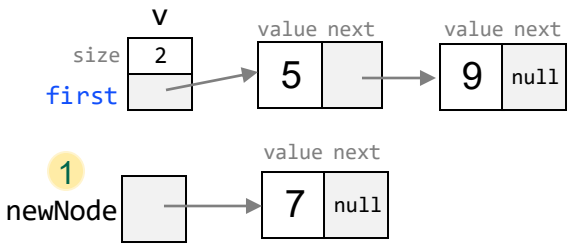

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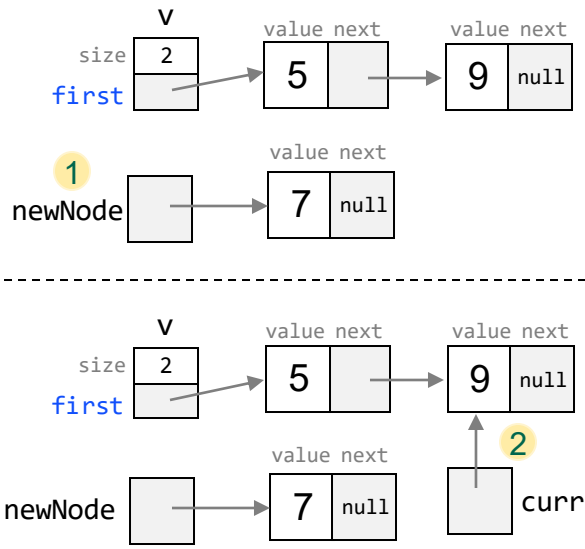

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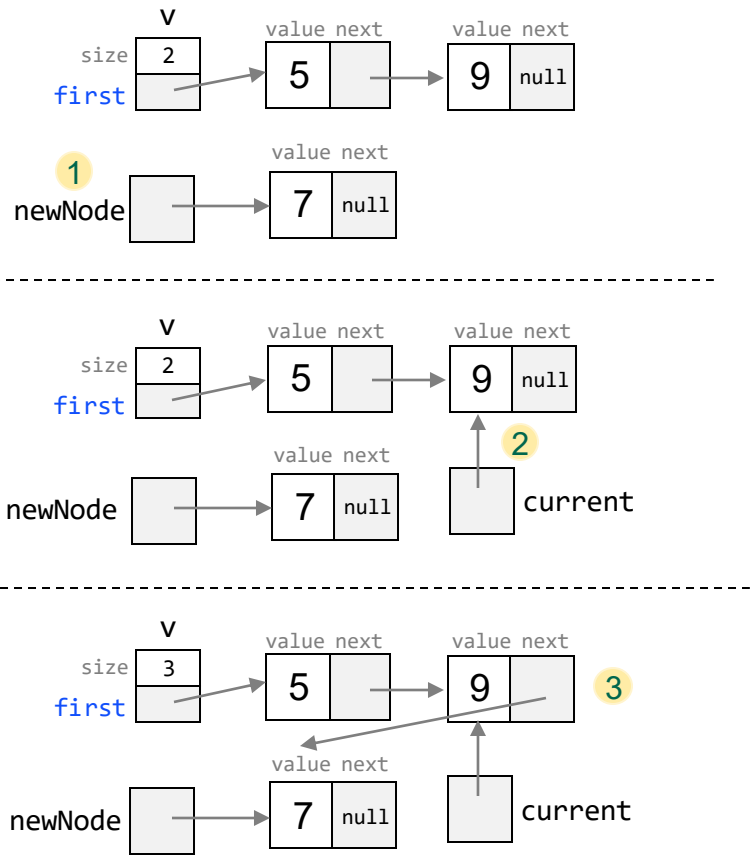

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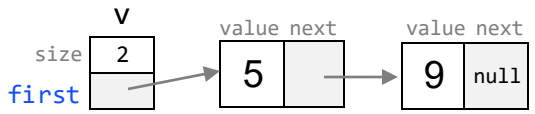

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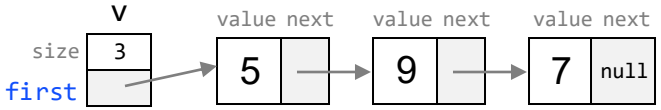

Adding elements (to the list's beginning)

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/** A linked list of integer values. */
public class List {

    private Node first;
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    /** Constructs an empty list */
    public List() {
        first = null;
        size = 0;
    }

    ...

    /** Adds the given value to the beginning of this list. */
    public void addFirst(int val) {

        Node newNode = new Node(val); // creates a new node

        newNode.next = first; // new node → first node

        first = newNode;      // first → new node

        size++;

    }

    ...
}
```

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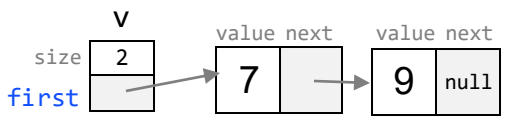

Suppose that we've added `9` and `7`;

We'll track how `5 is added`.

Adding elements (to the list's beginning)

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    }

    ...

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    public void addFirst(int val) {

1       Node newNode = new Node(val); // creates a new node

2       newNode.next = first; // new node → first node

3       first = newNode;      // first → new node

        size++;

    }

    ...
}
```

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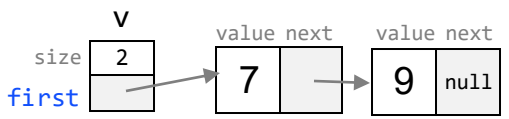

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        newNode.next = first;  // new node → first node
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    }

    ...
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// Client code: Builds a list and adds some elements
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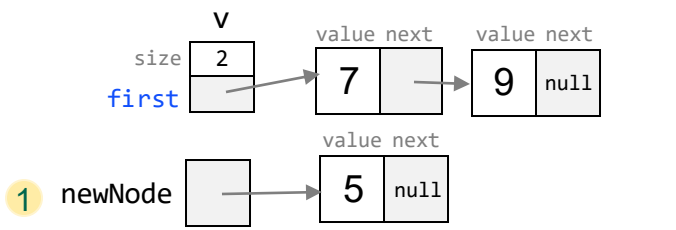
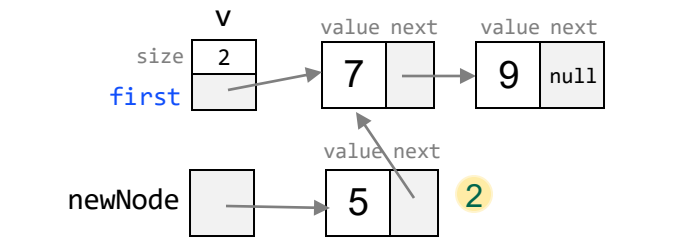
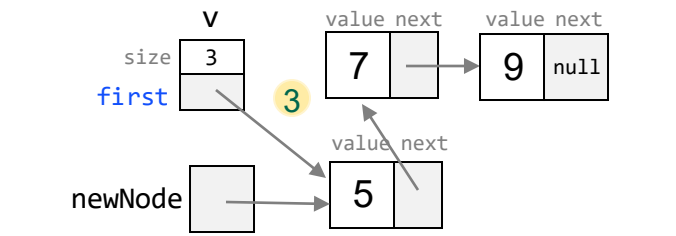
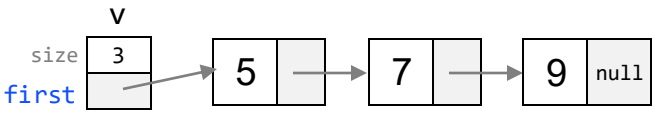






Final result (after `AddFirst` terminates):



Linked lists: Lecture plan

Motivation

Architecture

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Removing elements

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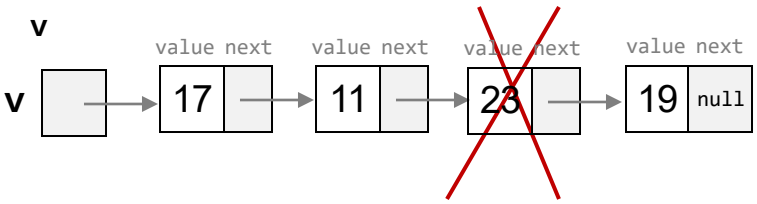
```

```
// Client code
...
v.removeValue(23);
...
```



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        while (current != null && current.value != val) {
            prev = current;
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        else {
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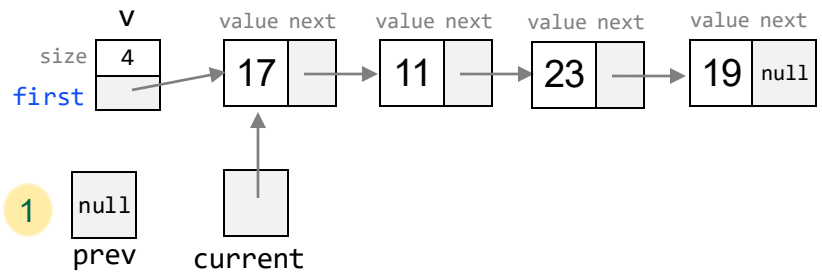

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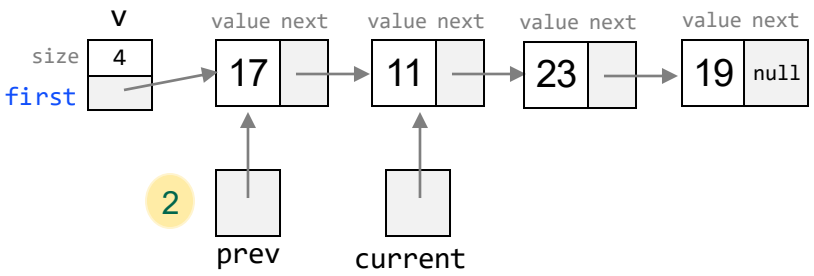

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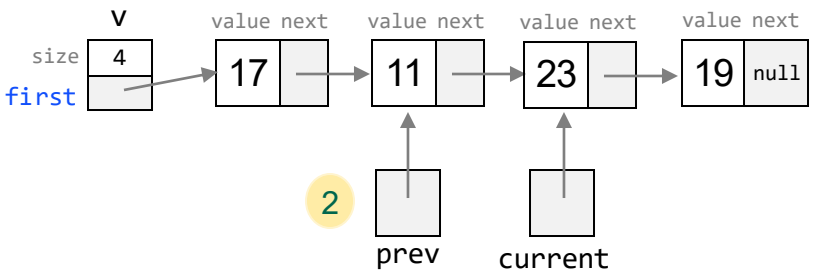

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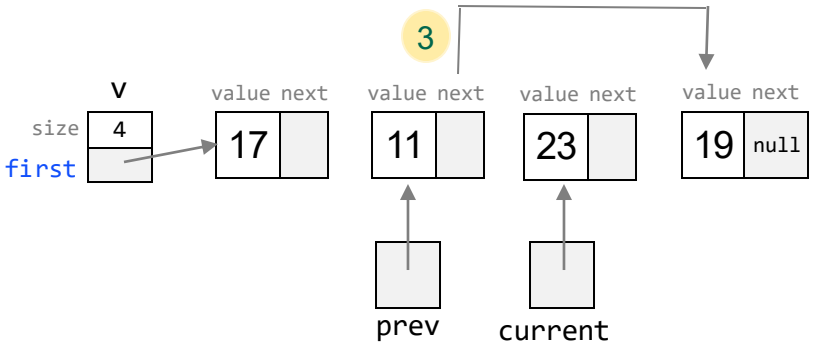

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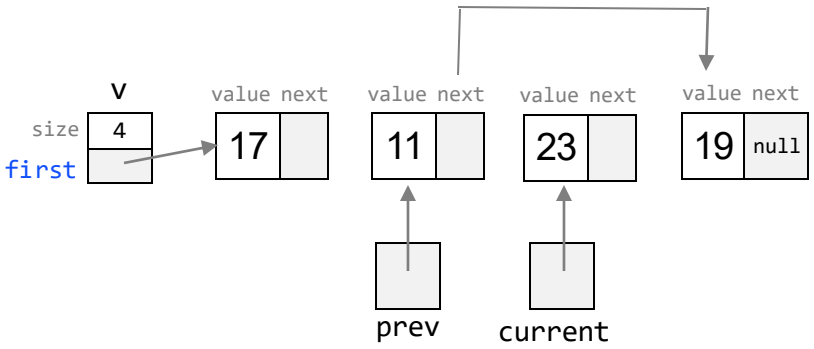
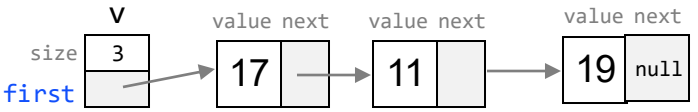


Final result (after `removeValue` terminates):



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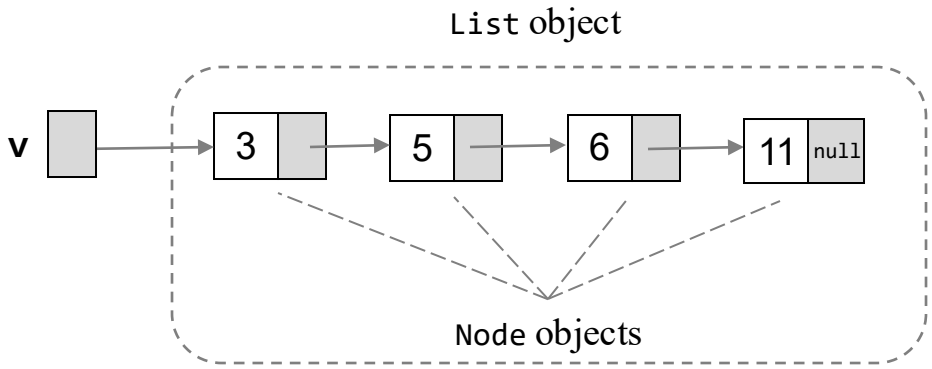
List Iterator



Based on three classes:

- `Node:` represents an individual node
- `List:` represents a list of nodes
- `ListIterator:` helps process lists

An *iterator* is an object that provides iteration services through a sequence of elements.

List class: Abstraction

API

```
/** A linked list of integer values. */
public class List {

    /** Constructs an empty list. */
    public List()

    /** Returns a string representation of this list,
     *  in the form (e1, e2, e3, ...) */
    public String toString()

    /** Adds the given value to the end of this list. */
    public void add(int val)

    /** Adds the given value at location i of this list. */
    public void add(int i, int val)
    ...
    /** Returns the location of the given value in this list. */
    public int indexOf(int val)

    /** Returns the value at location i of this list. */
    public int valueAt(int i)

    /** Removes the element at location i from this list. */
    public boolean remove(int i)
    ...
    /** Returns an iterator over the elements in this list,
     *  starting at the first element of the list. */
    public ListIterator listIterator()
}
```

Design challenge

Clients (programs that do list processing) often want to manipulate lists in ways that the API cannot anticipate

How can we allow clients to iterate lists safely, simply, and generally?

Solution

We'll provide an *iterator* service that does just that.

List iterator

```
/** Implements an iteration over the elements of a List. */
public class ListIterator {

    /** Returns an iterator, starting at the given node. */
    public ListIterator(Node first)

    /** Checks if this iteration has more elements. */
    public boolean hasNext

    /** Returns the value of the current element in this iteration,
     *  and advances the iteration. Should be called only if
     *  hasNext() is true. If hasNext() is not true, throws an
     *  exception. */
    public int next()
}
```

API

The name of the `next()` method can be confusing. It does not return the `next` field of a `Node` object. Rather, it does exactly what its documentation says.

An accurate method name could have been "`getValueAndAdvance`".

We didn't change the method's name since the `next()` name is commonly used in ietarators, and we want to use standard terminology.

An *iterator* is an object that provides iteration services through a list.

```
// Client code:
List v = new List();
v.add(1); v.add(2); v.add(4); v.add(9);
System.out.println(v);

// Uses an iterator to sum up the list values.
ListIterator itr = v.listIterator();
int sum = 0;
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    sum = sum + itr.next();
}
System.out.println("Sum: " + sum);
```

```
// Output
(1 2 4 9)
Sum: 16
```

Iterator

Provides a standard way to iterate lists without giving access to the list pointers (which makes it a safe technique to process lists).

List iterator

```
import java.util.NoSuchElementException;

/** Implements an iteration over the elements of a List. */
public class ListIterator {

    private Node current;  // current location of the iteration

    /** Returns an iterator, starting at the given node. */
    public ListIterator(Node first) {
        this.current = first;
    }

    /** Checks if this iteration has more elements. */
    public boolean hasNext() {
        return current != null;
    }

    /** Returns the next element in this iteration, and advances
     *  the iteration. Should be called only if hasNext() is true.
     *  If hasNext() is not true, throws an exception. */
    public int next() {
        if (!hasNext()) {
            throw new NoSuchElementException;
        }
        int value = current.value;
        // Advances this iteration to the next element
        current = current.next;
        return value;
    }
}
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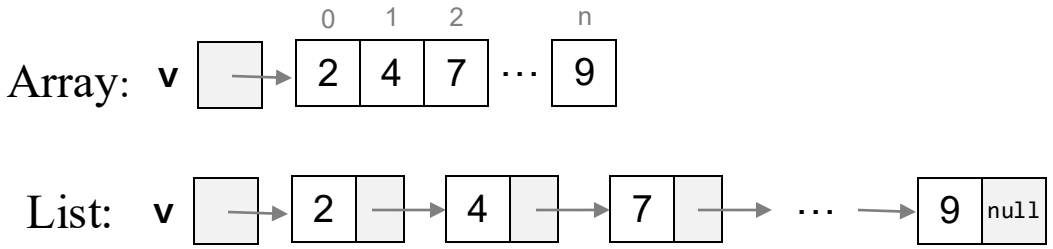
Observation

Unlike other objects that we saw so far, an iterator is not a data-oriented object, but rather a process-oriented object.

Next lecture

Basic data structures



Abstract Data Structures (ADTs)

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Set

Stack

Queue

Map

Tree

...

Typically implemented using arrays or lists