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Lab #3

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Description:

We were given the task of implementing different functions of a sorted linked list for this lab as well as including the running times of each function compared to an unsorted linked list. Using numbers as data inside the nodes, the list must be sorted at all times. Keeping that in mind, inserting and deleting nodes must be done in a way where the list will stay sorted.

Function	SortedList	List
Print()	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Insert(i)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
Delete(i)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Merge(M)	$O(n*m)$	$O(n)$
IndexOf(i)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Clear()	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Min()	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Max()	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
HasDuplicates()	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Select(k)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

Solution design and Implementation:

Print:

The print function is self explanatory, it will print all the nodes in the list. Since the list is always sorted, printing the list will always be in ascending order. To do this, I set a temporary node that takes the head. Then I set up a loop to keep going as long as the temporary pointer is not None/Null. As it iterates through the list, it prints out each data/element then moves to the next node.

```
23
24 # Print function prints list's items in order using a loop
25 def Print(self):
26     t = self.head
27     while t is not None:
28         print(t.data, end=' ')
29         t = t.next
30     print()
31
```

Insert:

Insert is one of the functions that keeps the list sorted at all times. As it takes in a new node and data, it will correctly insert it in the list at the correct position. With that in mind, the first thing that needs to be done is to check if the list is empty. If it is, just point the head to a new node containing the new data. Otherwise, that means the list is not empty. Now we check if the data at the head node is more than or the same as the new node's data. If it is, insert the new node at the head. Finally if none of those conditions are met, we traverse the list to find the correct position for our new node.

```
32 # Insert function takes self, and a data input as and inserts into the correct
33 # ascending position in the list
34 def Insert(self, data):
35     n=Node(data)
36     # check for empty list
37     if self.head is None:
38         n.next = self.head
39         self.head = n
40
41     # check for head at end
42     elif self.head.data >= n.data:
43         n.next = self.head
44         self.head = n
45
46     else:
47         # locate the node before the point of insertion
48         current = self.head
49         while(current.next is not None and
50               current.next.data < n.data):
51             current = current.next
52
53         n.next = current.next
54         current.next = n
```

Delete:

The delete function takes “i” as a parameter to be used as a key for the node that needs to be removed. This function keeps the list sorted as well by making sure the previous node points to the node after the deleted node. To do this, I set 2 temporary pointers, prev and t. If the list is empty, just return and do nothing. If the the key/“i” is the head of the list, move the head pointer to the next node. Otherwise, we traverse the list with the condition that we have not hit the end of the list and if the current data were looking at is not equal to the key/“i”. During each iteration, we will be advancing both pointers. Once we get out, that means we have found the node with “i”. We use our prev pointer and t pointer to fix the list in ascending order.

```
55 # Delete function deletes input data "i" and
56 def Delete(self, i):
57     t=self.head
58     #previous node
59     prev=None
60
61     # check if "i" is the head of the list
62     if t.data == i:
63         self.head = self.head.next
64         return
65     # iterate through list
66     while t is not None and t.data !=i:
67         prev = t
68         t = t.next
69     if t is None:
70         return
71     # fix list to ascending order
72     prev.next=t.next
73     t = None
74
```

Merge:

The Merge function takes another sorted list as an argument and merges it with the original list. To do this, I set temporary nodes for the head of the original, second list and created a new node for the third. Then it goes into a loop as long as the first and second temporary pointers are not none. While inside the loop, I compare the current node data on both lists. If the current data in the first list is smaller than the second, add the current element in the first list to the new list then advance the first list pointer to the next node. Otherwise, the current data in the

second list goes into the new list, then advance the pointer for the second list. Once the end of the list is reached, append the other list.

```
75     def Merge(self, M):
76         #first list
77         t=self.head
78         #second list
79         t2=M.head
80         #new list to add sorted elements from first and second list
81         t3=Node(None)
82
83         #iterate through both lists
84         while t is not None and t2 is not None:
85
86             #check if current data in the first list is less than
87             #the second. if it is, add current element in the first
88             #list to the new list
89             if t.data <= t2.data:
90                 t3.next=t
91                 t=t.next
92             #otherwise, element in the second list gets added to new list
93             else:
94                 t3.next=t2
95                 t2=t2.next
96             t3=t3.next
97
98         #once we reach end of the list, append the other list
99         if t == None:
100             t3.next = t2
101         elif t2 == None:
102             t3.next = t
103
```

IndexOf:

This function takes “i” as an argument, and returns the location or index of it. I set a temporary pointer t and created a counter variable. Then, it iterate through the list with a while loop until the end of the list. Inside the loop, I check if the current data is equal to the value of i, if it is, we return and print the count number. Otherwise, we keep iterating through the list by advancing the temporary pointer and add 1 to the counter. If it reaches the end of the list without finding i, we return and print -1.

```
104     #IndexOf takes an input "i" and returns the element at index of "i"
105     def IndexOf(self, i):
106
107         t=self.head
108         count=0
109
110         #iterate through list
111         while t is not None:
112             #once current data matches "i", it will return count number
113             if t.data==i:
114                 return print(count)
115             else:
116                 t=t.next
117                 #add 1 to count for every iteration
118                 count+=1
119         #return -1 if "i" is not in the list
120         return print(-1)
121
```

Clear:

The Clear function deletes all the elements in the list. We check if the list is empty. If it is, we will return nothing. Otherwise, we just set the list head to None.

```
122     #Clear function will delete all elements in the list
123     def Clear(self):
124         #check if the list is empty
125         if self.head is None:
126             return
127         #otherwise, delete the list by assigning None to self's head
128         self.head=None
```

Min:

Min function returns the minimum element in the list. Since this list is always sorted, we only need to return the first element in the list. If the list is not empty, we simply return the head's data. Otherwise, we return math.inf

```
130     #Min returns the minimum value in the list
131     def Min(self):
132         #check if the list is empty
133         if self.head is not None:
134             #return the first element in the sorted list
135             return print(self.head.data)
136         #if the list is empty, it returns math.inf
137         else:
138             return print(math.inf)
```

Max:

This function returns the biggest element in the list. Since this list is always sorted, we only need to return the last element in the list. We check if the list is empty, if it is, return math.inf. Otherwise, iterate through the list using 2 pointers with the current and previous nodes. Once the current node reaches the end, prev will be pointing to the last node. We can just return the data of the previous pointer.

*This function could have been done at $O(1)$ running time if a tail pointer was required and implemented

```
139     #Max returns the maximum value in the list
140     def Max(self):
141
142         #check if list is empty, return math.inf if it is
143         if self.head is None:
144             return print(math.inf)
145         #have two pointers, one with current node
146         #and one with previous
147         t=self.head.next
148         prev=self.head
149
150         #iterate through list
151         while t is not None:
152             t=t.next
153             prev=prev.next
154         #return the last element of the list(prev.data)
155         return print(prev.data)
```

HasDuplicates:

This function checks if the list has duplicates. It returns true if there are and false if otherwise. We first check if the list is empty. If it is, we return and print “Empty List”. We set 2 temporary pointers for the first and second node. Then we iterate through the list, comparing adjacent elements if they match. If they do, we return True. Otherwise, we keep moving both pointers. Since this list is always sorted, duplicate elements will always be next to each other. If we reach the end of the list, we return False.

```
157     #This function checks if the list has duplicates
158     def HasDuplicates(self):
159
160         #check if the list is empty
161         if self.head is None:
162             return print('Empty List')
163
164         #have two pointers of nodes next to each other (since
165         #list is always sorted)
166         t=self.head
167         #t2 is ahead by one element
168         t2=self.head.next
169
170         #iterate through the list
171         while t2 is not None:
172             #check if the elements are matching
173             if t.data==t2.data:
174                 return print(True)
175             else:
176                 #move both pointers
177                 t=t.next
178                 t2=t2.next
179         #if the loop has reached the end, then there are no duplicates
180         return print(False)
```

Select:

This function is similar to lab 2, it returns the kth smallest element in the list. We first start by setting a pointer to the head and initialize a counter. We then iterate through the list and check if k is equal to the counter, if its the first element, return the data. Otherwise, we keep going through the list and add 1 to the counter for every iteration. If we reach the end, we return math.inf

```
182     #This function takes k as an input for the kth element in the list
183     def Select(self, k):
184
185         t=self.head
186         count=0
187
188         #iterate through the list
189         while t is not None:
190             #check if the kth element is equal to count
191             if k == count:
192                 #return the data
193                 return print(t.data)
194             #otherwise, keep going through the list and add 1 to count
195             else:
196                 t=t.next
197                 count+=1
198         #once the loop has reached the end, the kth element is
199         #not in the list. return math.inf
200         return print(math.inf)
```

Experimental Results:

```
201
202 L=SortedList()
203 L2=SortedList()
204 L3=SortedList()
205
206 L.Insert(0)
207 L.Insert(1)
208 L.Insert(2)
209 L.Insert(3)
210
211 L2.Insert(4)
212 L2.Insert(8)
213 L2.Insert(8)
214 L2.Insert(6)
215
```

Adding elements into the list using Insert function

Using the Print function to show the SortedList

```
216 print('Print L1:',end=' ')
217 L.Print()
218 print('Print L2:',end=' ')
219 L2.Print()
220 print('')
```

```
Print L1: 0 1 2 3
Print L2: 4 6 8 8
```

Merge function and printing list after calling

```
222 print('Merge:',end=' ')
223 L.Merge(L2)
224 L.Print()
```

```
Merge: 0 1 2 3 4 6 8 8
```

Delete(6) and printing list after calling

```
226 print('Delete #6:',end=' ')
227 L.Delete(6)
228 L.Print()
```

```
Delete #6: 0 1 2 3 4 8 8
```

IndexOf(8)

```
230 print('IndexOf #8:',end=' ')
231 L.IndexOf(8)
```

```
IndexOf #8: 5
```


Min Function

```
233 print('Min:',end=' ')\n234 L.Min()
```

Min: 0

Max Function

```
236 print('Max:',end=' ')\n237 L.Max()
```

Max: 8

HasDuplicates Function

```
239 print('HasDuplicates:',end=' ')\n240 L.HasDuplicates()
```

HasDuplicates: True

Select(2) Function

```
243 print('Select #2:',end=' ')\n244 L.Select(2)
```

Select #2: 2

Clear Function

```
246 print('Clear:',end=' ')\n247 L.Clear()\n248 L.Print()
```

Clear:

Conclusion:

This lab was very helpful to learn different functions of linked lists. Although having the list sorted at all times makes easier for some functions to work more efficiently (min and max), most of the functions had the same running time as if the list was not sorted (with the exception of merge). Compared to other labs, this was much easier, less time consuming and less confusing.

Appendix:

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"""
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"""

import math

class Node(object):
    # Constructor
    def __init__(self, data, next=None):
        self.data = data
        self.next = next

#List Functions
class SortedList(object):
    # Constructor
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = None

# Print function prints list's items in order using a loop
def Print(self):
    t = self.head
    while t is not None:
        print(t.data, end=' ')
        t = t.next
    print()

# Insert function takes self, and a data input as and inserts into the correct
# ascending position in the list
def Insert(self, data):
    n=Node(data)
    # check for empty list
    if self.head is None:
```

```

        n.next = self.head
        self.head = n

# check for head at end
elif self.head.data >= n.data:
    n.next = self.head
    self.head = n

else:
    # locate the node before the point of insertion
    current = self.head
    while(current.next is not None and
           current.next.data < n.data):
        current = current.next

    n.next = current.next
    current.next = n

# Delete function deletes input data "i" and
def Delete(self, i):
    t=self.head
    #previous node
    prev=None

    # check if "i" is the head of the list
    if t.data == i:
        self.head = self.head.next
        return
    # iterate through list
    while t is not None and t.data !=i:
        prev = t
        t = t.next
    if t is None:
        return
    # fix list to ascending order
    prev.next=t.next
    t = None

def Merge(self, M):
    #first list
    t=self.head
    #second list
    t2=M.head
    #new list to add sorted elements from first and second list
    t3=Node(None)

    #iterate through both lists
    while t is not None and t2 is not None:

        #check if current data in the first list is less than
        #the second. if it is, add current element in the first
        #list to the new list
        if t.data <= t2.data:
            t3.next=t
            t=t.next

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        #otherwise, element in the second list gets added to new list
    else:
        t3.next=t2
        t2=t2.next
        t3=t3.next

    #once we reach end of the list, append the other list
    if t == None:
        t3.next = t2
    elif t2 == None:
        t3.next = t

#IndexOf takes an input "i" and returns the element at index of "i"
def IndexOf(self, i):

    t=self.head
    count=0

    #iterate through list
    while t is not None:
        #once current data matches "i", it will return count number
        if t.data==i:
            return print(count)
        else:
            t=t.next
            #add 1 to count for every iteration
            count+=1
    #return -1 if "i" is not in the list
    return print(-1)

#Clear function will delete all elements in the list
def Clear(self):
    #check if the list is empty
    if self.head is None:
        return
    #otherwise, delete the list by assigning None to self's head
    self.head=None

#Min returns the minimum value in the list
def Min(self):
    #check if the list is empty
    if self.head is not None:
        #return the first element in the sorted list
        return print(self.head.data)
    #if the list is empty, it returns math.inf
    else:
        return print(math.inf)
#Max returns the maximum value in the list
def Max(self):

    #check if list is empty, return math.inf if it is
    if self.head is None:
        return print(math.inf)
    #have two pointers, one with current node

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```

#and one with previous
t=self.head.next
prev=self.head

#iterate through list
while t is not None:
    t=t.next
    prev=prev.next
#return the last element of the list(prev.data)
return print(prev.data)

```

#This function checks if the list has duplicates

```

def HasDuplicates(self):

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```

    #check if the list is empty
    if self.head is None:
        return print('Empty List')

```

```

    #have two pointers of nodes next to each other (since
    #list is always sorted)
    t=self.head
    #t2 is ahead by one element
    t2=self.head.next

```

```

    #iterate through the list
    while t2 is not None:
        #check if the elements are matching
        if t.data==t2.data:
            return print(True)
        else:
            #move both pointers
            t=t.next
            t2=t2.next
    #if the loop has reached the end, then there are no duplicates
    return print(False)

```

#This function takes k as an input for the kth element in the list

```

def Select(self, k):

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```

    t=self.head
    count=0

    #iterate through the list
    while t is not None:
        #check if the kth element is equal to count
        if k == count:
            #return the data
            return print(t.data)
        #otherwise, keep going through the list and add 1 to count
        else:
            t=t.next
            count+=1
    #once the loop has reached the end, the kth element is
    #not in the list. return math.inf

```

```

        return print(math.inf)

L=SortedList()
L2=SortedList()
L3=SortedList()

L.Insert(0)
L.Insert(1)
L.Insert(2)
L.Insert(3)

L2.Insert(4)
L2.Insert(8)
L2.Insert(8)
L2.Insert(6)
print()
print('Print L1:',end=' ')
L.Print()
print('Print L2:',end=' ')
L2.Print()
print("")

print('Merge:',end=' ')
L.Merge(L2)
L.Print()

print('Delete #6:',end=' ')
L.Delete(6)
L.Print()

print('IndexOf #8:',end=' ')
L.IndexOf(8)
#L.Clear()
print('Min:',end=' ')
L.Min()

print('Max:',end=' ')
L.Max()
#L.Clear()
print('HasDuplicates:',end=' ')
L.HasDuplicates()

print('Select #2:',end=' ')
L.Select(2)

print('Clear:',end=' ')
L.Clear()
L.Print()

```

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"I certify that this project is entirely my own work. I wrote, debugged, and tested the code being presented, performed the experiments, and wrote the report. I also certify that I did not share my code or report or provided inappropriate assistance to any student in the class."

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