Linked Lists & Arrays

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1 More Practice with Linked Lists

```
public class SLList {
        private class IntNode {
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            public int item;
            public IntNode next;
            public IntNode(int item, IntNode next) {
                this.item = item;
                this.next = next;
            }
        }
        private IntNode first;
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        public void addFirst(int x) {
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            first = new IntNode(x, first);
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        }
    }
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```

(a) Implement SLList.insert which takes in an integer x and an integer position. It inserts x at the given position. If position is after the end of the list, insert the new node at the end.

For example, if the SLList is $5 \to 6 \to 2$, insert(10, 1) results in $5 \to 10 \to 6 \to 2$ and if the SLList is $5 \to 6 \to 2$, insert(10, 7) results in $5 \to 6 \to 2 \to 10$. Additionally, for this problem assume that position is a non-negative integer.

```
public void insert(int item, int position) {
    if (first == null || position == 0) {
        addFirst(item);
        return;
    }
    IntNode currentNode = first;
    while (position > 1 && currentNode.next != null) {
        position--;
        currentNode = currentNode.next;
    }
    IntNode newNode = new IntNode(item, currentNode.next);
    currentNode.next = newNode;
}
```

(b) Add another method to SLList that recursively removes all nodes that contain

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a certain item. This method takes in an integer \boldsymbol{x} and destructively changes the list.

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For example, if the SLList is 3 → 5 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 5, removeItem(5) results
in 3 → 4 → 6.

public void removeItem(int x) {
    first = removeItemHelper(x, first);
}

private IntNode removeItemHelper(int x, IntNode current) {
    if (current == null) {
        return null;
    } else if (current.item == x) {
        return removeItemHelper(x, current.next);
    } else {
        current.next = removeItemHelper(x, current.next);
        return current;
    }
}
```

(c) Extra: Add another method to the SLList class that reverses the elements. Do this using the existing IntNode objects (you should not use new).

```
public void reverse() {
    if (first == null || first.next == null) {
        return;
    }

    IntNode ptr = first.next;
    first.next = null;

    while (ptr != null) {
        IntNode temp = ptr.next;
        ptr.next = first;
        first = ptr;
        ptr = temp;
    }
}
```

2 Arrays

(a) Consider a method that inserts an int item into an int[] arr at the given position. The method should return the resulting array. For example, if arr = [5, 9, 14, 15], item = 6, and position = 2, then the method should return [5, 9, 6, 14, 15]. If position is past the end of the array, insert item at the end of the array. Assume we will only ever pass in a non-negative position.

Is it possible to write a version of this method that returns void and changes arr in place (i.e., destructively)? *Hint:* These arrays are filled meaning an array containing n elements will have length n.

No, because arrays have a fixed size, so to add an element, you need to create a new array.

Fill in the below according to the method signature:

```
public static int[] insert(int[] arr, int item, int position) {
    int[] result = new int[arr.length + 1];
    position = Math.min(arr.length, position);
    for (int i = 0; i < position; i++) {
        result[i] = arr[i];
    }
    result[position] = item;
    for (int i = position; i < arr.length; i++) {
        result[i + 1] = arr[i];
    }
    return result;
}</pre>
```

(b) Write a non-destructive method replicate(int[] arr) that replaces the number at index i with arr[i] copies of itself. For example, replicate([3, 2, 1]) would return [3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1]. For this question assume that all elements of the array are positive.