

# CHAPTER 24

## IMPLEMENTING LISTS, STACKS, QUEUES, AND PRIORITY QUEUES

### Objectives

- To design common operations of lists in an interface and make the interface a subtype of **Collection** (§24.2).
- To design and implement an array list using an array (§24.3).
- To design and implement a linked list using a linked structure (§24.4).
- To design and implement a stack class using an array list and a queue class using a linked list (§24.5).
- To design and implement a priority queue using a heap (§24.6).



## 24.1 Introduction



*This chapter focuses on implementing data structures.*

Lists, stacks, queues, and priority queues are classic data structures typically covered in a data structures course. They are supported in the Java API, and their uses were presented in Chapter 20, Lists, Stacks, Queues, and Priority Queues. This chapter will examine how these data structures are implemented under the hood. Implementation of sets and maps will be covered in Chapter 27. Through these implementations, you will gain valuable insight on data structures and learn how to design and implement custom data structures.

## 24.2 Common Operations for Lists



*Common operations of lists are defined in the **List** interface.*

A list is a popular data structure for storing data in sequential order—for example, a list of students, a list of available rooms, a list of cities, and a list of books. You can perform the following operations on a list:

- Retrieve an element from the list.
- Insert a new element into the list.
- Delete an element from the list.
- Find out how many elements are in the list.
- Determine whether an element is in the list.
- Check whether the list is empty.

There are two ways to implement a list. One is to use an *array* to store the elements. Array size is fixed. If the capacity of the array is exceeded, you need to create a new, larger array and copy all the elements from the current array to the new array. The other approach is to use a *linked structure*. A linked structure consists of nodes. Each node is dynamically created to hold an element. All the nodes are linked together to form a list. Thus, you can define two classes for lists. For convenience, let's name these two classes **MyArrayList** and **MyLinkedList**. These two classes have common operations but different implementations.

For an interactive demo on how array lists and linked lists work, see <https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/ArrayListBook.html> and <https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/LinkedListBook.html>, as shown in Figure 24.1.



### Design Guide

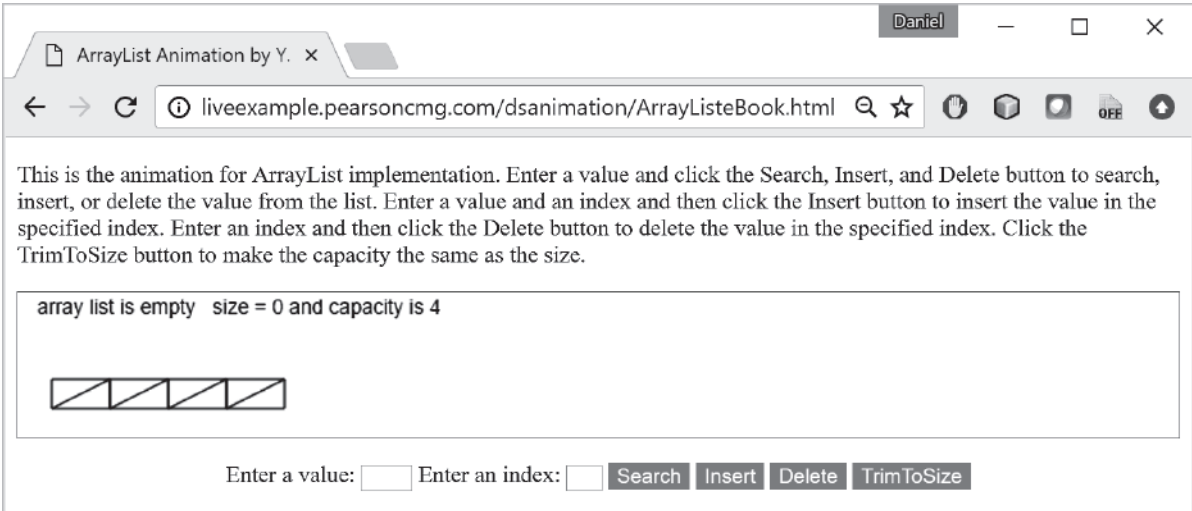
Prior to Java 8, a popular design strategy for Java data structures is to define common operations in interfaces and provide convenient abstract classes for partially implementing the interfaces. So, the concrete classes can simply extend the convenient abstract classes without implementing the full interfaces. Java 8 enables you to define default methods. You can provide default implementation for some of the methods in the interfaces rather than in convenient abstract classes. Using default methods eliminate the need for convenient abstract classes.

default methods in interfaces

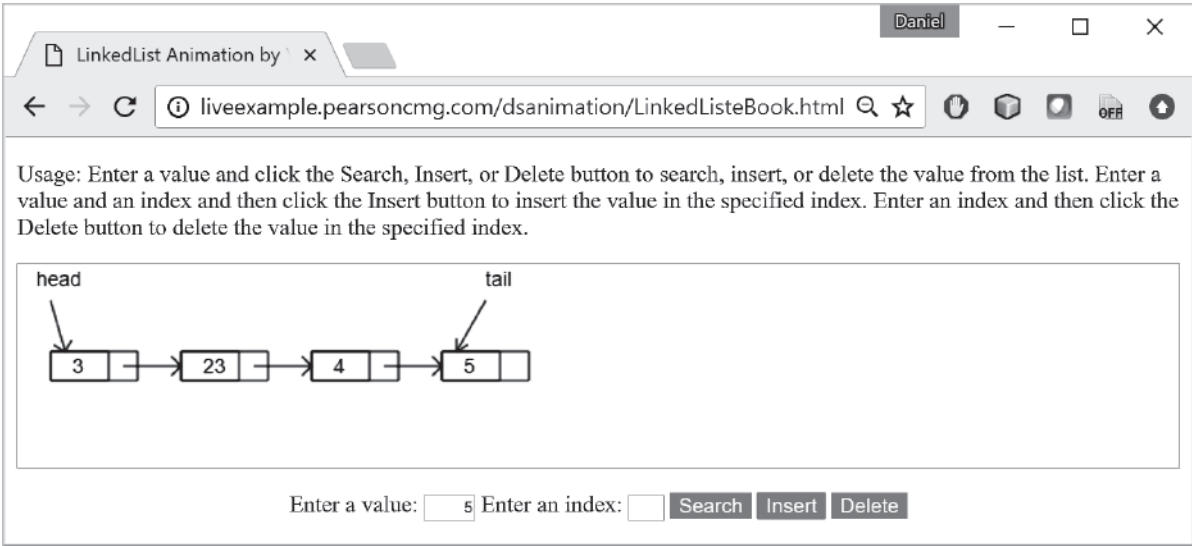


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Let us name the interface **MyList** and define it as a subtype of **Collection** so the common operations in the **Collection** interface are also available in **MyList**. Figure 24.2 shows the relationship of **Collection**, **MyList**, **MyArrayList**, and **MyLinkedList**. The methods in **MyList** are shown in Figure 24.3. Listing 24.1 gives the source code for **MyList**.



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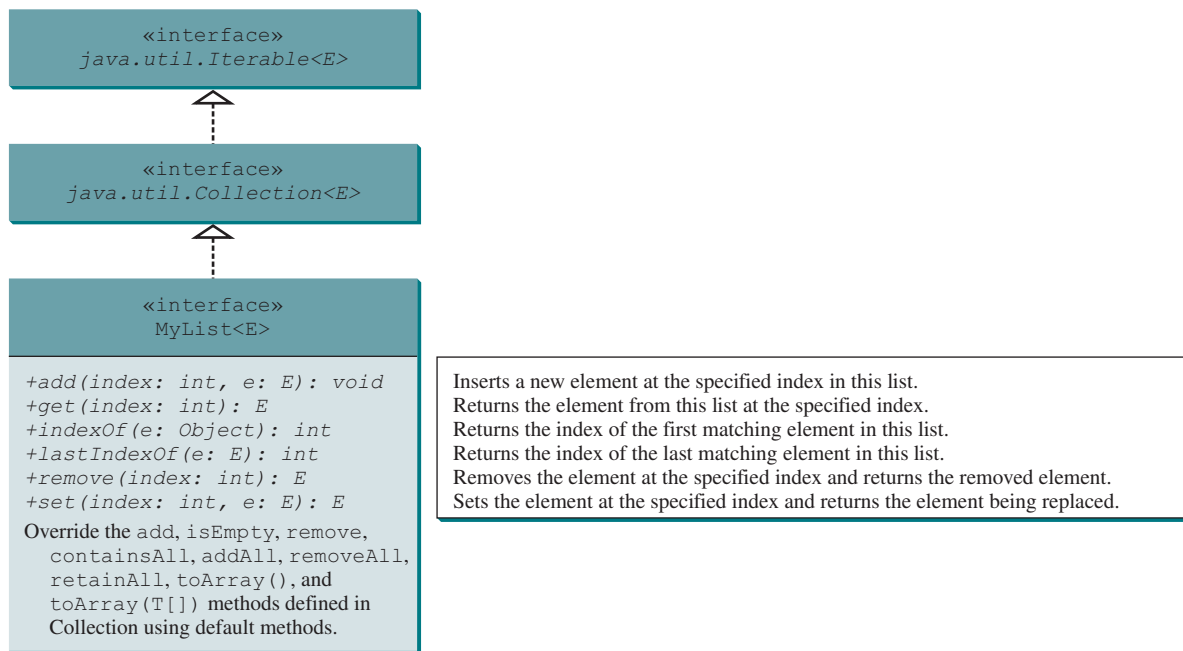


(b) LinkedList animation

**FIGURE 24.1** The animation tool enables you to see how array lists and linked lists work.



**FIGURE 24.2** `MyList` defines a common interface for `MyArrayList` and `MyLinkedList`.



**FIGURE 24.3** `MyList` defines the methods for manipulating a list and partially implements some of the methods defined in the `Collection` interface.

### LISTING 24.1 `MyList.java`

```

1  import java.util.Collection;
2
3  public interface MyList<E> extends Collection<E> {
4      /** Add a new element at the specified index in this list */
5      public void add(int index, E e);
6
7      /** Return the element from this list at the specified index */
8      public E get(int index);
9
10     /** Return the index of the first matching element in this list.
11      * Return -1 if no match. */
12     public int indexOf(Object e);
13
14     /** Return the index of the last matching element in this list
15      * Return -1 if no match. */
16     public int lastIndexOf(E e);
17
18     /** Remove the element at the specified position in this list
19      * Shift any subsequent elements to the left.
20      * Return the element that was removed from the list. */
21     public E remove(int index);
22
23     /** Replace the element at the specified position in this list
24      * with the specified element and returns the new set. */
25     public E set(int index, E e);
26
27     @Override /** Add a new element at the end of this list */
28     public default boolean add(E e) {
29         add(size(), e);
30         return true;
    
```

```

31     }
32
33     @Override /** Return true if this list contains no elements */
34     public default boolean isEmpty() {                                default isEmpty()
35         return size() == 0;
36     }
37
38     @Override /** Remove the first occurrence of the element e
39      * from this list. Shift any subsequent elements to the left.
40      * Return true if the element is removed. */
41     public default boolean remove(Object e) {                          implement remove(E e)
42         if (indexOf(e) >= 0) {
43             remove(indexOf(e));
44             return true;
45         }
46         else
47             return false;
48     }
49
50     @Override
51     public default boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c) {                implement containsAll
52         // Left as an exercise
53         return true;
54     }
55
56     @Override
57     public default boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c) {           implement addAll
58         // Left as an exercise
59         return true;
60     }
61
62     @Override
63     public default boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c) {                  implement removeAll
64         // Left as an exercise
65         return true;
66     }
67
68     @Override
69     public default boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c) {                  implement retainAll
70         // Left as an exercise
71         return true;
72     }
73
74     @Override
75     public default Object[] toArray() {                                    implement toArray()
76         // Left as an exercise
77         return null;
78     }
79
80     @Override
81     public default <T> T[] toArray(T[] array) {                          implement toArray(T[])
82         // Left as an exercise
83         return null;
84     }
85 }

```

The methods `isEmpty()`, `add(E)`, `remove(E)`, `containsAll`, `addAll`, `removeAll`, `retainAll`, `toArray()`, and `toArray(T[])` are defined in the `Collection` interface. Since these methods are implementable in `MyList`, they are overridden in the `MyList` interface as default methods. The implementation for `isEmpty()`, `add(E)`, and `remove(E)` are

provided and the implementation for other default methods are left as exercises in Programming Exercise 24.1.

The following sections give the implementation for `MyArrayList` and `MyLinkedList`, respectively.



- 24.2.1** Suppose `list` is an instance of `MyList`, can you get an iterator for list using `list.iterator()`?
- 24.2.2** Can you create a list using `new MyList()`?
- 24.2.3** What methods in `Collection` are overridden as default methods in `MyList`?
- 24.2.4** What are the benefits of overriding the methods in `Collection` as default methods in `MyList`?

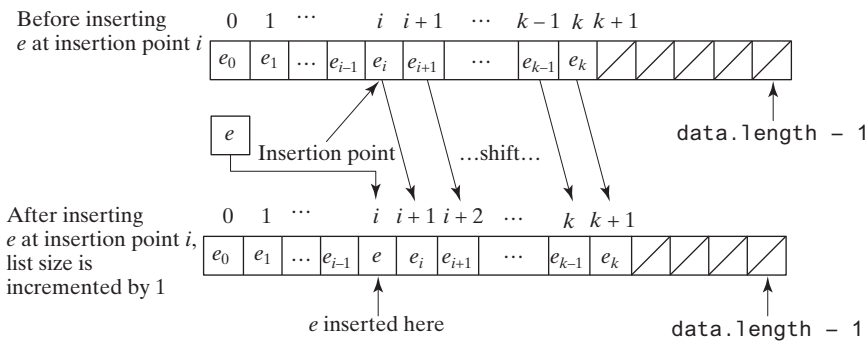
### 24.3 Array Lists



*An array list is implemented using an array.*

An array is a fixed-size data structure. Once an array is created, its size cannot be changed. Nevertheless, you can still use arrays to implement dynamic data structures. The trick is to create a larger new array to replace the current array, if the current array cannot hold new elements in the list.

Initially, an array, say `data` of `E[]` type, is created with a default size. When inserting a new element into the array, first make sure there is enough room in the array. If not, create a new array twice as large as the current one. Copy the elements from the current array to the new array. The new array now becomes the current array. Before inserting a new element at a specified index, shift all the elements after the index to the right and increase the list size by 1, as shown in Figure 24.4.



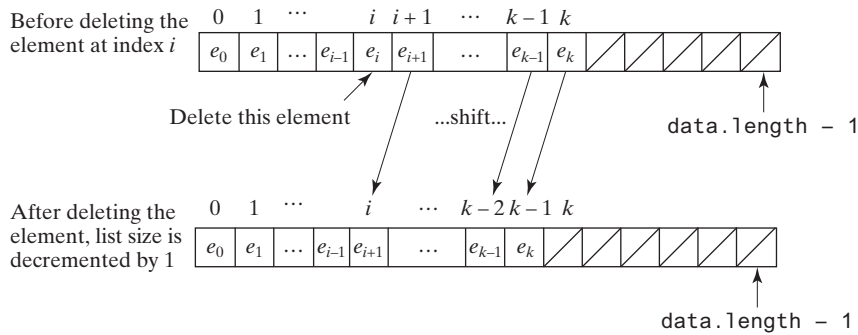
**FIGURE 24.4** Inserting a new element into the array requires that all the elements after the insertion point be shifted one position to the right, so the new element can be inserted at the insertion point.



#### Note

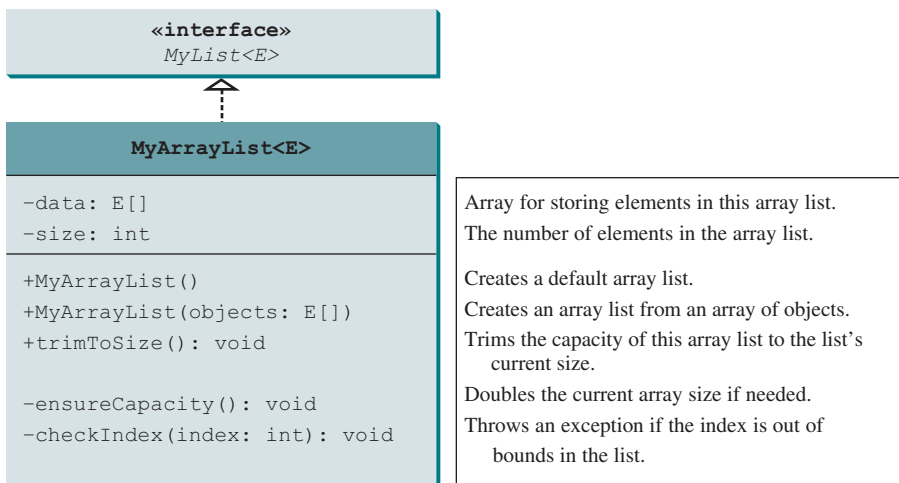
The data array is of type `E[]`. Each cell in the array actually stores the reference of an object.

To remove an element at a specified index, shift all the elements after the index to the left by one position and decrease the list size by 1, as shown in Figure 24.5.



**FIGURE 24.5** Deleting an element from the array requires that all the elements after the deletion point be shifted one position to the left.

**MyArrayList** uses an array to implement **MyList**, as shown in Figure 24.6. Its implementation is given in Listing 24.2.



**FIGURE 24.6** **MyArrayList** implements a list using an array.

## LISTING 24.2 MyArrayList.java

```

1 public class MyArrayList<E> implements MyList<E> {
2     public static final int INITIAL_CAPACITY = 16;
3     private E[] data = (E[])new Object[INITIAL_CAPACITY];
4     private int size = 0; // Number of elements in the list
5
6     /** Create an empty list */
7     public MyArrayList() {
8     }
9
10    /** Create a list from an array of objects */

```

initial capacity  
create an array  
number of elements

no-arg constructor

```

constructor      11 public MyArrayList(E[] objects) {
                  12     for (int i = 0; i < objects.length; i++)
                  13         add(objects[i]); // Warning: don't use super(objects)!
                  14     }
                  15
add              16 @Override /** Add a new element at the specified index */
                  17 public void add(int index, E e) {
                  18     // Ensure the index is in the right range
                  19     if (index < 0 || index > size)
                  20         throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException
                  21             ("Index: " + index + ", Size: " + size);
                  22
                  23     ensureCapacity();
                  24
                  25     // Move the elements to the right after the specified index
                  26     for (int i = size - 1; i >= index; i--)
                  27         data[i + 1] = data[i];
                  28
                  29     // Insert new element to data[index]
                  30     data[index] = e;
                  31
                  32     // Increase size by 1
                  33     size++;
                  34 }
                  35
ensureCapacity  36 /** Create a new larger array, double the current size + 1 */
                  37 private void ensureCapacity() {
                  38     if (size >= data.length) {
                  39         E[] newData = (E[])(new Object[size * 2 + 1]);
                  40         System.arraycopy(data, 0, newData, 0, size);
                  41         data = newData;
                  42     }
                  43 }
                  44
clear           45 @Override /** Clear the list */
                  46 public void clear() {
                  47     data = (E[])new Object[INITIAL_CAPACITY];
                  48     size = 0;
                  49 }
                  50
contains        51 @Override /** Return true if this list contains the element */
                  52 public boolean contains(Object e) {
                  53     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
                  54         if (e.equals(data[i])) return true;
                  55
                  56     return false;
                  57 }
                  58
get             59 @Override /** Return the element at the specified index */
                  60 public E get(int index) {
                  61     checkIndex(index);
                  62     return data[index];
                  63 }
                  64
checkIndex      65 private void checkIndex(int index) {
                  66     if (index < 0 || index >= size)
                  67         throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException
                  68             ("Index: " + index + ", Size: " + size);
                  69 }
                  70

```



```

71  @Override /** Return the index of the first matching element
72  * in this list. Return -1 if no match. */
73  public int indexOf(Object e) {                                indexOf
74      for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
75          if (e.equals(data[i])) return i;
76
77      return -1;
78  }
79
80  @Override /** Return the index of the last matching element
81  * in this list. Return -1 if no match. */
82  public int lastIndexOf(E e) {                                  lastIndexOf
83      for (int i = size - 1; i >= 0; i--)
84          if (e.equals(data[i])) return i;
85
86      return -1;
87  }
88
89  @Override /** Remove the element at the specified position
90  * in this list. Shift any subsequent elements to the left.
91  * Return the element that was removed from the list. */
92  public E remove(int index) {                                    remove
93      checkIndex(index);
94
95      E e = data[index];
96
97      // Shift data to the left
98      for (int j = index; j < size - 1; j++)
99          data[j] = data[j + 1];
100
101      data[size - 1] = null; // This element is now null
102
103      // Decrement size
104      size--;
105
106      return e;
107  }
108
109  @Override /** Replace the element at the specified position
110  * in this list with the specified element. */
111  public E set(int index, E e) {                                    set
112      checkIndex(index);
113      E old = data[index];
114      data[index] = e;
115      return old;
116  }
117
118  @Override
119  public String toString() {                                        toString
120      StringBuilder result = new StringBuilder("[");
121
122      for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
123          result.append(data[i]);
124          if (i < size - 1) result.append(", ");
125      }
126
127      return result.toString() + "]";
128  }
129
130  /** Trims the capacity to current size */

```

```

trimToSize      131 public void trimToSize() {
                132     if (size != data.length) {
                133         E[] newData = (E[])(new Object[size]);
                134         System.arraycopy(data, 0, newData, 0, size);
                135         data = newData;
                136     } // If size == capacity, no need to trim
                137 }
                138
iterator        139 @Override /** Override iterator() defined in Iterable */
                140 public java.util.Iterator<E> iterator() {
                141     return new ArrayListIterator();
                142 }
                143
                144 private class ArrayListIterator
                145     implements java.util.Iterator<E> {
                146     private int current = 0; // Current index
                147
                148     @Override
                149     public boolean hasNext() {
                150         return current < size;
                151     }
                152
                153     @Override
                154     public E next() {
                155         return data[current++];
                156     }
                157
                158     @Override // Remove the element returned by the last next()
                159     public void remove() {
                160         if (current == 0) // next() has not been called yet
                161             throw new IllegalStateException();
                162         MyArrayList.this.remove(--current);
                163     }
                164 }
                165
size            166 @Override /** Return the number of elements in this list */
                167 public int size() {
                168     return size;
                169 }
                170 }

```

The constant **INITIAL\_CAPACITY** (line 2) is used to create an initial array **data** (line 3). Owing to generics type erasure (see Restriction 2 in Section 19.8), you cannot create a generic array using the syntax **new e[INITIAL\_CAPACITY]**. To circumvent this limitation, an array of the **Object** type is created in line 3 and cast into **E[]**. The **size** data field tracks the number of elements in the list (line 4).

**add** The **add(int index, E e)** method (lines 17–34) inserts the element **e** at the specified **index** in the array. This method first invokes **ensureCapacity()** (line 23), which ensures that there is a space in the array for the new element. It then shifts all the elements after the index one position to the right before inserting the element (lines 26 and 27). After the element is added, **size** is incremented by 1 (line 33).

**ensureCapacity** The **ensureCapacity()** method (lines 37–43) checks whether the array is full. If so, the program creates a new array that doubles the current array size + 1, copies the current array to the new array using the **System.arraycopy** method, and sets the new array as the current array. Note the current size might be 0 after invoking the **trimToSize()** method. **new Object[2 \* size + 1]** (line 39) ensures that the new size is not 0.

**clear** The **clear()** method (lines 46–49) creates a new array using the size as **INITIAL\_CAPACITY** and resets the variable **size** to 0. The class will work if line 47 is deleted. However, the class

will have a memory leak because the elements are still in the array, although they are no longer needed. By creating a new array and assigning it to **data**, the old array and the elements stored in the old array become garbage, which will be automatically collected by the JVM.

The **contains(Object e)** method (lines 52–57) checks whether element **e** is contained in the array by comparing **e** with each element in the array using the **equals** method. contains

The **get(int index)** method (lines 60–63) checks if **index** is within the range and returns **data[index]** if **index** is in the range.

The **checkIndex(int index)** method (lines 65–69) checks if **index** is within the range. If not, the method throws an **IndexOutOfBoundsException** (line 67). checkIndex

The **indexOf(Object e)** method (lines 73–78) compares element **e** with the elements in the array, starting from the first one. If a match is found, the index of the element is returned; otherwise, **-1** is returned. indexOf

The **lastIndexOf(Object e)** method (lines 82–87) compares element **e** with the elements in the array, starting from the last one. If a match is found, the index of the element is returned; otherwise, **-1** is returned. lastIndexOf

The **remove(int index)** method (lines 92–107) shifts all the elements after the index one position to the left (lines 98 and 99) and decrements **size** by **1** (line 104). The last element is not used anymore and is set to **null** (line 101). remove

The **set(int index, E e)** method (lines 111–116) simply assigns **e** to **data[index]** to replace the element at the specified index with element **e**. set

The **toString()** method (lines 119–128) overrides the **toString** method in the **Object** class to return a string representing all the elements in the list. toString

The **trimToSize()** method (lines 131–137) creates a new array whose size matches the current array-list size (line 133), copies the current array to the new array using the **System.arraycopy** method (line 134), and sets the new array as the current array (line 135). Note if **size == capacity**, there is no need to trim the size of the array. trimToSize

The **iterator()** method defined in the **java.lang.Iterable** interface is implemented to return an instance on **java.util.Iterator** (lines 140–142). The **ArrayListIterator** class implements **Iterator** with concrete methods for **hasNext**, **next**, and **remove** (lines 144–164). It uses **current** to denote the current position of the element being traversed (line 146). iterator

The **size()** method simply returns the number of elements in the array list (lines 167–169). size()

Listing 24.3 gives an example that creates a list using **MyArrayList**. It uses the **add** method to add strings to the list, and the **remove** method to remove strings. Since **MyArrayList** implements **Iterable**, the elements can be traversed using a **foreach** loop (lines 35 and 36).

### LISTING 24.3 TestMyArrayList.java

```

1 public class TestMyArrayList {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         // Create a list
4         MyList<String> list = new MyArrayList<>();
5
6         // Add elements to the list
7         list.add("America"); // Add it to the list
8         System.out.println("(1) " + list);
9
10        list.add(0, "Canada"); // Add it to the beginning of the list
11        System.out.println("(2) " + list);
12
13        list.add("Russia"); // Add it to the end of the list
14        System.out.println("(3) " + list);
15
16        list.add("France"); // Add it to the end of the list
17        System.out.println("(4) " + list);

```

create a list
add to list

```

18
19     list.add(2, "Germany"); // Add it to the list at index 2
20     System.out.println("(5) " + list);
21
22     list.add(5, "Norway"); // Add it to the list at index 5
23     System.out.println("(6) " + list);
24
25     // Remove elements from the list
26     list.remove("Canada"); // Same as list.remove(0) in this case
27     System.out.println("(7) " + list);
28
29     list.remove(2); // Remove the element at index 2
30     System.out.println("(8) " + list);
31
32     list.remove(list.size() - 1); // Remove the last element
33     System.out.print("(9) " + list + "\n(10) ");
34
35     for (String s: list)
36         System.out.print(s.toUpperCase() + " ");
37     }
38 }

```

remove from list

use iterator



```

(1) [America]
(2) [Canada, America]
(3) [Canada, America, Russia]
(4) [Canada, America, Russia, France]
(5) [Canada, America, Germany, Russia, France]
(6) [Canada, America, Germany, Russia, France, Norway]
(7) [America, Germany, Russia, France, Norway]
(8) [America, Germany, France, Norway]
(9) [America, Germany, France]
(10) AMERICA GERMANY FRANCE

```



**24.3.1** What are the limitations of the array data type?

**24.3.2** **MyArrayList** is implemented using an array, and an array is a fixed-size data structure. Why is **MyArrayList** considered a dynamic data structure?

**24.3.3** Show the length of the array in **MyArrayList** after each of the following statements is executed:

```

1  MyArrayList<Double> list = new MyArrayList<>();
2  list.add(1.5);
3  list.trimToSize();
4  list.add(3.4);
5  list.add(7.4);
6  list.add(17.4);

```

**24.3.4** What is wrong if lines 11 and 12 in Listing 24.2, **MyArrayList.java**,

```

for (int i = 0; i < objects.length; i++)
    add(objects[i]);

```

are replaced by

```

data = objects;
size = objects.length;

```

**24.3.5** If you change the code in line 33 in Listing 24.2, `MyArrayList.java`, from

```
E[] newData = (E[])(new Object[size * 2 + 1]);
```

to

```
E[] newData = (E[])(new Object[size * 2]);
```

the program is incorrect. Can you find the reason?

**24.3.6** Will the `MyArrayList` class have memory leak if the following code in line 41 is deleted?

```
data = (E[])new Object[INITIAL_CAPACITY];
```

**24.3.7** The `get(index)` method invokes the `checkIndex(index)` method (lines 59–63 in Listing 24.2) to throw an `IndexOutOfBoundsException` if the index is out of bounds. Suppose the `add(index, e)` method is implemented as follows:

```
public void add(int index, E e) {
    checkIndex(index);

    // Same as lines 23–33 in Listing 24.2 MyArrayList.java
}
```

What will happen if you run the following code?

```
MyArrayList<String> list = new MyArrayList<>();
list.add("New York");
```

## 24.4 Linked Lists

*A linked list is implemented using a linked structure.*

Since `MyArrayList` is implemented using an array, the methods `get(int index)` and `set(int index, E e)` for accessing and modifying an element through an index and the `add(E e)` method for adding an element at the end of the list are efficient. However, the methods `add(int index, E e)` and `remove(int index)` are inefficient because they require shifting a potentially large number of elements. You can use a linked structure to implement a list to improve efficiency for adding and removing an element at the beginning of a list.



### 24.4.1 Nodes

In a linked list, each element is contained in an object, called the *node*. When a new element is added to the list, a node is created to contain it. Each node is linked to its next neighbor, as shown in Figure 24.7.

A node can be created from a class defined as follows:

```
class Node<E> {
    E element;
    Node<E> next;

    public Node(E e) {
        element = e;
    }
}
```

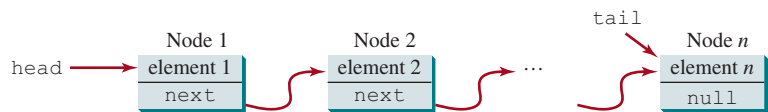


FIGURE 24.7 A linked list consists of any number of nodes chained together.

We use the variable **head** to refer to the first node in the list and the variable **tail** to the last node. If the list is empty, both **head** and **tail** are **null**. Here is an example that creates a linked list to hold three nodes. Each node stores a string element.

Step 1: Declare **head** and **tail**.

```
Node<String> head = null;    The list is empty now
Node<String> tail = null;
```

**head** and **tail** are both **null**. The list is empty.

Step 2: Create the first node and append it to the list, as shown in Figure 24.8. After the first node is inserted in the list, **head** and **tail** point to this node.

```
head = new Node<>("Chicago");    After the first node is inserted
tail = head;
```

The diagram shows a single node with 'Chicago' and 'next: null'. Both 'head' and 'tail' pointers point to this node.

FIGURE 24.8 Append the first node to the list.

Step 3: Create the second node and append it into the list, as shown in Figure 24.9a. To append the second node to the list, link the first node with the new node. The new node is now the tail node, so you should move **tail** to point to this new node, as shown in Figure 24.9b.

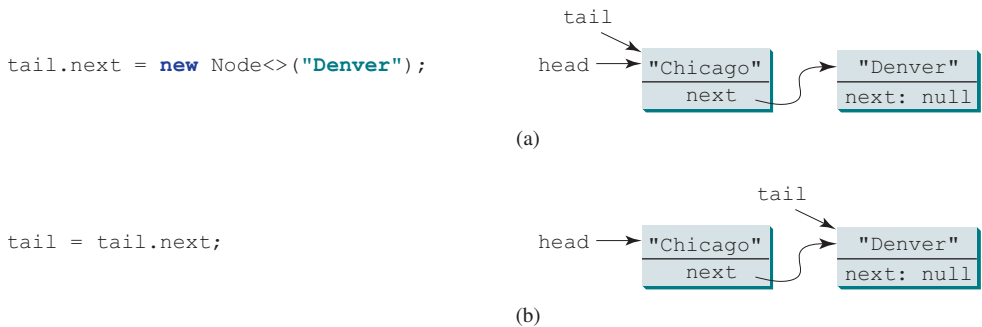
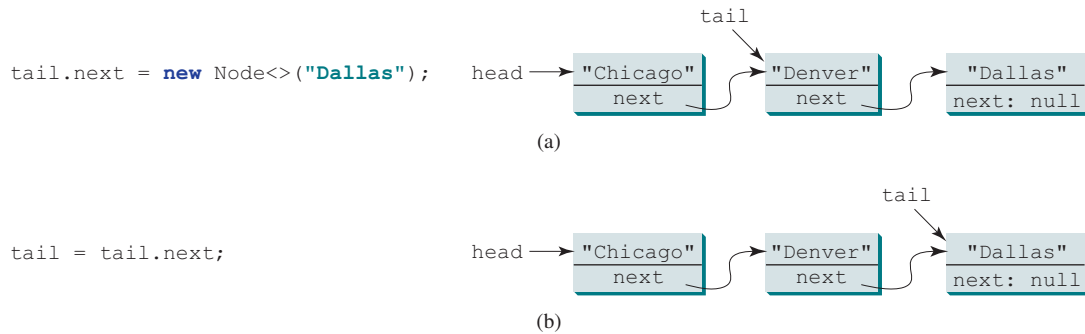


FIGURE 24.9 Append the second node to the list.

Step 4: Create the third node and append it to the list, as shown in Figure 24.10a. To append the new node to the list, link the last node in the list with the new node. The new node is now the tail node, so you should move **tail** to point to this new node, as shown in Figure 24.10b.



**FIGURE 24.10** Append the third node to the list.

Each node contains the element and a data field named **next** that points to the next element. If the node is the last in the list, its pointer data field **next** contains the value **null**. You can use this property to detect the last node. For example, you can write the following loop to traverse all the nodes in the list:

```

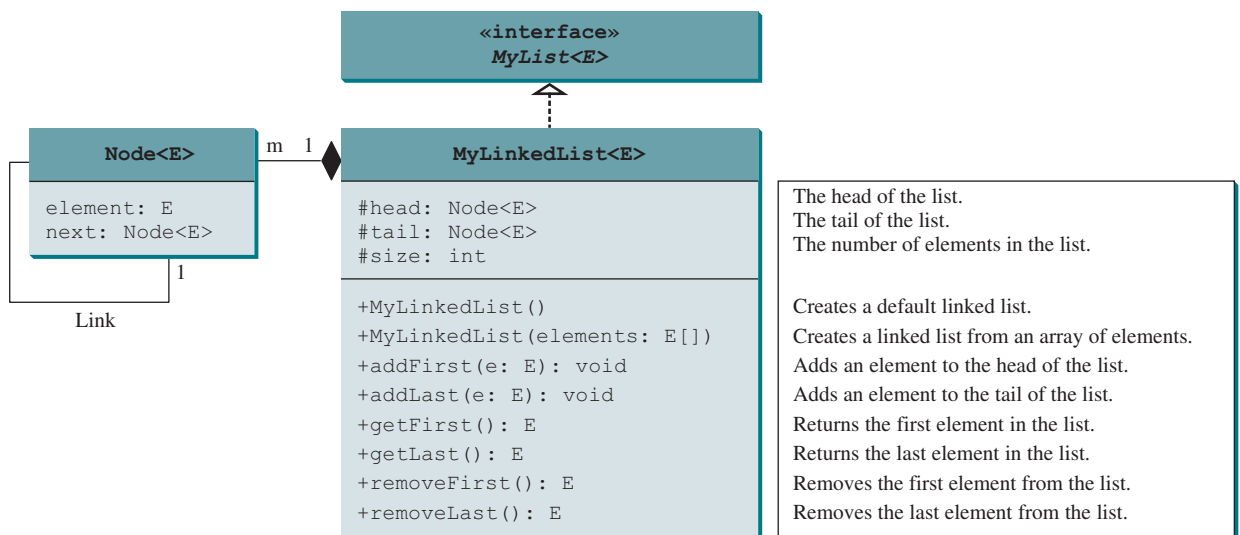
1 Node<E> current = head;
2 while (current != null) {
3     System.out.println(current.element);
4     current = current.next;
5 }
```

current pointer  
check last node  
  
next node

The variable **current** points initially to the first node in the list (line 1). In the loop, the element of the current node is retrieved (line 3) then **current** points to the next node (line 4). The loop continues until the current node is **null**.

### 24.4.2 The **MyLinkedList** Class

The **MyLinkedList** class uses a linked structure to implement a dynamic list. It implements **MyList**. In addition, it provides the methods **addFirst**, **addLast**, **removeFirst**, **removeLast**, **getFirst**, and **getLast**, as shown in Figure 24.11.



**FIGURE 24.11** **MyLinkedList** implements a list using a linked list of nodes.

Assuming the class has been implemented, Listing 24.4 gives a test program that uses the class.

### LISTING 24.4 TestMyLinkedList.java

```

1  public class TestMyLinkedList {
2      /** Main method */
3      public static void main(String[] args) {
4          // Create a list for strings
5          MyLinkedList<String> list = new MyLinkedList<>();
6
7          // Add elements to the list
8          list.add("America"); // Add it to the list
9          System.out.println("(1) " + list);
10
11         insert element
12         list.add(0, "Canada"); // Add it to the beginning of the list
13         System.out.println("(2) " + list);
14
15         append element
16         list.add("Russia"); // Add it to the end of the list
17         System.out.println("(3) " + list);
18
19         append element
20         list.addLast("France"); // Add it to the end of the list
21         System.out.println("(4) " + list);
22
23         insert element
24         list.add(2, "Germany"); // Add it to the list at index 2
25         System.out.println("(5) " + list);
26
27         insert element
28         list.add(5, "Norway"); // Add it to the list at index 5
29         System.out.println("(6) " + list);
30
31         insert element
32         list.add(0, "Poland"); // Same as list.addFirst("Poland")
33         System.out.println("(7) " + list);
34
35         // Remove elements from the list
36         list.remove(0); // Same as list.remove("Poland") in this case
37         System.out.println("(8) " + list);
38
39         remove element
40         list.remove(2); // Remove the element at index 2
41         System.out.println("(9) " + list);
42
43         remove element
44         list.remove(list.size() - 1); // Remove the last element
45         System.out.print("(10) " + list + "\n(11) ");
46
47         traverse using iterator
48         for (String s: list)
49             System.out.print(s.toUpperCase() + " ");
50
51         list.clear();
52         System.out.println("\nAfter clearing the list, the list size is "
53             + list.size());
54     }
55 }

```



```

(1) [America]
(2) [Canada, America]
(3) [Canada, America, Russia]
(4) [Canada, America, Russia, France]
(5) [Canada, America, Germany, Russia, France]
(6) [Canada, America, Germany, Russia, France, Norway]
(7) [Poland, Canada, America, Germany, Russia, France, Norway]

```



```
(8) [Canada, America, Germany, Russia, France, Norway]
(9) [Canada, America, Russia, France, Norway]
(10) [Canada, America, Russia, France]
(11) CANADA AMERICA RUSSIA FRANCE
After clearing the list, the list size is 0
```

### 24.4.3 Implementing `MyLinkedList`

Now let us turn our attention to implementing the `MyLinkedList` class. We will discuss how to implement the methods `addFirst`, `addLast`, `add(index, e)`, `removeFirst`, `removeLast`, and `remove(index)` and leave the other methods in the `MyLinkedList` class as exercises.

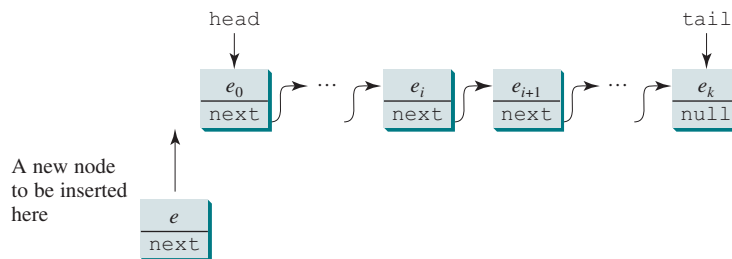
#### 24.4.3.1 Implementing `addFirst(e)`

The `addFirst(e)` method creates a new node for holding element `e`. The new node becomes the first node in the list. It can be implemented as follows:

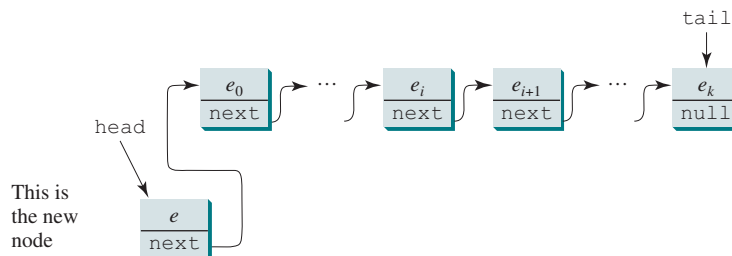
```
1 public void addFirst(E e) {
2     Node<E> newNode = new Node<>(e); // Create a new node
3     newNode.next = head; // link the new node with the head
4     head = newNode; // head points to the new node
5     size++; // Increase list size
6
7     if (tail == null) // The new node is the only node in list
8         tail = head;
9 }
```

create a node  
link with head  
head to new node  
increase size  
  
was empty?

The `addFirst(e)` method creates a new node to store the element (line 2) and inserts the node at the beginning of the list (line 3), as shown in Figure 24.12a. After the insertion, `head` should point to this new element node (line 4), as shown in Figure 24.12b.



(a) Before a new node is inserted.



(b) After a new node is inserted.

**FIGURE 24.12** A new element is added to the beginning of the list.

If the list is empty (line 7), both `head` and `tail` will point to this new node (line 8). After the node is created, `size` should be increased by 1 (line 5).

24.4.3.2 Implementing `addLast(e)`

The `addLast(e)` method creates a node to hold the element and appends the node at the end of the list. It can be implemented as follows:

```

1  public void addLast(E e) {
2      Node<E> newNode = new Node<>(e); // Create a new node for e
3
4      if (tail == null) {
5          head = tail = newNode; // The only node in list
6      }
7      else {
8          tail.next = newNode; // Link the new node with the last node
9          tail = newNode; // tail now points to the last node
10     }
11
12     size++; // Increase size
13 }

```

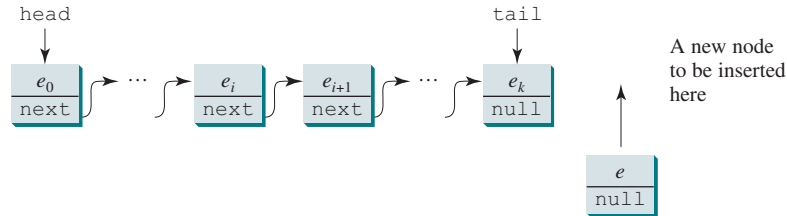
create a node

increase size

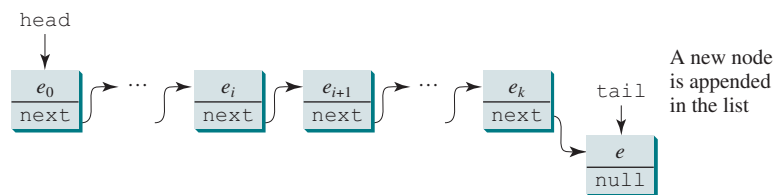
The `addLast(e)` method creates a new node to store the element (line 2) and appends it to the end of the list. Consider two cases:

1. If the list is empty (line 4), both `head` and `tail` will point to this new node (line 5);
2. Otherwise, link the node with the last node in the list (line 8). `tail` should now point to this new node (line 9). Figures 24.13a and 13b show the new node for element `e` before and after the insertion.

In any case, after the node is created, the `size` should be increased by 1 (line 12).



(a) Before a new node is inserted.



(b) After a new node is inserted.

**FIGURE 24.13** A new element is added at the end of the list.

24.4.3.3 Implementing `add(index, e)`

The `add(index, e)` method inserts an element into the list at the specified index. It can be implemented as follows:

```

1  public void add(int index, E e) {
2      if (index == 0) addFirst(e); // Insert first
3      else if (index >= size) addLast(e); // Insert last
4      else { // Insert in the middle
5          Node<E> current = head;

```

insert first

insert last

```

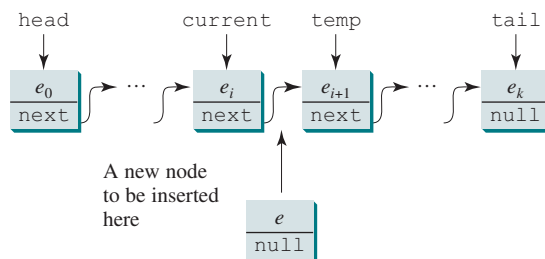
6     for (int i = 1; i < index; i++)
7         current = current.next;
8     Node<E> temp = current.next;
9     current.next = new Node<>(e);
10    (current.next).next = temp;
11    size++;
12 }
13 }

```

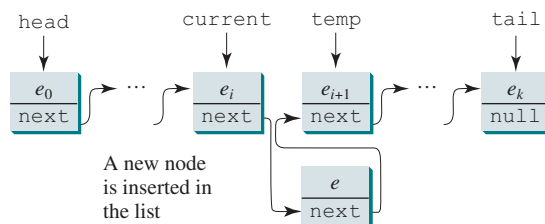
create a node  
increase size

There are three cases when inserting an element into the list:

1. If **index** is 0, invoke **addFirst(e)** (line 2) to insert the element at the beginning of the list.
2. If **index** is greater than or equal to **size**, invoke **addLast(e)** (line 3) to insert the element at the end of the list.
3. Otherwise, create a new node to store the new element and locate where to insert it. As shown in Figure 24.14a, the new node is to be inserted between the nodes **current** and **temp**. The method assigns the new node to **current.next** and assigns **temp** to the new node's **next**, as shown in Figure 24.14b. The size is now increased by 1 (line 11).



(a) Before a new node is inserted.



(b) After a new node is inserted.

**FIGURE 24.14** A new element is inserted in the middle of the list.

#### 24.4.3.4 Implementing **removeFirst()**

The **removeFirst()** method removes the first element from the list. It can be implemented as follows:

```

1 public E removeFirst() {
2     if (size == 0) return null; // Nothing to delete
3     else {
4         Node<E> temp = head; // Keep the first node temporarily
5         head = head.next; // Move head to point to next node
6         size--; // Reduce size by 1
7         if (head == null) tail = null; // List becomes empty

```

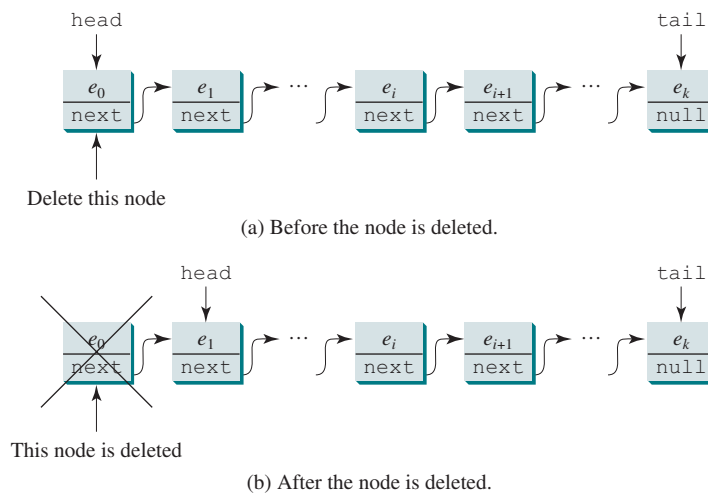
nothing to remove  
keep old head  
new head  
decrease size  
destroy the node

```

8      return temp.element; // Return the deleted element
9  }
10 }
```

Consider two cases:

1. If the list is empty, there is nothing to delete, so return **null** (line 2).
2. Otherwise, remove the first node from the list by pointing **head** to the second node. Figures 24.15a and 15b show the linked list before and after the deletion. The size is reduced by **1** after the deletion (line 6). If the list becomes empty, after removing the element, **tail** should be set to **null** (line 7).



**FIGURE 24.15** The first node is deleted from the list.

### 24.4.3.5 Implementing `removeLast()`

The `removeLast()` method removes the last element from the list. It can be implemented as follows:

```

1 public E removeLast() {
2     if (size == 0 || size == 1) {
3         return removeFirst();
4     }
5     else {
6         Node<E> current = head;
7         for (int i = 0; i < size - 2; i++) {
8             current = current.next;
9         }
10
11         E temp = tail.element;
12         tail = current;
13         tail.next = null;
14         size--;
15         return temp;
16     }
17 }
```

empty? or size 1?  
reduce to removeFirst()

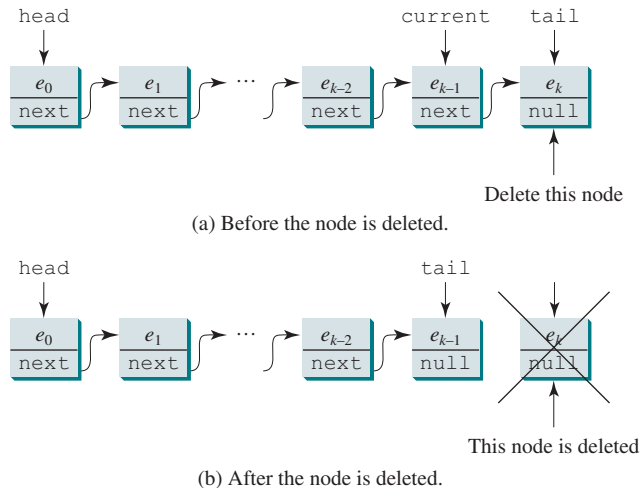
locate current before tail

move tail

reduce size  
return deleted element

Consider three cases:

1. If the list is empty or has a single element, invoking `removeFirst()` will take care of this case (lines 2–4).
2. Otherwise, locate `current` to point to the second-to-last node (lines 6–9). Save the value of tail to `temp` (line 11). Set `tail` to `current` (line 12). `tail` is now repositioned to point to the second-to-last node and destroy the last node (line 13). The size is reduced by 1 after the deletion (line 14) and the element value of the deleted node is returned (line 15).



**FIGURE 24.16** The last node is deleted from the list.

#### 24.4.3.6 Implementing `remove(index)`

The `remove(index)` method finds the node at the specified index then removes it. It can be implemented as follows:

```

1 public E remove(int index) {
2     if (index < 0 || index >= size) return null; // Out of range
3     else if (index == 0) return removeFirst(); // Remove first
4     else if (index == size - 1) return removeLast(); // Remove last
5     else {
6         Node<E> previous = head;
7
8         for (int i = 1; i < index; i++) {
9             previous = previous.next;
10        }
11
12        Node<E> current = previous.next;
13        previous.next = current.next;
14        size--;
15        return current.element;
16    }
17 }

```

out of range  
remove first  
remove last

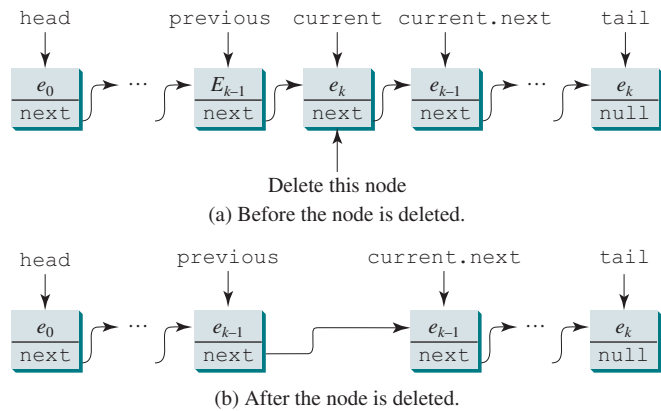
locate previous

locate current  
remove from list  
reduce size  
return element

Consider four cases:

1. If `index` is beyond the range of the list (i.e., `index < 0 || index >= size`), return `null` (line 2).

- If `index` is `0`, invoke `removeFirst()` to remove the first node (line 3).
- If `index` is `size - 1`, invoke `removeLast()` to remove the last node (line 4).
- Otherwise, locate the node at the specified `index`. Let `current` denote this node and `previous` denote the node before this node, as shown in Figure 24.17a. Assign `current.next` to `previous.next` to eliminate the current node, as shown in Figure 24.17b.



**FIGURE 24.17** A node is deleted from the list.

iterator

Listing 24.5 gives the implementation of `MyLinkedList`. The implementation of `get(index)`, `indexOf(e)`, `lastIndexOf(e)`, `contains(e)`, and `set(index, e)` is omitted and left as an exercise. The `iterator()` method defined in the `java.lang.Iterable` interface is implemented to return an instance on `java.util.Iterator` (lines 128–130). The `LinkedListIterator` class implements `Iterator` with concrete methods for `hasNext`, `next`, and `remove` (lines 132–152). This implementation uses `current` to point to the current position of the element being traversed (line 134). Initially, `current` points to the head of the list.

**LISTING 24.5** `MyLinkedList.java`

head, tail  
number of elements

no-arg constructor

constructor

getFirst

```

1 public class MyLinkedList<E> implements MyList<E> {
2     private Node<E> head, tail;
3     private int size = 0; // Number of elements in the list
4
5     /** Create an empty list */
6     public MyLinkedList() {
7     }
8
9     /** Create a list from an array of objects */
10    public MyLinkedList(E[] objects) {
11        for (int i = 0; i < objects.length; i++)
12            add(objects[i]);
13    }
14
15    /** Return the head element in the list */
16    public E getFirst() {
17        if (size == 0) {
18            return null;
19        }
20        else {

```

```

21         return head.element;
22     }
23 }
24
25 /** Return the last element in the list */
26 public E getLast() {                                getLast
27     if (size == 0) {
28         return null;
29     }
30     else {
31         return tail.element;
32     }
33 }
34
35 /** Add an element to the beginning of the list */
36 public void addFirst(E e) {                          addFirst
37     // Implemented in Section 24.4.3.1, so omitted here
38 }
39
40 /** Add an element to the end of the list */
41 public void addLast(E e) {                          addLast
42     // Implemented in Section 24.4.3.2, so omitted here
43 }
44
45 @Override /** Add a new element at the specified index
46 * in this list. The index of the head element is 0 */
47 public void add(int index, E e) {                  add
48     // Implemented in Section 24.4.3.3, so omitted here
49 }
50
51 /** Remove the head node and
52 * return the object that is contained in the removed node. */
53 public E removeFirst() {                          removeFirst
54     // Implemented in Section 24.4.3.4, so omitted here
55 }
56
57 /** Remove the last node and
58 * return the object that is contained in the removed node. */
59 public E removeLast() {                          removeLast
60     // Implemented in Section 24.4.3.5, so omitted here
61 }
62
63 @Override /** Remove the element at the specified position in this
64 * list. Return the element that was removed from the list. */
65 public E remove(int index) {                      remove
66     // Implemented earlier in Section 24.4.3.6, so omitted
67 }
68
69 @Override /** Override toString() to return elements in the list */
70 public String toString() {                        toString
71     StringBuilder result = new StringBuilder("");
72
73     Node<E> current = head;
74     for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
75         result.append(current.element);
76         current = current.next;
77         if (current != null) {
78             result.append(", "); // Separate two elements with a comma
79         }
80         else {
81             result.append("]"); // Insert the closing ] in the string

```

```

82         }
83     }
84
85     return result.toString();
86 }
87
88 @Override /** Clear the list */
clear public void clear() {
89     size = 0;
90     head = tail = null;
91 }
92
93
94 @Override /** Return true if this list contains the element e */
contains public boolean contains(Object e) {
95     // Left as an exercise
96     return true;
97 }
98
99
100 @Override /** Return the element at the specified index */
get public E get(int index) {
101     // Left as an exercise
102     return null;
103 }
104
105
106 @Override /** Return the index of the first matching element in
107  * this list. Return -1 if no match. */
indexOf public int indexOf(Object e) {
108     // Left as an exercise
109     return 0;
110 }
111
112
113 @Override /** Return the index of the last matching element in
114  * this list. Return -1 if no match. */
lastIndexOf public int lastIndexOf(E e) {
115     // Left as an exercise
116     return 0;
117 }
118
119
120 @Override /** Replace the element at the specified position
121  * in this list with the specified element. */
set public E set(int index, E e) {
122     // Left as an exercise
123     return null;
124 }
125
126
127 @Override /** Override iterator() defined in Iterable */
iterator public java.util.Iterator<E> iterator() {
128     return new LinkedListIterator();
129 }
130
131
132 private class LinkedListIterator
LinkedListIterator class implements java.util.Iterator<E> {
133     private Node<E> current = head; // Current index
134
135     @Override
136     public boolean hasNext() {
137         return (current != null);
138     }
139 }
140
141 @Override

```



```

142     public E next() {
143         E e = current.element;
144         current = current.next;
145         return e;
146     }
147
148     @Override
149     public void remove() {
150         // Left as an exercise
151     }
152 }
153
154 private static class Node<E> {
155     E element;
156     Node<E> next;
157
158     public Node(E element) {
159         this.element = element;
160     }
161 }
162
163 @Override /** Return the number of elements in this list */
164 public int size() {
165     return size;
166 }
167 }

```

Node inner class

#### 24.4.4 MyArrayList vs. MyLinkedList

Both **MyArrayList** and **MyLinkedList** can be used to store a list. **MyArrayList** is implemented using an array, and **MyLinkedList** is implemented using a linked list. The overhead of **MyArrayList** is smaller than that of **MyLinkedList**. However, **MyLinkedList** is more efficient if you need to insert elements into and delete elements from the beginning of the list. Table 24.1 summarizes the complexity of the methods in **MyArrayList** and **MyLinkedList**. Note **MyArrayList** is the same as `java.util.ArrayList`, and **MyLinkedList** is the same as `java.util.LinkedList` except that **MyLinkedList** is implemented using singly a linked list and **LinkedList** is implemented using a doubly linked list. We will introduce doubly linked lists in Section 24.4.5.

**TABLE 24.1** Time Complexities for Methods in **MyArrayList** and **MyLinkedList**

Methods	<i>MyArrayList</i>	<i>MyLinkedList</i>
<code>add(e: E)</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
<code>add(index: int, e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>clear()</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
<code>contains(e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>get(index: int)</code>	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
<code>indexOf(e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>isEmpty()</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
<code>lastIndexOf(e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>remove(e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>size()</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
<code>remove(index: int)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>set(index: int, e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<code>addFirst(e: E)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
<code>removeFirst()</code>	$O(n)$	$O(1)$

Note that you can implement `MyLinkedList` without using the `size` data field. But then the `size()` method would take  $O(n)$  time.



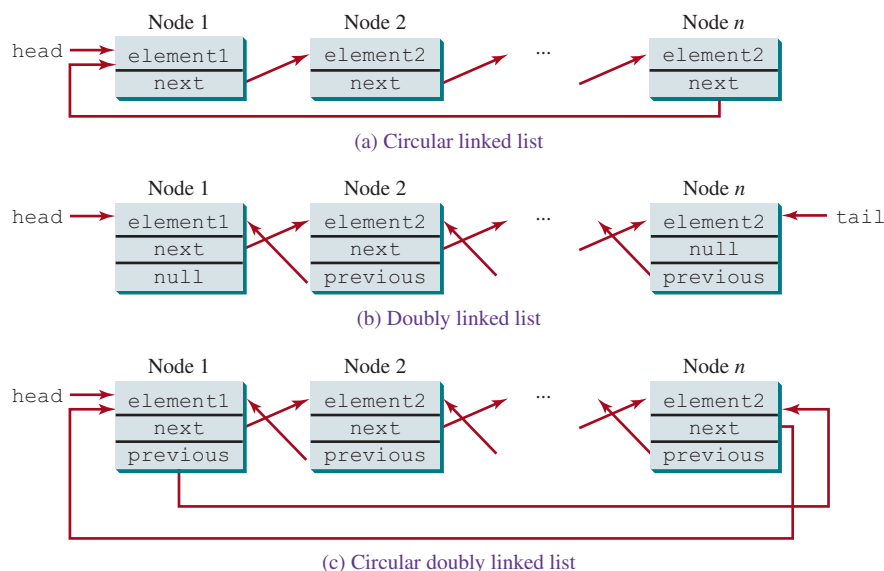
### Note

The `MyArrayList` is implemented using an array. In a `MyLinkedList`, every element is wrapped in an object. `MyArrayList` has less overhead than `MyLinkedList`. You should use `MyLinkedList` only if the application involves frequently inserting/deleting the elements from the beginning of a list.

## 24.4.5 Variations of Linked Lists

The linked list introduced in the preceding sections is known as a *singly linked list*. It contains a pointer to the list's first node, and each node contains a pointer to the next node sequentially. Several variations of the linked list are useful in certain applications.

A *circular, singly linked list* is like a singly linked list, except that the pointer of the last node points back to the first node, as shown in Figure 24.18a. Note `tail` is not needed for circular linked lists. `head` points to the current node in the list. Insertion and deletion take place at the current node. A good application of a circular linked list is in the operating system that serves multiple users in a timesharing fashion. The system picks a user from a circular list and grants a small amount of CPU time then moves on to the next user in the list.



**FIGURE 24.18** Linked lists may appear in various forms.

A *doubly linked list* contains nodes with two pointers. One points to the next node and the other to the previous node, as shown in Figure 24.18b. These two pointers are conveniently called a *forward pointer* and a *backward pointer*. Thus, a doubly linked list can be traversed forward and backward. The `java.util.LinkedList` class is implemented using a doubly linked list, and it supports traversing of the list forward and backward using the `ListIterator`.

A *circular, doubly linked list* is like a doubly linked list, except that the forward pointer of the last node points to the first node, and the backward pointer of the first node points to the last node, as shown in Figure 24.18c.

The implementations of these linked lists are left as exercises.



### Note

In a singly linked list, `removeLast()` takes  $O(n)$  time. In a doubly linked list, `removeLast()` can be implemented to take  $O(1)$  time. The `LinkedList` in the Java API is implemented using a doubly linked list. See CheckPoint 24.4.11.

- 24.4.1** If a linked list does not contain any nodes, what are the values in **head** and **tail**?
- 24.4.2** If a linked list has only one node, is **head == tail** true? List all cases in which **head == tail** is true.
- 24.4.3** Draw a diagram to show the linked list after each of the following statements is executed:
- ```
MyLinkedList<Double> list = new MyLinkedList<>();
list.add(1.5);
list.add(6.2);
list.add(3.4);
list.add(7.4);
list.remove(1.5);
list.remove(2);
```
- 24.4.4** When a new node is inserted to the head of a linked list, will the **head** and the **tail** be changed?
- 24.4.5** When a new node is appended to the end of a linked list, will the **head** and the **tail** be changed?
- 24.4.6** Simplify the code in lines 77–82 in Listing 24.5 using a conditional expression.
- 24.4.7** What is the time complexity of the **addFirst(e)** and **removeFirst()** methods in **MyLinkedList**?
- 24.4.8** Suppose you need to store a list of elements. If the number of elements in the program is fixed, what data structure should you use? If the number of elements in the program changes, what data structure should you use?
- 24.4.9** If you have to add or delete the elements at the beginning of a list, should you use **MyArrayList** or **MyLinkedList**? If most of the operations on a list involve retrieving an element at a given index, should you use **MyArrayList** or **MyLinkedList**?
- 24.4.10** Both **MyArrayList** and **MyLinkedList** are used to store a list of objects. Why do we need both types of lists?
- 24.4.11** Implement the **removeLast()** method in a doubly linked list in  $O(1)$  time.

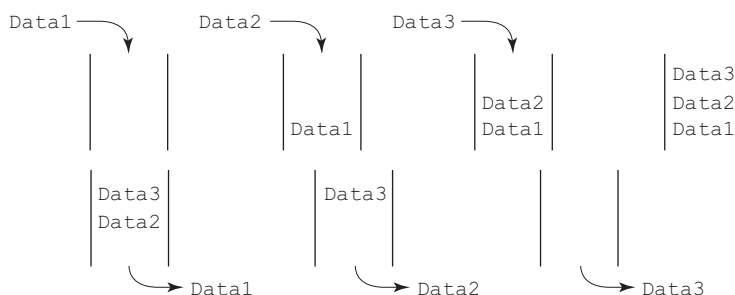


## 24.5 Stacks and Queues

*Stacks can be implemented using array lists and queues can be implemented using linked lists.*



A stack can be viewed as a special type of list whose elements are accessed, inserted, and deleted only from the end (top), as shown in Figure 10.11. A queue represents a waiting list. It can be viewed as a special type of list whose elements are inserted into the end (tail) of the queue and are accessed and deleted from the beginning (head), as shown in Figure 24.19.



**FIGURE 24.19** A queue holds objects in a first-in, first-out fashion.

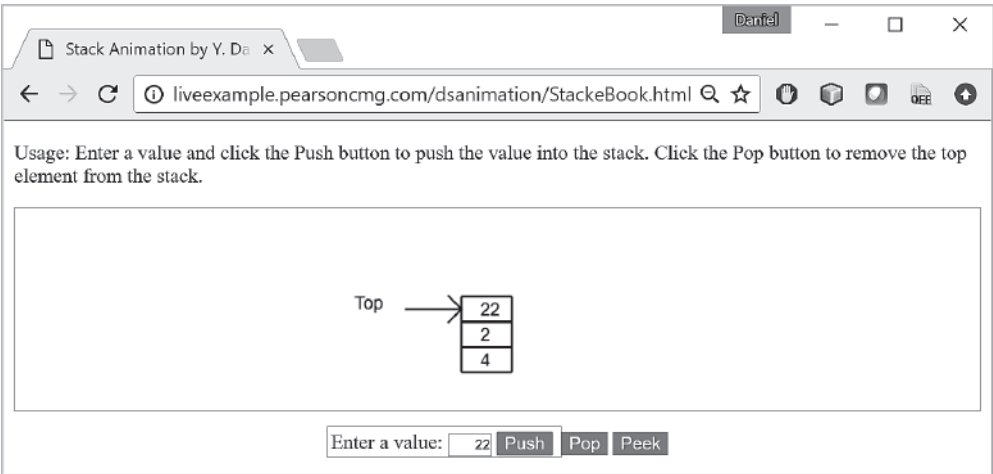


stack and queue animation on Companion Website

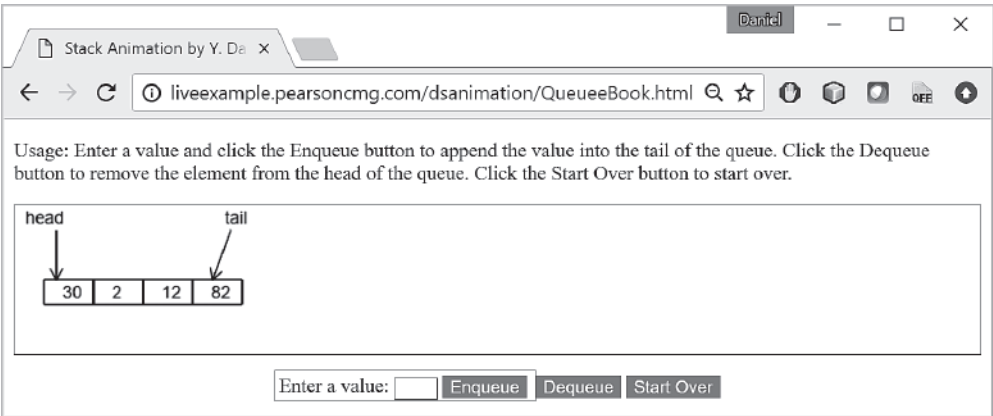


**Pedagogical Note**

For an interactive demo on how stacks and queues work, go to [liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/StackeBook.html](http://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/StackeBook.html), and [liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/QueueeBook.html](http://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/QueueeBook.html), as shown in Figure 24.20.



(a) Stack animation



(b) Queue animation

**FIGURE 24.20** The animation tool enables you to see how queues work. *Source:* Copyright © 1995–2016 Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Since the insertion and deletion operations on a stack are made only at the end of the stack, it is more efficient to implement a stack with an array list than a linked list. Since deletions are made at the beginning of the list, it is more efficient to implement a queue using a linked list than an array list. This section implements a stack class using an array list and a queue class using a linked list.

There are two ways to design the stack and queue classes:

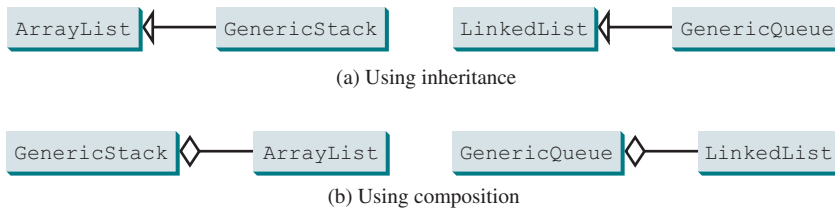
inheritance

- Using inheritance: You can define a stack class by extending **ArrayList**, and a queue class by extending **LinkedList**, as shown in Figure 24.21a.

composition

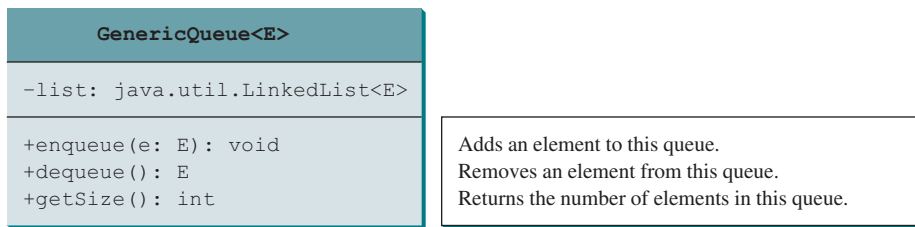
- Using composition: You can define an array list as a data field in the stack class and a linked list as a data field in the queue class, as shown in Figure 24.21b.

Both designs are fine, but using composition is better because it enables you to define a completely new stack class and queue class without inheriting the unnecessary and inappropriate methods from the array list and linked list. The implementation of the stack class using the



**FIGURE 24.21** `GenericStack` and `GenericQueue` may be implemented using inheritance or composition.

composition approach was given in Listing 19.1, `GenericStack.java`. Listing 24.6 implements the `GenericQueue` class using the composition approach. Figure 24.22 shows the UML of the class.



**FIGURE 24.22** `GenericQueue` uses a linked list to provide a first-in, first-out data structure.

### LISTING 24.6 `GenericQueue.java`

```

1 public class GenericQueue<E> {
2     private java.util.LinkedList<E> list           linked list
3     = new java.util.LinkedList<>();
4
5     public void enqueue(E e) {                     enqueue
6         list.addLast(e);
7     }
8
9     public E dequeue() {                           dequeue
10        return list.removeFirst();
11    }
12
13    public int getSize() {                          getSize
14        return list.size();
15    }
16
17    @Override
18    public String toString() {                      toString
19        return "Queue: " + list.toString();
20    }
21 }
  
```

A linked list is created to store the elements in a queue (lines 2 and 3). The `enqueue(e)` method (lines 5–7) adds element `e` into the tail of the queue. The `dequeue()` method (lines 9–11) removes an element from the head of the queue and returns the removed element. The `getSize()` method (lines 13–15) returns the number of elements in the queue.

Listing 24.7 gives an example that creates a stack using `GenericStack` and a queue using `GenericQueue`. It uses the `push(enqueue)` method to add strings to the stack (queue) and the `pop(dequeue)` method to remove strings from the stack (queue).

**LISTING 24.7** TestStackQueue.java

```

1  public class TestStackQueue {
2      public static void main(String[] args) {
3          // Create a stack
4          GenericStack<String> stack = new GenericStack<>();
5
6          // Add elements to the stack
7          stack.push("Tom"); // Push Tom to the stack
8          System.out.println("(1) " + stack);
9
10         stack.push("Susan"); // Push Susan to the the stack
11         System.out.println("(2) " + stack);
12
13         stack.push("Kim"); // Push Kim to the stack
14         stack.push("Michael"); // Push Michael to the stack
15         System.out.println("(3) " + stack);
16
17         // Remove elements from the stack
18         System.out.println("(4) " + stack.pop());
19         System.out.println("(5) " + stack.pop());
20         System.out.println("(6) " + stack);
21
22         // Create a queue
23         GenericQueue<String> queue = new GenericQueue<>();
24
25         // Add elements to the queue
26         queue.enqueue("Tom"); // Add Tom to the queue
27         System.out.println("(7) " + queue);
28
29         queue.enqueue("Susan"); // Add Susan to the queue
30         System.out.println("(8) " + queue);
31
32         queue.enqueue("Kim"); // Add Kim to the queue
33         queue.enqueue("Michael"); // Add Michael to the queue
34         System.out.println("(9) " + queue);
35
36         // Remove elements from the queue
37         System.out.println("(10) " + queue.dequeue());
38         System.out.println("(11) " + queue.dequeue());
39         System.out.println("(12) " + queue);
40     }
41 }

```



```

(1) stack: [Tom]
(2) stack: [Tom, Susan]
(3) stack: [Tom, Susan, Kim, Michael]
(4) Michael
(5) Kim
(6) stack: [Tom, Susan]
(7) Queue: [Tom]
(8) Queue: [Tom, Susan]
(9) Queue: [Tom, Susan, Kim, Michael]
(10) Tom
(11) Susan
(12) Queue: [Kim, Michael]

```

stack time complexity

For a stack, the **push(e)** method adds an element to the top of the stack, and the **pop()** method removes the top element from the stack and returns the removed element. It is easy to see that the time complexity for the **push** and **pop** methods is  $O(1)$ .

For a queue, the **enqueue(e)** method adds an element to the tail of the queue, and the **dequeue()** method removes the element from the head of the queue. It is easy to see that the time complexity for the **enqueue** and **dequeue** methods is  $O(1)$ .

queue time complexity

**24.5.1** You can use inheritance or composition to design the data structures for stacks and queues. Discuss the pros and cons of these two approaches.



**24.5.2** If **LinkedList** is replaced by **ArrayList** in lines 2 and 3 in Listing 24.6, Generic-Queue.java, what will be the time complexity for the **enqueue** and **dequeue** methods.

**24.5.3** Which lines of the following code are wrong?

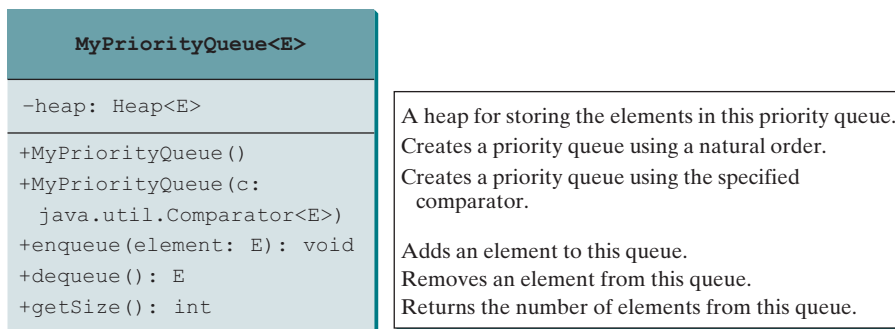
```
1 List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
2 list.add("Tom");
3 list = new LinkedList<>();
4 list.add("Tom");
5 list = new GenericStack<>();
6 list.add("Tom");
```

## 24.6 Priority Queues

*Priority queues can be implemented using heaps.*

An ordinary queue is a first-in, first-out data structure. Elements are appended to the end of the queue and removed from the beginning. In a *priority queue*, elements are assigned with priorities. When accessing elements, the element with the highest priority is removed first. For example, the emergency room in a hospital assigns priority numbers to patients; the patient with the highest priority is treated first.

A priority queue can be implemented using a heap, in which the root is the object with the highest priority in the queue. Heaps were introduced in Section 23.6, Heap Sort. The class diagram for the priority queue is shown in Figure 24.23. Its implementation is given in Listing 24.8.



**FIGURE 24.23** **MyPriorityQueue** uses a heap to store the elements.

### LISTING 24.8 MyPriorityQueue.java

```
1 public class MyPriorityQueue<E> {
2     private Heap<E> heap;
3
4     public void MyPriorityQueue<E>() {
5         heap.add(new Heap<E>());
6     }
7
8     public MyPriorityQueue(java.util.Comparator<E> c) {
9         heap = new Heap<E>(c);
10    }
11
12    public void enqueue(E newObject) {
```

heap for priority queue

no-arg constructor

constructor

enqueue

```

13     heap.add(newObject);
14 }
15
dequeue    16     public E dequeue() {
17         return heap.remove();
18     }
19
getsize    20     public int getSize() {
21         return heap.getSize();
22     }
23 }

```

Listing 24.9 gives an example of using a priority queue for patients. The **Patient** class is defined in lines 19–37. Four patients are created with associated priority values in lines 3–6. Line 8 creates a priority queue. The patients are enqueued in lines 10–13. Line 16 dequeues a patient from the queue.

### LISTING 24.9 TestPriorityQueue.java

```

1  public class TestPriorityQueue {
2      public static void main(String[] args) {
3          Patient patient1 = new Patient("John", 2);
4          Patient patient2 = new Patient("Jim", 1);
5          Patient patient3 = new Patient("Tim", 5);
6          Patient patient4 = new Patient("Cindy", 7);
7
8          MyPriorityQueue<Patient> priorityQueue
9              = new MyPriorityQueue<>();
10         priorityQueue.enqueue(patient1);
11         priorityQueue.enqueue(patient2);
12         priorityQueue.enqueue(patient3);
13         priorityQueue.enqueue(patient4);
14
15         while (priorityQueue.getSize() > 0)
16             System.out.print(priorityQueue.dequeue() + " ");
17     }
18
19     static class Patient implements Comparable<Patient> {
20         private String name;
21         private int priority;
22
23         public Patient(String name, int priority) {
24             this.name = name;
25             this.priority = priority;
26         }
27
28         @Override
29         public String toString() {
30             return name + "(priority:" + priority + ")";
31         }
32
33         @Override
34         public int compareTo(Patient patient) {
35             return this.priority - patient.priority;
36         }
37     }
38 }

```

create a patient

create a priority queue

add to queue

remove from queue

inner class Patient

compareTo



Cindy(priority:7) Tim(priority:5) John(priority:2) Jim(priority:1)



**24.6.1** What is a priority queue?

**24.6.2** What are the time complexity of the **enqueue**, **dequeue**, and **getSize** methods in **MyPriorityQueue**?

**24.6.3** Which of the following statements are wrong?

```
1 MyPriorityQueue<Object> q1 = new MyPriorityQueue<>();
2 MyPriorityQueue<Number> q2 = new MyPriorityQueue<>();
3 MyPriorityQueue<Integer> q3 = new MyPriorityQueue<>();
4 MyPriorityQueue<Date> q4 = new MyPriorityQueue<>();
5 MyPriorityQueue<String> q5 = new MyPriorityQueue<>();
```



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. You learned how to implement array lists, linked lists, stacks, and queues.
2. To define a data structure is essentially to define a class. The class for a data structure should use data fields to store data and provide methods to support operations such as insertion and deletion.
3. To create a data structure is to create an instance from the class. You can then apply the methods on the instance to manipulate the data structure, such as inserting an element into the data structure or deleting an element from the data structure.
4. You learned how to implement a priority queue using a heap.

## QUIZ

Answer the quiz for this chapter online at the book Companion Website.



## PROGRAMMING EXERCISES

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**24.1** (*Implement set operations in **MyList***) The implementations of the methods **addAll**, **removeAll**, **retainAll**, **toArray()**, and **toArray(T[])** are omitted in the **MyList** interface. Implement these methods. Test your new **MyList** class using the code at [https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/test/Exercise24\\_01.txt](https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/test/Exercise24_01.txt).

**\*24.2** (*Implement **MyLinkedList***) The implementations of the methods **contains(E e)**, **get(int index)**, **indexOf(E e)**, **lastIndexOf(E e)**, and **set(int index, E e)** are omitted in the **MyLinkedList** class. Implement these methods. Define a new class named **MyLinkedListExtra** that extends **MyLinkedList** to override these methods. Test your new **MyList** class using the code at [https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/test/Exercise24\\_02.txt](https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/test/Exercise24_02.txt).

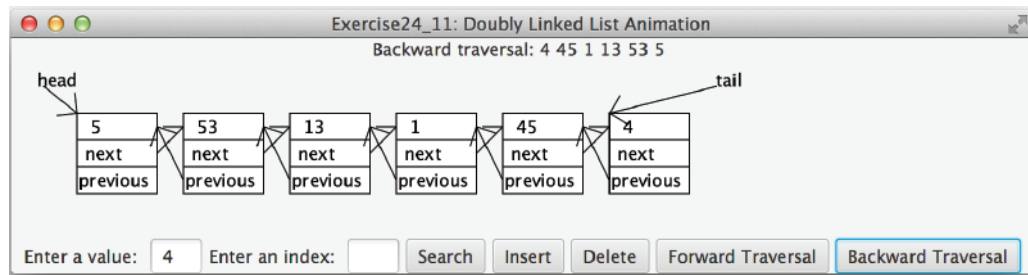
**\*24.3** (*Implement a doubly linked list*) The **MyLinkedList** class used in Listing 24.5 is a one-way directional linked list that enables one-way traversal of the list. Modify the **Node** class to add the new data field name **previous** to refer to the previous node in the list, as follows:

```
public class Node<E> {
    E element;
    Node<E> next;
    Node<E> previous;

    public Node(E e) {
        element = e;
    }
}
```

Implement a new class named **TwoWayLinkedList** that uses a doubly linked list to store elements. Define **TwoWayLinkedList** to implement **MyList**. You need to implement all the methods defined in **MyLinkedList** as well as the methods **listIterator()** and **listIterator(int index)**. Both return an instance of **java.util.ListIterator<E>** (see Figure 20.4). The former sets the cursor to the head of the list and the latter to the element at the specified index. Test your new class using this code from [https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/test/Exercise24\\_03.txt](https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/test/Exercise24_03.txt).

- 24.4** (Use the **GenericStack** class) Write a program that displays the first 50 prime numbers in descending order. Use a stack to store the prime numbers.
- 24.5** (Implement **GenericQueue** using inheritance) In Section 24.5, Stacks and Queues, **GenericQueue** is implemented using composition. Define a new queue class that extends **java.util.LinkedList**.
- \*\*24.6** (Revise **MyPriorityQueue**) Listing 24.8, uses a heap to implement the priority queue. Revise the implementation using a sorted array list to store the elements and name the new class **PriorityQueueUsingSortedArrayList**. The elements in the array list are sorted in increasing order of their priority with the last element having the highest priority. Write a test program that generates 5 million integers and enqueues them to the priority and dequeues from the queue. Use the same numbers for **MyPriorityQueue** and **PriorityQueueUsingSortedArraList** and display their execution times.
- \*\*24.7** (Animation: linked list) Write a program to animate search, insertion, and deletion in a linked list, as shown in Figure 24.1b. The *Search* button searches the specified value in the list. The *Delete* button deletes the specified value from the list. The *Insert* button appends the value into the list if the index is not specified; otherwise, it inserts the value into the specified index in the list.
- \*24.8** (Animation: array list) Write a program to animate search, insertion, and deletion in an array list, as shown in Figure 24.1a. The *Search* button searches the specified value in the list. The *Delete* button deletes the specified value from the list. The *Insert* button appends the value into the list if the index is not specified; otherwise, it inserts the value into the specified index in the list.
- \*24.9** (Animation: array list in slow motion) Improve the animation in the preceding programming exercise by showing the insertion and deletion operations in a slow motion.
- \*24.10** (Animation: stack) Write a program to animate push and pop in a stack, as shown in Figure 24.20a.
- \*24.11** (Animation: doubly linked list) Write a program to animate search, insertion, and deletion in a doubly linked list, as shown in Figure 24.24. The *Search* button searches the specified value in the list. The *Delete* button deletes the specified value from the list. The *Insert* button appends the value into the list if the index is not specified; otherwise, it inserts the value into the specified index in the list. Also add two buttons named *Forward Traversal* and *Backward Traversal* for displaying the elements in a forward and backward order, respectively, using iterators, as shown in Figure 24.24. The elements are displayed in a label.



**FIGURE 24.24** The program animates the work of a doubly linked list. *Source:* Copyright © 1995–2016 Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

- \*24.12** (*Animation: queue*) Write a program to animate the **enqueue** and **dequeue** operations on a queue, as shown in Figure 24.20b.
- \*24.13** (*Fibonacci number iterator*) Define an iterator class named **FibonacciIterator** for iterating Fibonacci numbers. The constructor takes an argument that specifies the limit of the maximum Fibonacci number. For example, new **FibonacciIterator(23302)** creates an iterator that iterates Fibonacci numbers less than or equal to **23302**. Write a test program that uses this iterator to display all Fibonacci numbers less than or equal to **100000**.
- \*24.14** (*Prime number iterator*) Define an iterator class named **PrimeIterator** for iterating prime numbers. The constructor takes an argument that specifies the limit of the maximum prime number. For example, new **PrimeIterator(23302)** creates an iterator that iterates prime numbers less than or equal to **23302**. Write a test program that uses this iterator to display all prime numbers less than or equal to **100000**.
- \*\*24.15** (*Test MyArrayList*) Design and write a complete test program to test if the **MyArrayList** class in Listing 24.2 meets all requirements.
- \*\*24.16** (*Test MyLinkedList*) Design and write a complete test program to test if the **MyLinkedList** class in Listing 24.5 meets all requirements.

