Linked List

Introduction

- List of elements which are connected in sequence to each other by a set of pointers.
- Commonly used linear data structure.
- Each element is known as a node.
- A node consists of two parts
 - Data (value or values to be stored in a node).
 - Pointer (link to other nodes in a list).
- Types
 - -Singly, Doubly, and Circular.

Advantages

- Dynamic in nature, i.e. allocates memory when required.
- Insertion and deletion operations can be executed easily.
- Stacks and queues can be implemented easily.
- Expands easily in real time.
- Efficient memory utilization, i.e. no need to pre-allocate memory.

Disadvantages

- Wastage of memory as pointers require extra memory space.
- No random access; everything sequential.
- Reverse traversal is difficult if it's singly.
- Memory space restriction as new node can only be created if space is available in heap.

Operations

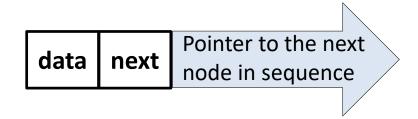
- Traversal (Searching, Displaying)
- Insertion
 - At the beginning.
 - -At the end.
 - At a specific location.
- Deletion
 - At the beginning.
 - -At the end.
 - At a specific location.

Singly Linked List

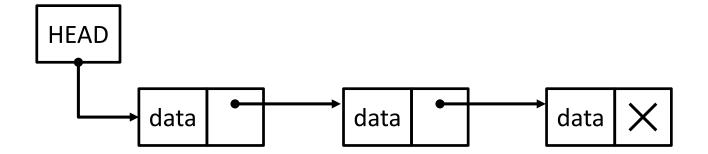
Introduction

- The most basic type of linked list.
- Two successive nodes are linked together as each node contains address of the next node to be followed, i.e. successor.
- A node may has multiple data fields but only single link for the next node.
- Only forward sequential access is possible (or unidirectional).
- Address of the first node is always stored in a reference node known as front or head.
- The last node does not have any successor and has reference to NULL.

Pictorial representation of a node



Pictorial representation of a singly linked list



Creation

struct node
{ int data;
 struct node *next; };

- Define node structure.
- Declare a NULL initialized head node pointer to create an empty list.
 struct node *head = NULL;
- Dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

head = temp;

- Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.
- Again dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

```
*temp = (struct node *) malloc (sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d",&num);
temp -> data = num;
temp -> next = NULL;
```

Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.

```
temp -> next = head;
head = temp;
```

 This process is repeated for all the nodes. A node can be inserted anywhere in the list.

Insertion at beginning of the list

- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num.
- 3. temp[next] = head.
- 4. head = temp.

Display elements in the list

- Algorithm display(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: Display all the elements present in the list.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL)
- 6. Print [temp[data]].
- 7. temp = temp[next].

Search an element in the list

- Algorithm search(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value to search (num).
- Output: Appropriate message will be displayed.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL AND temp[data] is not equal to value)
- 6. **temp = temp[next]**
- 7. if (temp is NULL)
- 8. Print [**Element not found**].
- 9. Else
- 10. Print [**Element found**].

Insertion at end of the list

- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. **temp[next] = NULL**
- 4. If (head == **NULL**)
- 5. **head** = **temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to NULL)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. **temp1**[**next**] = **temp**

Insertion after a specific value in the list

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. temp[next] = NULL
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 5. while (temp1 != NULL AND temp1[data] != value)
- 6. temp1 = temp1[next]

- 7. if (temp1 == **NULL**)
- 8. print [Node is not present in the list]
- 9. else
- 10. temp[next] = temp1[next]
- 11. temp1[next] = temp
- 12. end if (line 7).

Delete from beginning of the list

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: The first node gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. **head = head[next]**
- 6. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.
- 7. end if

Delete from end of the list

Algorithm deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (head). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. 4. while (temp[next] is not NULL) 5. initialize a node pointer (pre) with temp. 6. 7. temp = temp[next] if (temp == head) 8. head = NULL 9. 10. else pre[next] = NULL 11. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**. 12.

13. end if

Delete a specific node from the list

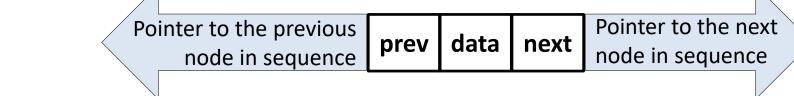
- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL AND temp[data] is not equal to value)
- 6. initialize a node pointer (**pre**) with **temp**.
- 7. temp = temp[next]
- 8. if (temp is NULL)
- 9. Print [**Element not found**].
- 10. Return.

```
else if (temp == head)
12.
             head = head[next]
13.
      else if (temp[next] == NULL)
14.
             pre[next] = NULL
15.
      else
16.
             pre[next] = temp[next]
17.
18.
      Release the memory location pointed by temp.
      end if (line 8).
19.
20. end if (line 1).
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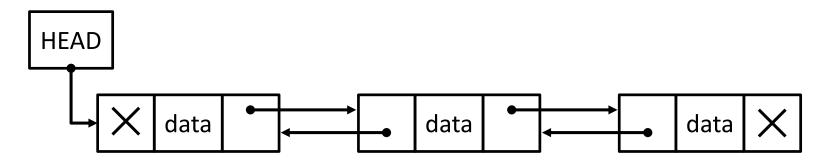
Doubly Linked List

Introduction

- Sequence of elements in which every element has links to its previous element and next element in the sequence.
- Each node contains three fields: data, link to the next node, and link to the previous node.



 The pictorial representation for doubly linked list is as shown below:



Advantages:

- Can be traversed in either direction.
- Some operations, such as deletion and insertion before a node, become easier.

Disadvantages:

- Requires more space.
- List manipulations are slower.
- Greater chances of having bugs.

Creation

- struct node
 { int data;
 struct node *next, *prev; };
- Define node structure.
- Declare a NULL initialized head node pointer to create an empty list.
 struct node *head = NULL;
- Dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

head = temp;

- Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.
- Again dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.

```
*temp = (struct node *) malloc (sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d",&num);
temp -> data = num;
temp -> prev = temp -> next = NULL;
```

Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.

```
temp -> next = head; head -> prev = temp;
head = temp;
```

 This process is repeated for all the nodes. A node can be inserted anywhere in the list.

Insertion at beginning of the list

- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- temp[data] = num.
- 3. **temp[prev] = NULL**.
- 4. temp[next] = head.
- 5. if (**head** == **NULL**)
- 6. **head = temp**.
- 7. else
- 8. **head[prev] = temp**.
- 9. head = temp.

Search an element in the list

- Algorithm search(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value to search (num).
- Output: Appropriate message will be displayed.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL AND temp[data] is not equal to value)
- 6. **temp = temp[next]**
- 7. if (temp is NULL)
- 8. Print [**Element not found**].
- 9. Else
- 10. Print [**Element found**].

Display elements in the list

- Algorithm display(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: Display all the elements present in the list.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp is not NULL)
- 6. Print [temp[data]].
- 7. temp = temp[next].

Insertion at end of the list

- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. temp[prev] = temp[next] = NULL
- 4. If (head == **NULL**)
- 5. **head** = **temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to NULL)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. **temp1**[**next**] = **temp**
- 11. temp[prev] = temp1

Insertion after a specific value in the list

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. temp[prev] = temp[next] = NULL
- 4. If (**head** == **NULL**)
- 5. **head = temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1 is not NULL AND temp1[data] is not equal to value)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]

```
if (temp1 == NULL)
10.
               print [Node is not present in the list]
11.
       else if (temp1[next] is NULL)
12.
13.
              temp1[next] = temp
14.
              temp[prev] = temp1
15.
       else
16.
              temp[prev] = temp1
              temp[next] = temp1[next]
17.
              temp1[next] = temp
18.
               (temp[next])[prev]= temp
19.
20.
       end if (line 10).
21. End if (line 4).
```

Delete from beginning of the list

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: The first node gets deleted.
- If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. **head = head[next]**
- 6. if (**head != NULL**)
- 7. head[prev] = NULL
- 8. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

Delete from end of the list

 Algorithm deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (**head**). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. 4. while (temp[next] is not NULL) 5. 6. temp = temp[next] if (temp == head) 7. head = NULL 8. 9. else (temp[prev])[next] = NULL 10. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**. 11.

12. end if

Delete a specific node from the list

- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp != NULL AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. temp = temp[next]
- 7. if (temp is NULL)
- 8. Print [**Element not found**].
- 9. Return.

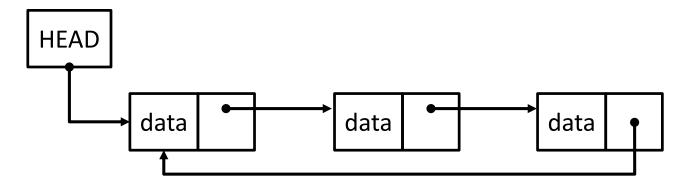
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else if (temp == head)
10.
11.
             deleteBeg(head)
      else if (temp[next] == NULL)
12.
             deleteEnd(head)
13.
      else
14.
15.
             (temp[prev])[next] = temp[next]
16.
             (temp[next])[prev] = temp[prev]
17.
             Release the memory location pointed by temp.
      end if (line 7).
18.
19. end if (line 1).
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Circular Linked List

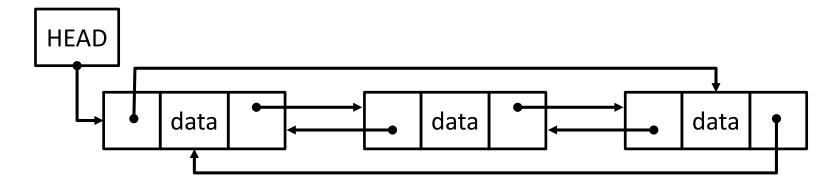
Introduction

- The first element points to the last element and the last element points to the first element.
- There is no NULL node.
- While traversal, get back to a node from where you have started.
- Pointer to any node can serve as a handle to the complete list.
- Both singly and doubly linked lists can be circular.

Singly linked list as circular



Doubly linked list as circular



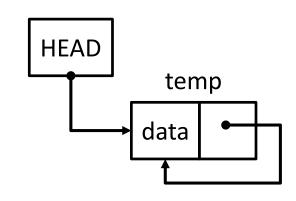
Creation

- Define node structure.
- Declare a NULL initialized head node pointer to create an empty list.
- Dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.
- Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.
- Again dynamically allocate memory for a node and initialize all members of a node.
- Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.
- This process is repeated for all the nodes. A node can be inserted anywhere in the list.

Link the new node temp in the existing empty list.

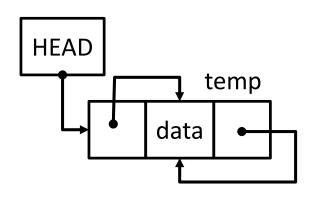
Singly

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head = temp;
temp -> next = head;
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Doubly

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head = temp;
temp -> prev = head;
temp -> next = head;
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- Link the new node temp in the existing list at head.
- Singly: temp1 is a node pointer pointing to the last node in a linked list.

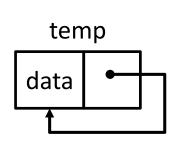
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temp -> next = head;
temp1 -> next = temp;
head = temp;
```

Doubly

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temp -> next = head;
temp -> prev = head -> prev;
head -> prev = temp;
temp -> prev -> next = temp;
head = temp;
```

Insertion at beginning of the list (singly)

- Algorithm insertBeg(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the first position.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num.
- 3. if (**head** == **NULL**)
- 4. temp[next] = temp.



- 5. else
- 6. **temp[next] = head**.
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to head)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. temp1[next] = temp.
- 11. end if (line 3).
- 12. head = temp.

Search an element in the list

- Algorithm search(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value to search (num).
- Output: Appropriate message will be displayed.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] != head AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. **temp = temp[next]**
- 7. if (temp[data] == value)
- 8. Print [**Element found**].
- 9. Else
- 10. Print [**Element not found**].

Display elements in the list

- Algorithm display(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: Display all the elements present in the list.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- Return.
- 4. Initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] is not head)
- 6. Print [temp[data]].
- 7. temp = temp[next].
- 8. Print [temp[data]].

Insertion at end of the list (singly)

- Algorithm insertEnd(head, num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num).
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted at the last position.

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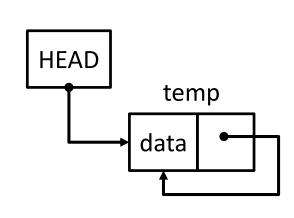
temp

data

- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. If (**head** == **NULL**)
- 4. temp[next] = temp
- 5. **head** = **temp**
- 6. Else
- 7. Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
- 8. while (temp1[next] is not equal to head)
- 9. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 10. **temp1**[**next**] = **temp**
- 11. temp[next] = head

Insertion after a specific value in the list (singly)

- Algorithm insert(head, num, value)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a new value to insert (num) after an existing value.
- Output: Node with value num gets inserted after node with value.
- 1. Create a node pointer (temp).
- 2. temp[data] = num
- 3. If (head == NULL)
- 4. temp[next] = temp
- 5. **head = temp**



16. End if (line 3).

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6. else
      Initialize a node pointer (temp1) with head.
7.
      while (temp1[next] != head AND temp1[data] != value)
8.
             temp1 = temp1[next]
      if (temp1[data] != value)
10.
             print [Node is not present in the list]
11.
12.
      else
13.
             temp[next] = temp1[next]
14.
             temp1[next] = temp
      end if (line 10).
15.
```

Delete from beginning of the list (singly)

- Algorithm deleteBeg(head)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head).
- Output: The first node gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == **NULL**)
- Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize node pointers (temp and temp1) with head.
- 5. while (temp1[next] is not equal to head)
- 6. temp1 = temp1[next]
- 7. if (temp1 == head)
- 8. head == NULL
- 9. else
- 10. temp1[next] = head[next].
- 11. head = head[next]
- 12. Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

Delete from end of the list (singly)

 Algorithm deleteEnd(head) **Input**: Pointer to the first node (**head**). **Output**: The last node gets deleted. If (head == NULL) Print [List is Empty]. 3. Else 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head. while (temp[next] is not head) 5. initialize a node pointer (pre) with temp. 6. temp = temp[next] 7. if (temp == head) 8. head = NULL 9. 10. else 11. pre[next] = head

Release the memory location pointed by **temp**.

12.

Delete a specific node from the list (singly)

- Algorithm deleteSpecific(head,num)
- Input: Pointer to the first node (head) and a value num to be deleted.
- Output: The node with value num gets deleted.
- 1. If (head == NULL)
- 2. Print [List is Empty].
- 3. Else
- 4. initialize a node pointer (temp) with head.
- 5. while (temp[next] != head AND temp[data] != value)
- 6. initialize a node pointer (pre) with temp.
- 7. temp = temp[next]
- 8. if (temp[data] != value)
- 9. Print [**Element not found**].
- 10. Return.

```
else if (temp == head)
11.
12.
            deleteBeg(head)
      else if (temp[next] == head)
13.
            deleteEnd(head)
14.
      else
15.
            pre[next] = temp[next]
16.
            Release the memory location pointed by temp.
17.
    end if (line 8).
18.
19. end if (line 1).
```

Thank You