

# Problem 1206: Design Skiplist

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 58.74%

**Paid Only:** No

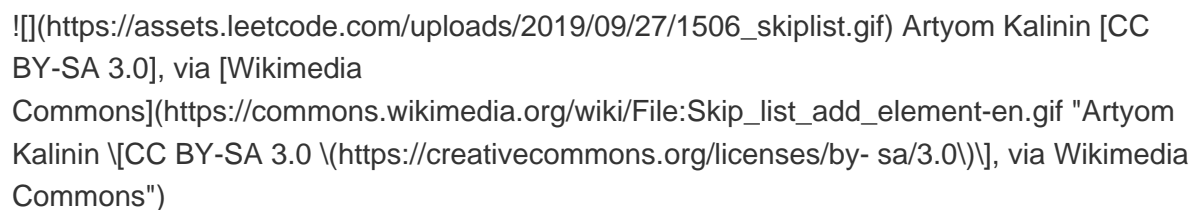
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## Problem Description

Design a **Skiplist** without using any built-in libraries.

A **skiplist** is a data structure that takes  $O(\log(n))$  time to add, erase and search. Comparing with treap and red-black tree which has the same function and performance, the code length of Skiplist can be comparatively short and the idea behind Skiplists is just simple linked lists.

For example, we have a Skiplist containing `[30,40,50,60,70,90]` and we want to add `80` and `45` into it. The Skiplist works this way:

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You can see there are many layers in the Skiplist. Each layer is a sorted linked list. With the help of the top layers, add, erase and search can be faster than  $O(n)$ . It can be proven that the average time complexity for each operation is  $O(\log(n))$  and space complexity is  $O(n)$ .

See more about Skiplist: <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skiplist>>

Implement the `Skiplist` class:

\* `Skiplist()` Initializes the object of the skiplist. \* `bool search(int target)` Returns `true` if the integer `target` exists in the Skiplist or `false` otherwise. \* `void add(int num)` Inserts the value

`num` into the SkipList. \* `bool erase(int num)` Removes the value `num` from the SkipList and returns `true`. If `num` does not exist in the SkipList, do nothing and return `false`. If there exist multiple `num` values, removing any one of them is fine.

Note that duplicates may exist in the SkipList, your code needs to handle this situation.

**Example 1:**

**Input** ["Skiplist", "add", "add", "add", "search", "add", "search", "erase", "erase", "search"]  
[[], [1], [2], [3], [0], [4], [1], [0], [1], [1]] **Output** [null, null, null, null, false, null, true, false, true, false]  
**Explanation** Skiplist skiplist = new Skiplist(); skiplist.add(1); skiplist.add(2); skiplist.add(3); skiplist.search(0); // return False skiplist.add(4); skiplist.search(1); // return True skiplist.erase(0); // return False, 0 is not in skiplist. skiplist.erase(1); // return True skiplist.search(1); // return False, 1 has already been erased.

**Constraints:**

\*  $0 \leq \text{num}, \text{target} \leq 2 * 10^4$  \* At most  $5 * 10^4$  calls will be made to `search`, `add`, and `erase`.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Skiplist {
public:
    Skiplist() {

    }

    bool search(int target) {

    }

    void add(int num) {

    }

    bool erase(int num) {
```

```

}
};

/**
 * Your Skiplist object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * Skiplist* obj = new Skiplist();
 * bool param_1 = obj->search(target);
 * obj->add(num);
 * bool param_3 = obj->erase(num);
 */

```

## Java:

```

class Skiplist {

    public Skiplist() {

    }

    public boolean search(int target) {

    }

    public void add(int num) {

    }

    public boolean erase(int num) {

    }

}

/**
 * Your Skiplist object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * Skiplist obj = new Skiplist();
 * boolean param_1 = obj.search(target);
 * obj.add(num);
 * boolean param_3 = obj.erase(num);
 */

```

## Python3:

```
class Skiplist:

    def __init__(self):

    def search(self, target: int) -> bool:

    def add(self, num: int) -> None:

    def erase(self, num: int) -> bool:


# Your Skiplist object will be instantiated and called as such:
# obj = Skiplist()
# param_1 = obj.search(target)
# obj.add(num)
# param_3 = obj.erase(num)
```