

Question 1

1. Data type:
 - `char* pStr` points to a character.
 - `int* pArr` points to an integer.
2. Memory Usage:
 - Each element pointed to by `char* pStr` typically uses 1 byte.
 - Each element pointed to by `int* pArr` typically uses 4 bytes (this can vary depending on the system).
3. Common Usage:
 - `char* pStr` is commonly used to handle strings (null-terminated sequences of characters).
 - `int* pArr` is commonly used to handle arrays of integers.

b. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a singly linked list compared to the array?

1. Advantages:
 - **Dynamic Size:** A singly linked list can easily grow and shrink in size.
 - **Ease of Insertion/Deletion:** Inserting or deleting an element in a singly linked list does not require shifting elements as in an array ($O(1)$ for insertion/deletion at the beginning).
2. Disadvantages:
 - **Memory Overhead:** Each element in a singly linked list requires extra memory for the pointer to the next element, increasing the overall memory usage compared to an array.
 - **Access Time:** Accessing an element in a singly linked list requires traversing from the head node to the desired node, resulting in $O(n)$ time complexity, whereas array elements can be accessed directly using an index in $O(1)$ time.

c. Can we apply a binary search approach to find a number in an ordered linked list? Why?

No, we cannot efficiently apply a binary search approach to find a number in an ordered linked list. The binary search algorithm requires random access to the middle element of the collection to divide the search space in half.