



# Linked Lists

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# Array Review



# Array

- Store an ordered list
- Using sequential mapping
  - Element(node)  $a_i$  is stored in the location  $L_i$  of the array
  - Next node is at the location  $L_i+1$
- Pros:
  - Suitable for random access
  - Efficient to insert/delete from the end
  - Adequate for special data structures, Stack and Queue
- Con:
  - Difficult to insert/delete nodes at arbitrary location

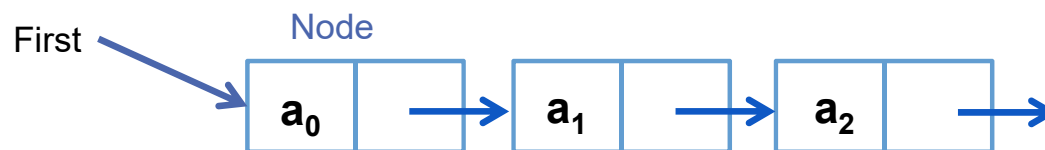


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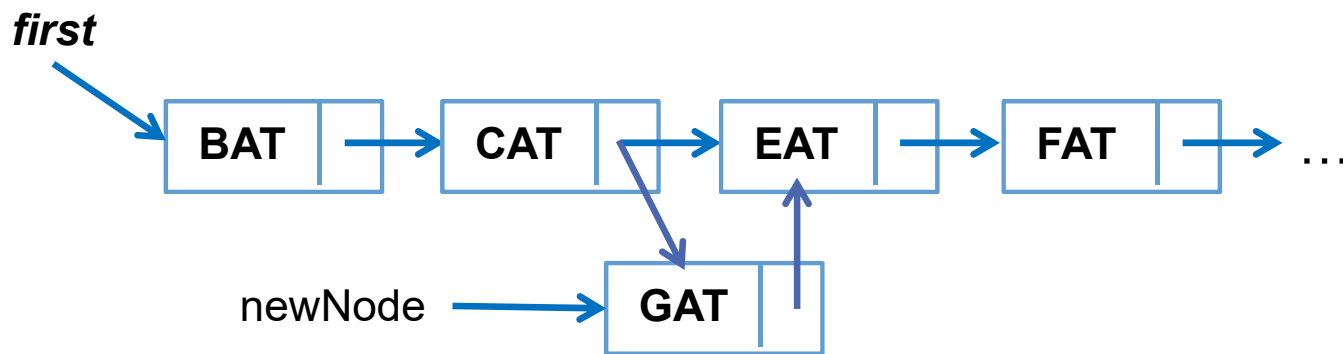


# Linked Lists

- Nodes are no longer continue in the memory
- Each node stores the address or location of the next one
- Singly Linked List (SLL)
  - Each node has exactly one pointer field

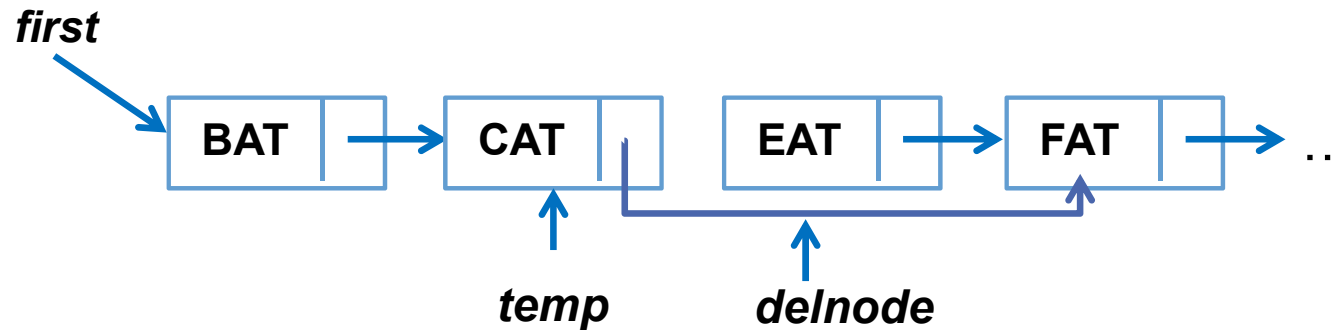


# SLL Operation: Insert



- Steps to insert a "GAT" in between "CAT" and "EAT" nodes
  - Create a new node "newNode" and set data field to "GAT"
  - Set the link field of "newNode" to "EAT" node
  - Set the link field of "CAT" node to "newNode"

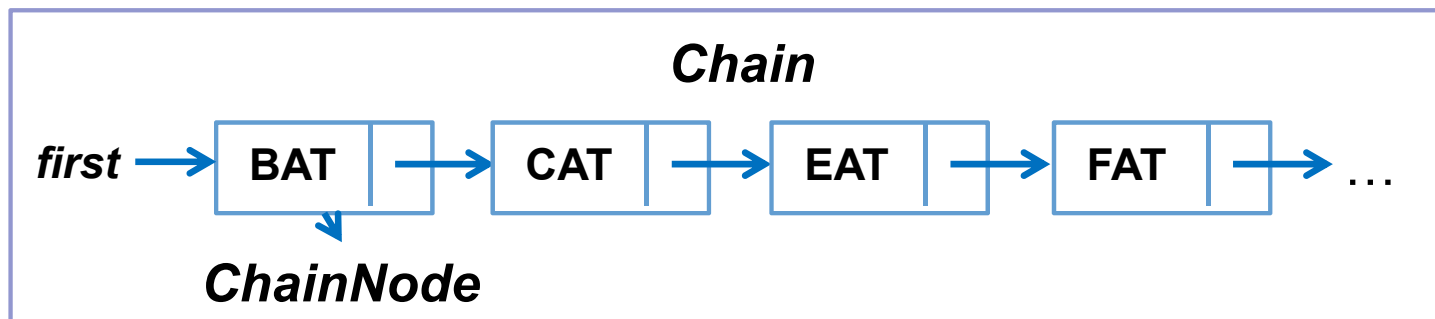
# SLL Operation: Delete



- Steps to delete a "EAT" node from the list
  - Locate the node "temp" precedes the "EAT" node
  - Set the node "delnode" to the node next to "temp"
  - Set the link field of "temp" to node next to "EAT" node
  - Delete the "EAT"(delnode) node

# Conceptual Design

- Defining a “ChainNode” class
  - Data field
  - Link field
- Designing a “Chain” class
  - Support various operation on ChainNodes





# ChainNode & Chain Classes

```
class ChainNode {
    friend class Chain;
public:
    // Constructor
    ChainNode(int value=0, ChainNode* next=NULL){
        data = value;
        link = next;
    }
private:
    int data;
    ChainNode *link;
};
```

```
class Chain {
public:
    // Create a chain with two nodes
    void Create2();
    // Insert a node with data=50
    void Insert50(ChainNode *x);
    // Delete a node
    void Delete(ChainNode *x, ChainNode *y);
private:
    ChainNode *first;
};
```

# ChainNode & Chain Classes

## ■ Nested class

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class Chain
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public:
    // Create a chain with two nodes
    void Create2();

    // Insert a node with data=50
    void Insert50(ChainNode *x);

    // Delete a node
    void Delete(ChainNode *x, ChainNode *y);

private:
    class ChainNode{
    public:
        int data;
        ChainNode *link;
    }
    ChainNode *first;
};
```

# Review Pointer Manipulation

## ■Dereference

- NodeA &a1Ref = (\*a1);

## ■Access members

- a1->memData;
- a1->memFunc();
- (\*a1).memData;
- (\*a1).memFunc();

## ■Declaration

- NodeA \*a1=NULL, \*a2=NULL;

## ■Allocate memory

- a1 = new NodeA;
- a2 = new NodeA[10];

## ■Delete memory

- delete a1; a1=NULL;
- delete [] a2; a2=NULL;



# Chain



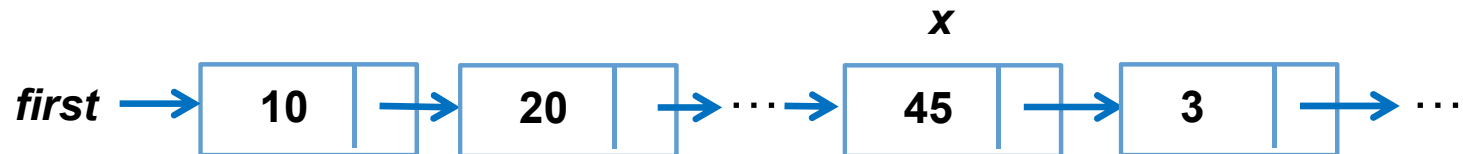
# Chain Operations

```
void Chain::Create2()  
{  
    // Create and set the fields of 2nd node  
    ChainNode* second = new ChainNode(20,0);  
  
    // Create and set the fields of 1st node  
    first = new ChainNode(10,second);  
}
```



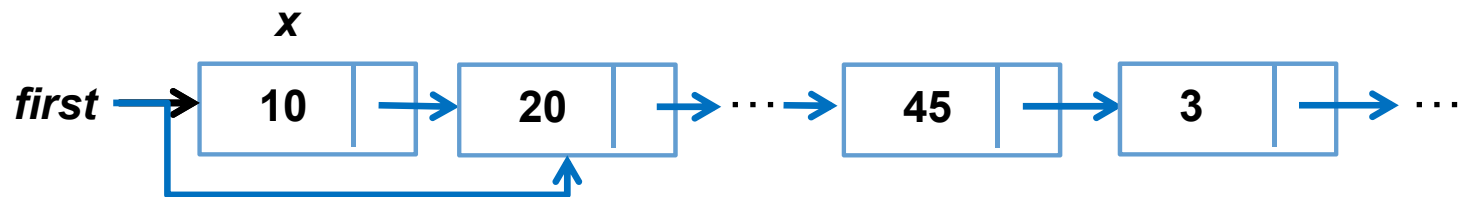
# Chain Operations

```
void Chain::Insert50 (ChainNode *x)
{
    if(first) // Insert after x
        x->link = new ChainNode(50, x->link);
    else // Insert into empty list
        first = new ChainNode(50);
}
```



# Chain Operations

```
void Chain::Delete(ChainNode *x, ChainNode *y)
{ // x is the node to be deleted and y is the node
  // preceding x
  if(x==first) first = first->link;
  else y->link = x->link;
  delete x;
  x=NULL;
}
```



# Template Chain Class

```
Template < class T > class Chain; // Forward declaration

template < class T >
class ChainNode {
    friend class Chain <T>;
private:
    T data;
    ChainNode<T>* link;
};

template <class T>
class Chain {
public:
    // Constructor
    Chain(void) {first = last = NULL;}

    // Chain operations...

private:
    ChainNode<T> *first;
    ChainNode<T> *last;
};
```



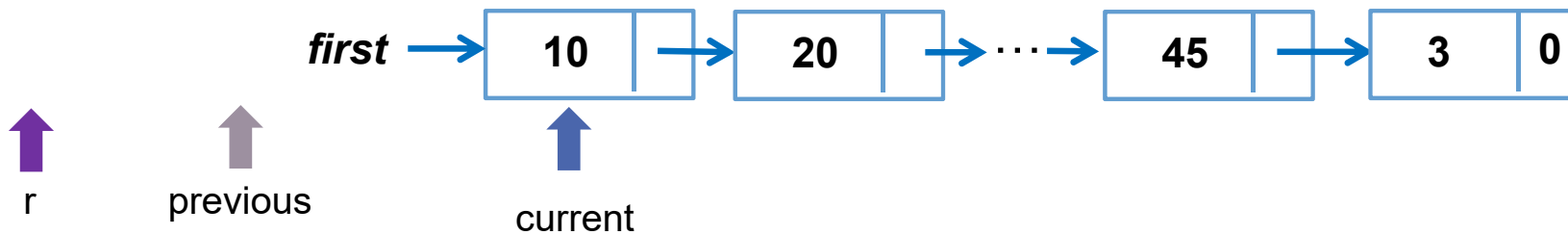
# Chain Operations

```
template < class T >
void Chain<T>::InsertBack(const T& e)
{
    if(first) { // Non-empty chain
        last->link = new ChainNode<T>(e);
        last = last->link;
    }
    else // Insert into an empty chain
        first = last = new ChainNode<T>(e);
}
```

```
template < class T >
void Chain<T>::Concatenate(Chain<T>& b)
{ // b is concatenated to the end of *this
    if ( first ) { last->link = b.first; last = b.last; }
    else { first = b.first; last = b.last; }
    b.first = b.last = 0;
}
```

# Chain Operations

- Reverse a chain, such that  $(a^1, a^2, \dots, a^n)$  turns into  $(a^n, a^{n-1}, \dots, a^1)$

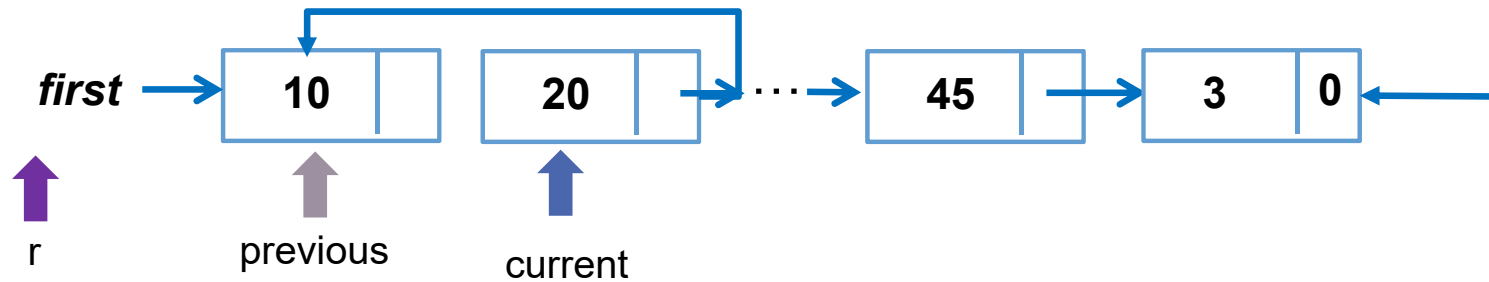


# Chain Operations

```
template < class T >
void Chain<T>::Reverse(void)
{ // Turn a chain, (a1, ..., an) into (an, ..., a1)
  ChainNode<T> *current = first, *previous = NULL;
  while (current) {
    ChainNode<T> *r = previous;
    previous = current;      // r is behind the previous
    current = current->link; // move current to next node
    previous->link = r; // link previous to previous node
  }
  first = previous;
}
```

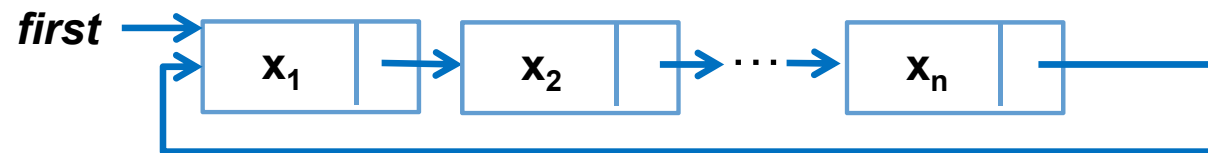
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# Circular Lists

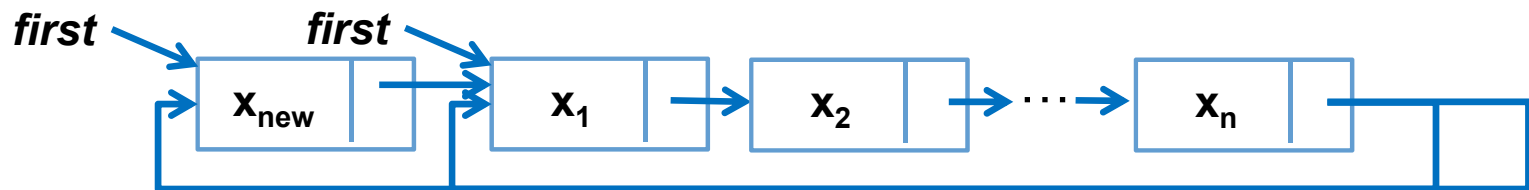
- A singly-linked circular list
- The link field of the last node points to the first node



- Check for the last node
  - if(current->link == **first**)
- You could visit a node from any position

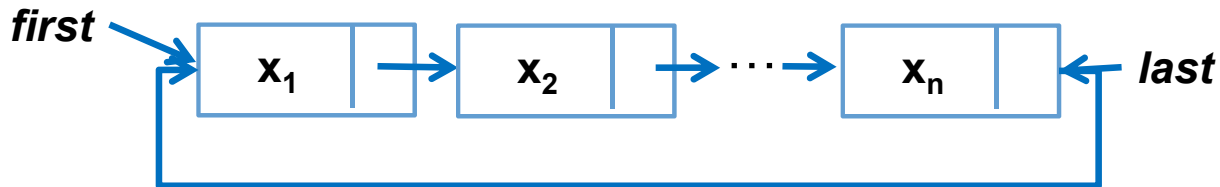
# Circular Lists : Insert

- Suppose we want to insert a new node at the front of list
- Set link field of new node to ***first*** and set ***first*** to new node
- Go to the last node and set the link field to new node



# Circular Lists

- Computation complexity for finding the last one?
  - $O(N)$
- If we have the last node pointer, the computation complexity for finding the first one?
  - We could away access the first node via [last->link]
  - $O(1)$
- It is more convenient to store the last node of a circular list (with the last pointer)



## Circular Lists : Insert at Front

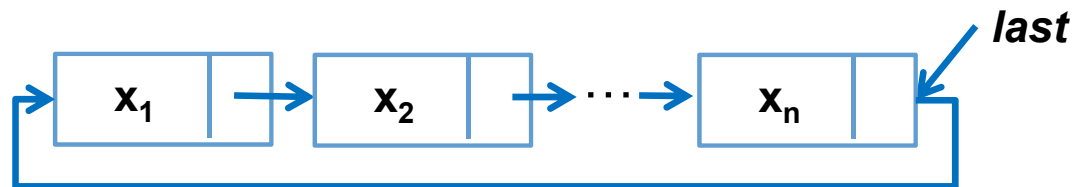
```
Template<class T>
void CircularList<T>::InsertFront(const T& e)
{
    ChainNode<T>* newNode = new ChainNode<T>(e);

    if(last){ // nonempty list
        newNode->link = last->link;
        last->link = newNode;
    }
    else{ // empty list
        last = newNode;
        newNode->link = newNode;
    }
}
```

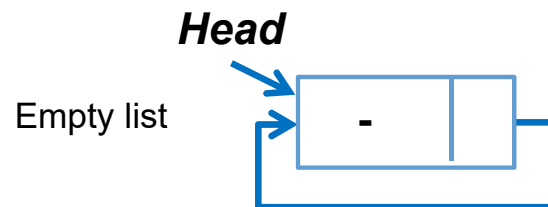
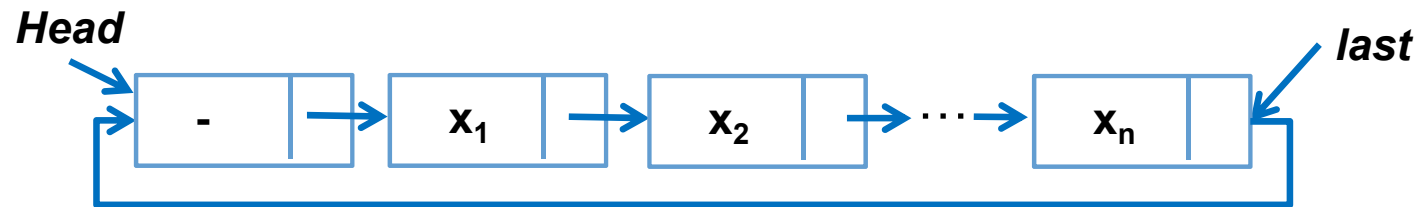


# Circular Lists

- How to represent an “empty” list?

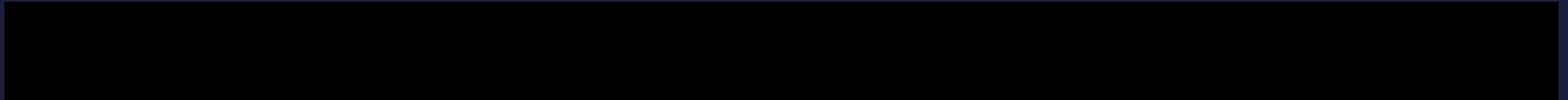


- Introducing a dummy node “Header”





# Sparse Matrix



# Sparse Matrix

$$a[6][6] = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 0 & 0 & 22 & 0 & -15 \\ 0 & 11 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 91 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 28 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- A matrix has many **zero** elements
- Devise a sequential array
  - store **non-zero** elements
  - **row-major** order
- Access specific column is difficult
- Using circular lists representation

A	row	col	value
smArray[0]	0	0	15
smArray[1]	0	3	22
smArray[2]	0	5	-15
smArray[3]	1	1	11
smArray[4]	1	2	3
smArray[5]	2	3	-6
smArray[6]	4	0	91
smArray[7]	5	2	28

# Linked Structure

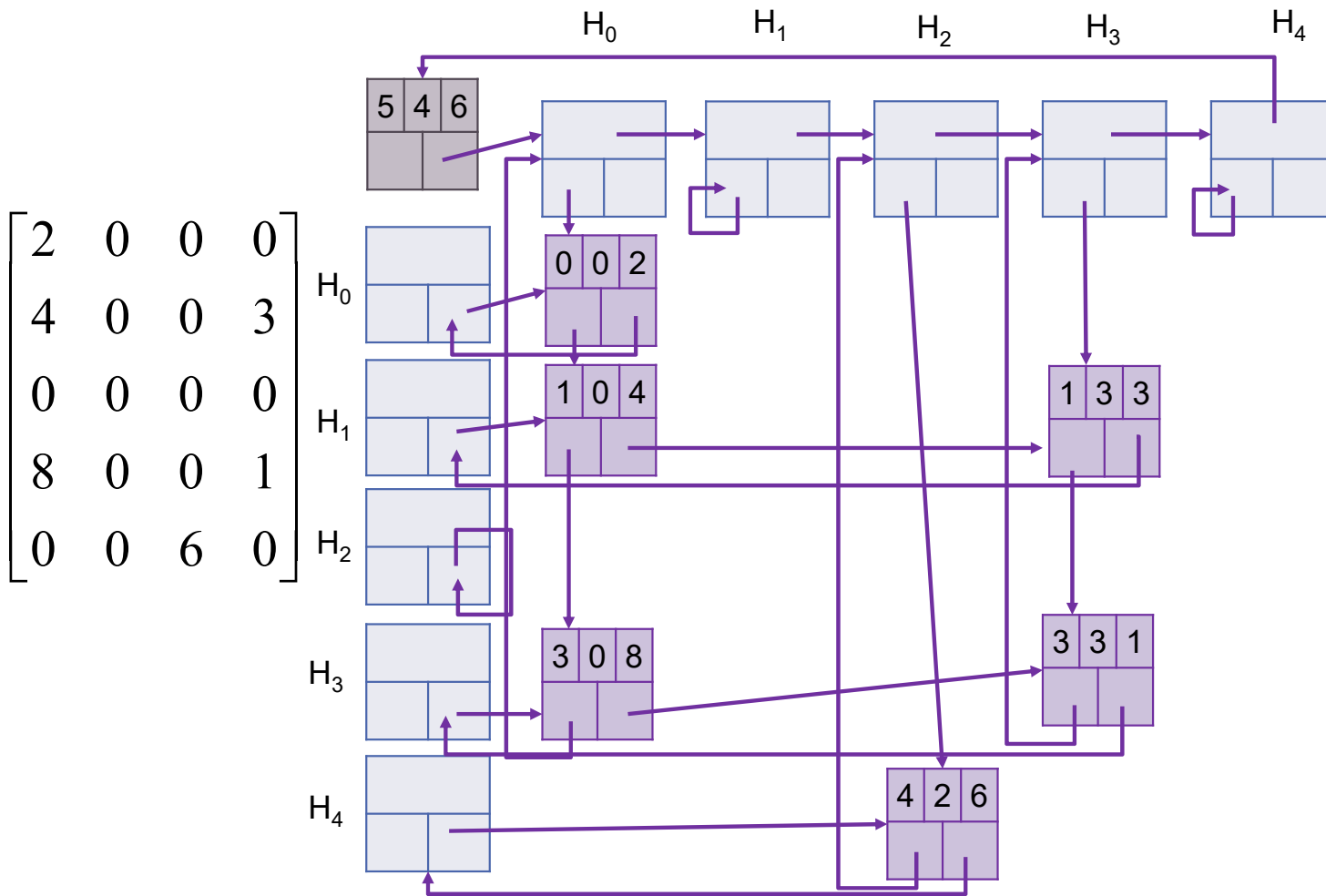
- **Header node:** for each row or column
  - **Down:** link to the 1<sup>st</sup> non-zero term in the column
  - **Right:** link to the 1<sup>st</sup> non-zero term in the row
  - **Next:** link to the next head node
  - The header node for row  $i$  is also the header node for column  $i$
- **Element node,** each **non-zero** term that stores
  - Data of **row, col, and value**
  - A **down** field to link to the next non-zero term in the same **column**
  - A **right** field to link to the next non-zero term in the same **row**
- **The header of header nodes (a circular list)**
  - Store dimension of the matrix

next	
down	right

row	col	value
down	right	

row	col	value
down	right	

# Sparse Matrix in Linked Structure



# Algorithm

```
struct Triple{int row, col, value;};
class Matrix; // forward declaration
class MatrixNode {
friend class Matrix;
friend istream& operator>>(istream&, Matrix&); // for reading in a matrix
private:
    MatrixNode *down , *right;    bool head;
    union {
        MatrixNode *next;
        Triple triple;    };
    MatrixNode(bool, Triple*); } // constructor
MatrixNode::MatrixNode(bool b, Triple *t) // constructor
{    head = b;
    if (b) {right = down = this;} // row/column header node
    else triple = *t;} // element node or header node of header lists
class Matrix{ friend istream& operator>>(istream&, Matrix&);
public:    ~Matrix(); // destructor
private:    MatrixNode *headnode;};
```

# Create a Sparse Matrix

- Given a  $n \times m$  sparse matrix with  $r$  non-zero terms
  - the total number of required nodes are  $\max\{n, m\} + r + 1$
- Input format
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> line gives the dimension of matrix and # of non-zero terms
  - Each subsequent input line is a triple of the form  $(i, j, a_{ij})$ 
    - Triples are ordered by rows and within rows by columns

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Create a Sparse Matrix

- Performance analysis
  - Set up header nodes,  $O(\max\{n,m\})$
  - Set up non-zero nodes,  $O(r)$
  - Close column lists,  $O(\max\{n,m\})$
  - Link header nodes,  $O(\max\{n,m\})$
- Total complexity:  $O(\max\{n,m\}+r) = O(n+m+r)$



# Practice

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 \\ 3 & 0 & 31 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 45 & 0 & 0 & 37 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 32 & 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

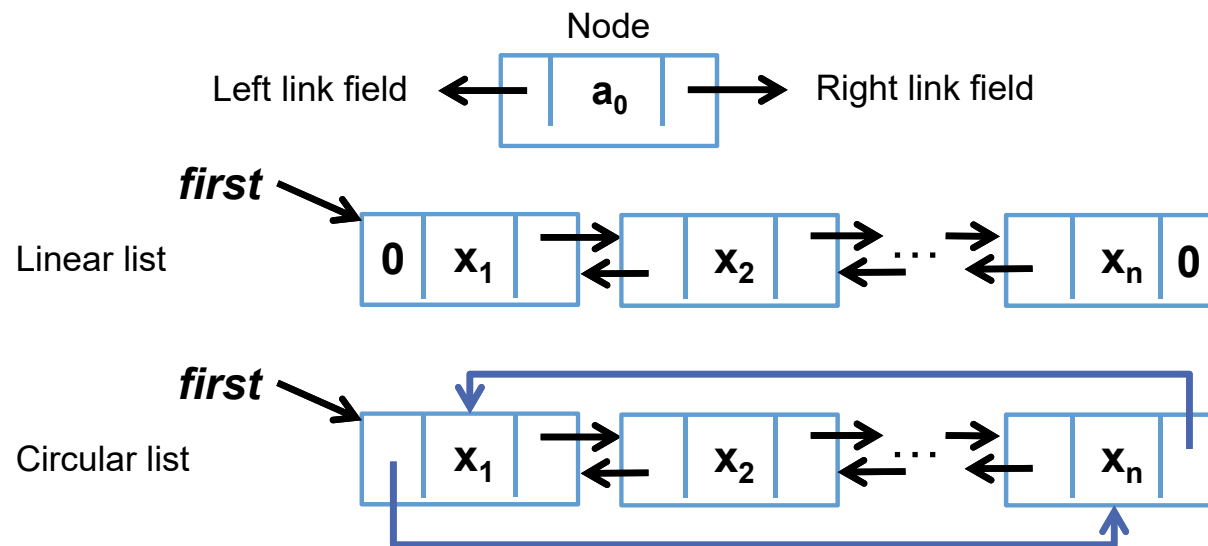


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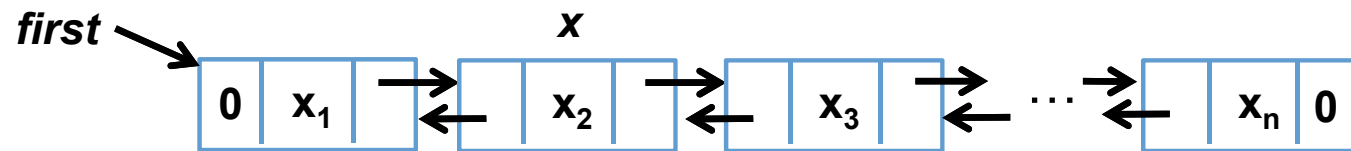


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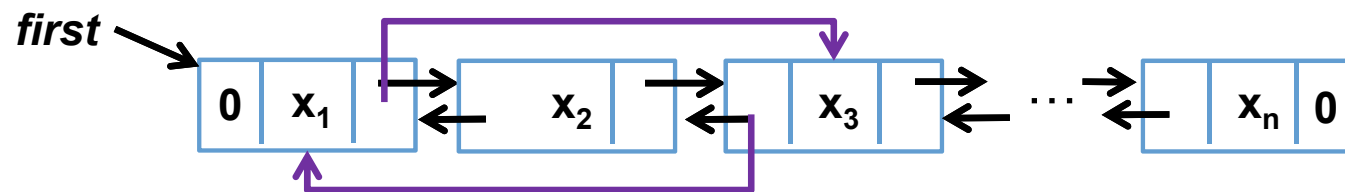
- Each node has **two** link fields
- Could move in **two directions** to visit nodes



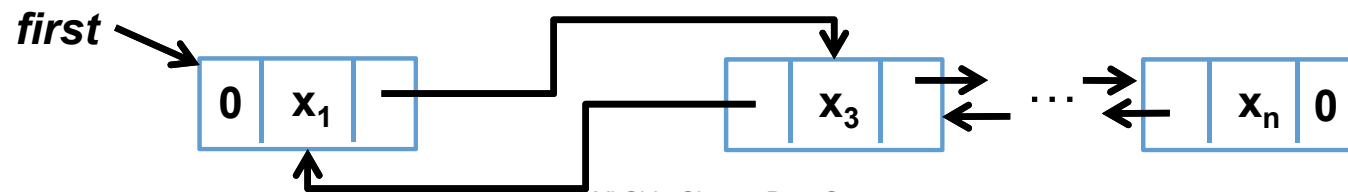
## Double Linked Lists : Delete



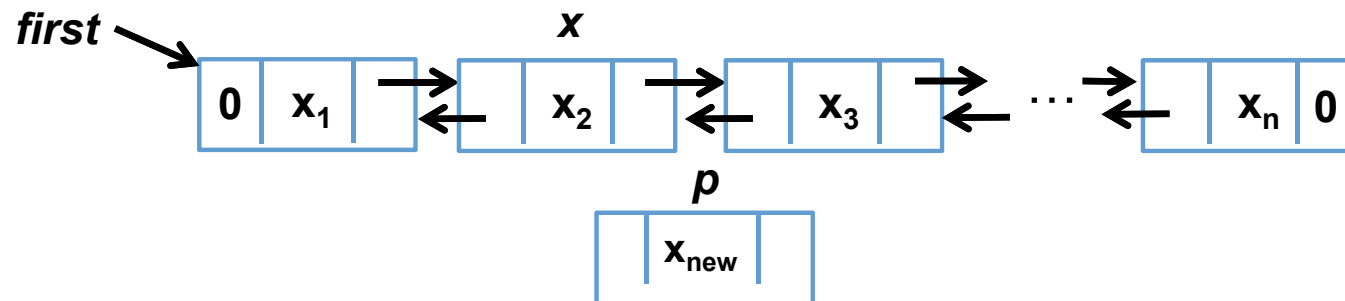
$x \rightarrow \text{left} \rightarrow \text{right} = x \rightarrow \text{right}; \quad x \rightarrow \text{right} \rightarrow \text{left} = x \rightarrow \text{left};$



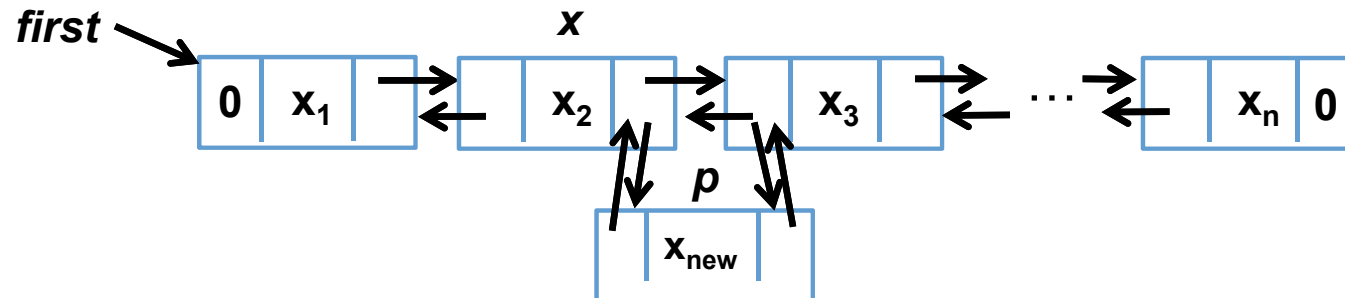
delete  $x$ ;



## Double Linked Lists : Insert



$p \rightarrow \text{left} = x; p \rightarrow \text{right} = x \rightarrow \text{right}$



$x \rightarrow \text{right} \rightarrow \text{left} = p; \rightarrow x \rightarrow \text{right} = p;$

# Self-Study Topics

- Polynomial using linked lists
- Linked stacks and queues





# Visit Elements in a Container

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgcHcbQ0RCQ>

# Visit Elements in a Container

- Suppose we have a chain C of datatype Chain<int>.
  - Output all integers in C
  - Obtain the maximum, minimum or mean of all integers in C
  - Obtain the sum, product, or sum of squares of all integers in C
- All operations require to visit every element in the chain C



# How to Visit a Container?

```
For each item in C
{
    currentItem = current item in C;
    //do something with currentItem;
}
```

## ■ In an array representation

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    int currentItem = a[i];
    // do something with currentItem;
}
```

# How to Visit a Container?

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## ■ In a linked list representation

```
for (ChainNode<int> *ptr=first; ptr!=0; ptr=ptr->link)
{
    int currentItem = ptr->data;
    // do something with currentItem;
}
```

# Visiting a Container using Iterator

- A powerful mechanism to visit a container with arbitrary data type
- Guarantee runtime range safety
- Applicable to all STL algorithms
- Suitable for team development
- Might scarify some amount of performance
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```
// Possible implementation of STL copy algorithm
template < class Iterator >
void copy(Iterator start, Iterator end, Iterator to)
{ // copy from src[start, end) to dst[to, to+end-start)
  while (start != end)
  { *to = *start ; start++ ; to++; }
}
```

# What is an Iterator ?

```
void main()
{
    int x [3] = {0,1,2};
    for (int* y = x; y != x+3; y++)
        cout << *y << endl;
}
```

- An *iterator* is a pointer to an element in a container
- Using dereferencing operator (\*) to access an element
- Support pre- or post- increment operator (++)

```
void main()
{
    for (Iterator y = start; y != end; y++)
        cout << *y << endl;
}
```

# C++ Iterators

- **Input** iterator

- Read access, pre- and post- “++” operators.

- **Output** iterator

- Write access, pre- and post- “++” operators.

- **Forward** iterator

- pre- and post- “++” operators.

- **Bidirectional** iterator

- pre- and post- “++” and “--” operators.

- **Random access** iterator

- Permit pointer jumps by arbitrary amounts.

- All iterators supports “==”, “!=” and “\*” operators

# Forward Iterator for Chain

```
template <class T>
class Chain {
public:
    // Constructor
    Chain(void) {first = last = NULL;}

    // Chain operations...

    class ChainIterator{...};

    // Get the first element
    ChainIterator begin() {return ChainIterator(first);}

    // Get the end of the list
    ChainIterator end() {return ChainIterator(0);}
private:
    ChainNode<T> *first;
    ChainNode<T> *last;
};
```

# Forward Iterator for Chain

## ■ General usage

```
void main()
{
    Chain<int> myChain;
    // do operations on myChain here...

    // print out every element in myChain
    Chain<int>::ChainIterator my_it;
    for (my_it = myChain.begin(); my_it != myChain.end(); ++my_it)
        cout << *my_it << endl;

    // Use STL algorithm to calculate the sum of myChain
    int sum = std::accumulate(myChain.begin(), myChain.end(), 0);
}
```

```

Class ChainIterator{ // A nested class within Chain
public:
    // Constructor
    ChainIterator(ChainNode<T>* startNode = 0)
        {current = startNode;}

    // Dereferencing operator
    T& operator*() const {return current->data;}
    T* operator->() const {return &current->data;}

    // Increment operator
    ChainIterator& operator++() // pre-"++"
    { current = current->link ; return *this; }

    ChainIterator operator++(int)// post- "++"
    {
        ChainIterator old = *this;
        current = current->link;
        return old;
    }

    // Equality operators
    bool operator!=(const ChainIterator right) const
    { return current != right.current; }

    bool operator==(const ChainIterator right) const
    { return current == right.current; }

private:
    ChainNode<T>* current;
};

```