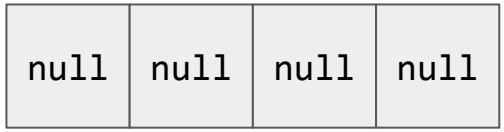
ICS-211 Lab Assignment 2 List Arrays

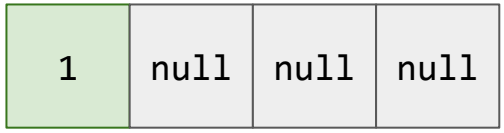
Example



Space is initially allocated for some number of elements.

Example

1. add(1)



Size = 1

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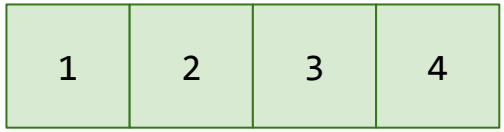
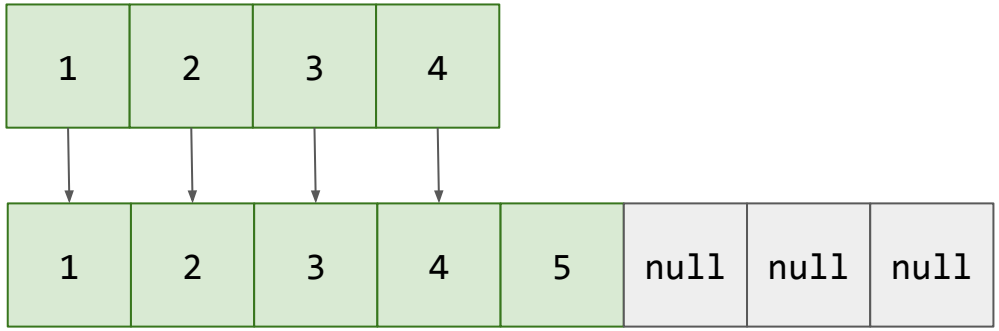


Size = 4

1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)

Example



1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)
3. add(5)

Size = 5

If there is insufficient space, a new, bigger array is allocated and the old one is copied to the new one.

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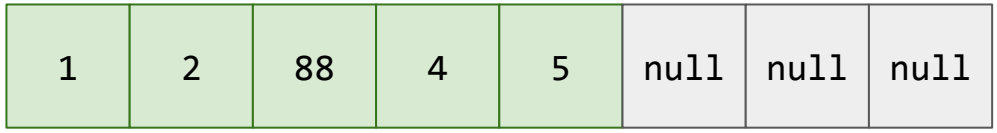

1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)
3. add(5)
4. set(2, 88) → 3

Size = 5

Element 2 is replaced by “88” and “3” is returned to caller.

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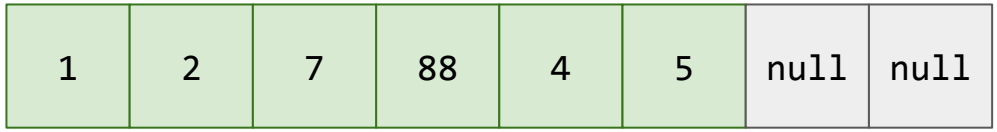
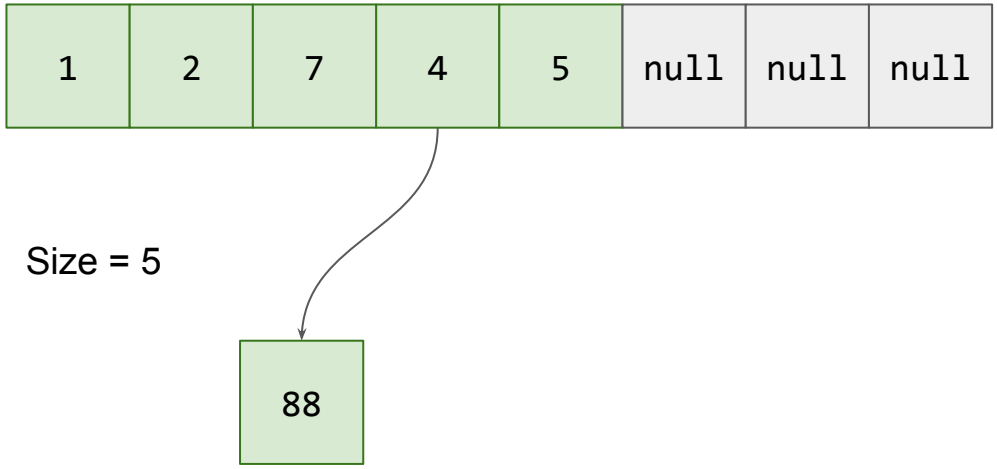


Size = 6

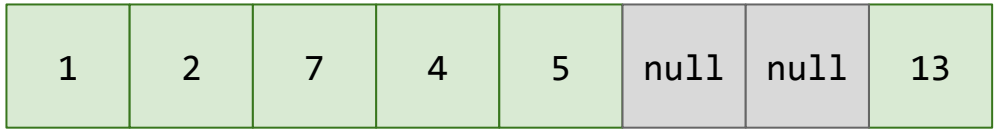
1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)
3. add(5)
4. set(2, 88) → 3
5. add(2, 7)

Example



1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)
3. add(5)
4. set(2, 88) → 3
5. add(2, 7)
6. remove(3) → 88

Example



Size = 5

1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)
3. add(5)
4. set(2, 88) → 3
5. add(2, 7)
6. remove(3) → 88
7. add(7, 13)

Part 1 - Implementing an “Array List”

- An ArrayList is similar to a primitive Java array except:
  - Java arrays can contain only a fixed number of elements
  - An array list will “grow” to hold any number of elements
  - An array list uses a primitive Java array
- Allocating a generic array:

```
data = (T[]) new Object[newSize];
```

  → Eclipse will generate a warning about this (you can safely ignore)

- You are implementing the `List211` interface (***not*** the Java `List` interface)
- The interface (with comments) is available on the class GitHub repo https://github.com/psoulier/ics211-fall16
- Adding element beyond “size+1” will create a “gap” of null elements.
  - Sorting must take this into account
  - Can be handled in the “Comparator” or sort methods themselves
  - The null elements should be at the end of the sorted list

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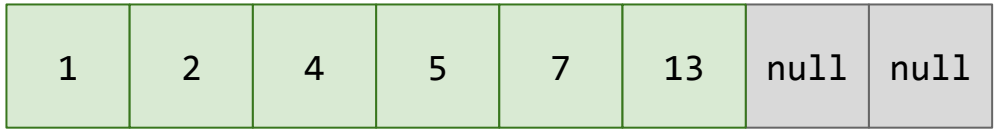

Size = 5

After sort, null elements must be at the end of array.

1. add(1)
2. add(2), add(3), add(4)
3. add(5)
4. set(2, 88) → 3
5. add(2, 7)
6. remove(3) → 88
7. add(7, 13)
8. sort(cmp)

Part 1 - `MyArrayList`

- Initial allocation size
  - Internal array needs an initial size - can be anything
  - When internal array is too small, need a bigger one
    - Double existing size
    - Increase by a constant amount
    - Whatever, so long as it’s big enough to hold the new value at the specified index
- Sorting
  - You should use existing sort methods from ArraySort
  - An array list may contain null elements (e.g., from a resize). Several different approaches:
    - Your sort methods account for this
    - The comparator accounts for this
    - Only sort the portion of the backing array that contains valid elements
- Unit Tests
  - I have provided a lot of tests
  - You’ll need to implement tests for remove method

Part 2 - Contact List

- The ContactList class must implement:
  - get
  - add
  - remove
  - size
- Create `ContactList` class and use a `MyArrayList` as a member variable
  - Better methodology (“has-a” relation)
  - Methods use the class’s `MyListArray` member variable
- Another way to implement `ContactList` is to inherit from `MyArrayList`
  - Override the appropriate methods
  - Pick one of the sorting methods (doesn’t really matter which)
  - Technically, this probably isn’t the best from a programming perspective
    - Not really an “is-a” relationship
    - `MyArrayList` has methods that don’t make sense with a sorted list
- Unit tests
  - I have provided a basic test for this
  - You may wish to expand to ensure complete coverage