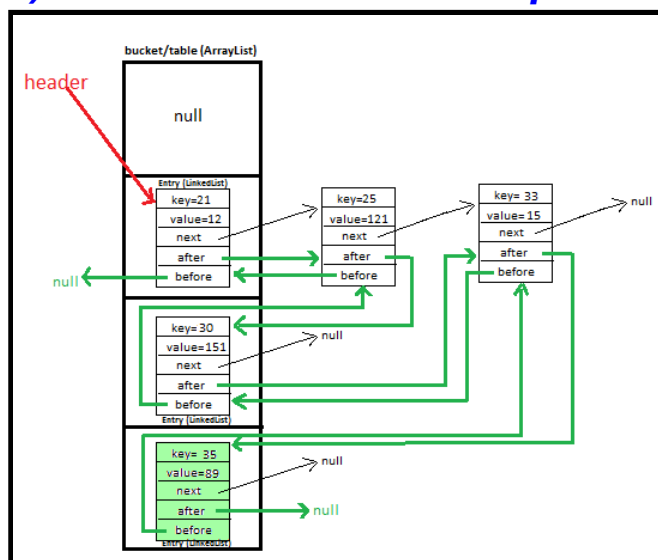


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## 1) Custom LinkedHashMap >



This is very **important and trending** topic. In this post i will be explaining **LinkedHashMap** custom implementation with diagrams which will help you in **visualizing** the LinkedHashMap implementation.

I will be explaining how we will **put** and **get** key-value pair in HashMap by overriding-  
**>equals** method - helps in checking equality of entry objects.  
**>hashCode** method - helps in finding bucket's index on which data will be stored.

We will maintain **bucket** (**ArrayList**) which will store **Entry** (**LinkedList**).

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Most salient feature of **LinkedHashMap** is that it **maintains insertion order** of key-value pairs. We will maintain doubly Linked List for doing so.

While our [HashMap](#) didn't maintained insertion order.

## 2) Entry<K,V>

We store key-value pair by using **Entry<K,V>**

By using, **Entry<K,V> before, after** - we keep track of newly added entry in LinkedHashMap, which helps us in **maintaining insertion order**.

Entry contains

- K **key**,
- V **value**,
- Entry<K,V> **next** (i.e. next entry on that location of bucket),
- Entry<K,V> **before** and
- Entry<K,V> **after**

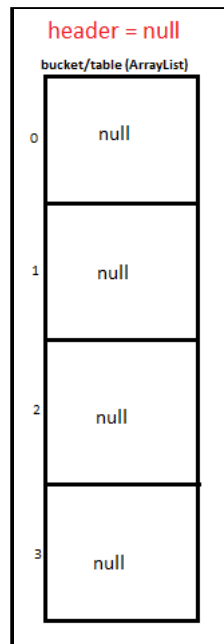
```
static class Entry<K, V> {
    K key;
    V value;
    Entry<K,V> next;
    Entry<K,V> before, after ;

    public Entry(K key, V value, Entry<K,V> next){
        this.key = key;
        this.value = value;
        this.next = next;
    }
}
```

## 3) Putting 5 key-value pairs in own/custom LinkedHashMap (step-by-step)>

I will explain you the whole concept of **LinkedHashMap** by putting **5 key-value pairs in HashMap**.

**Initially**, we have bucket of **capacity=4**. (all indexes of bucket i.e. 0,1,2,3 are pointing to null)



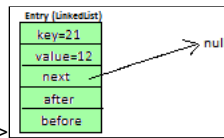
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## Let's put first key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

Key=21, value=12



**newEntry Object** will be formed like this >

We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns

**key/capacity= 21%4= 1.**

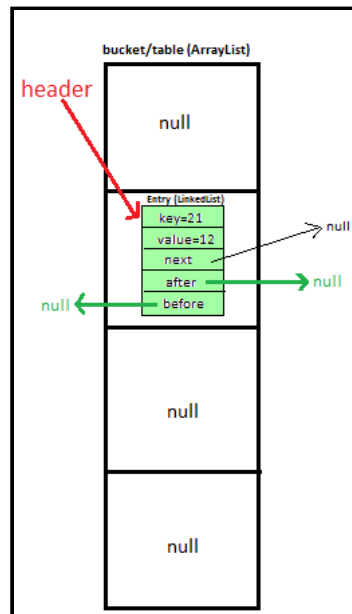
So, 1 will be the **index of bucket** on which **newEntry object** will be stored.

We will go to **1<sup>st</sup>** index as it is pointing to null we will **put our newEntry object there**.

**Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-**

**Update header**, it will start pointing to **newEntry object**

At completion of this step, our HashMap will look like this-



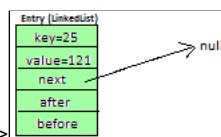
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## Let's put second key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

**Key=25, value=121**



**newEntry Object** will be formed like this >

We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns

**key/capacity= 25%4= 1.**

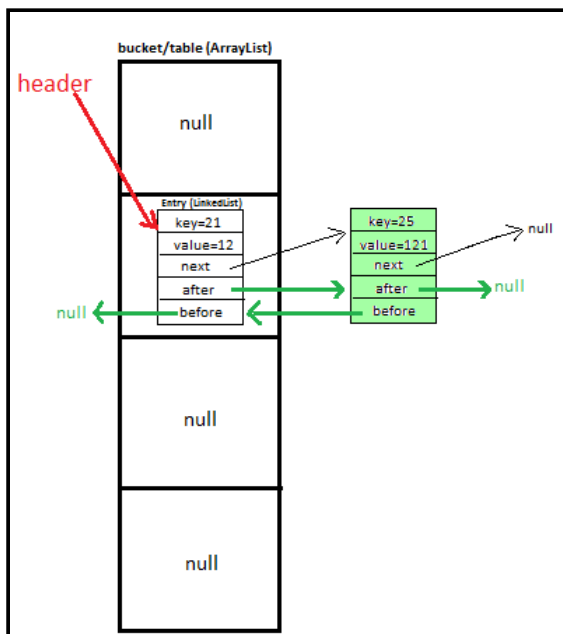
So, 1 will be the **index of bucket** on which **newEntry object** will be stored.

We will go to **1<sup>st</sup>** index, it contains **entry with key=21**, we will compare two keys(i.e. **compare 21 with 25** by using **equals method**), as **two keys are different** we check whether entry with key=21's **next** is null or not, if **next** is null we will **put our newEntry object on next**.

**Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-**

**Update header.after**, it will start pointing to **newEntry object** (i.e make Entry with key=21's after point to **newEntry object**], and also make **newEntry object's** before point to header (Entry with key=21')

At completion of this step our HashMap will look like this-

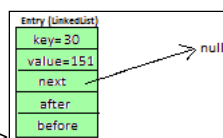


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### Let's put third key-value pair in HashMap-

Key=30, value=151



newEntry Object will be formed like this >

We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns

**key/capacity= 30%4= 2.**

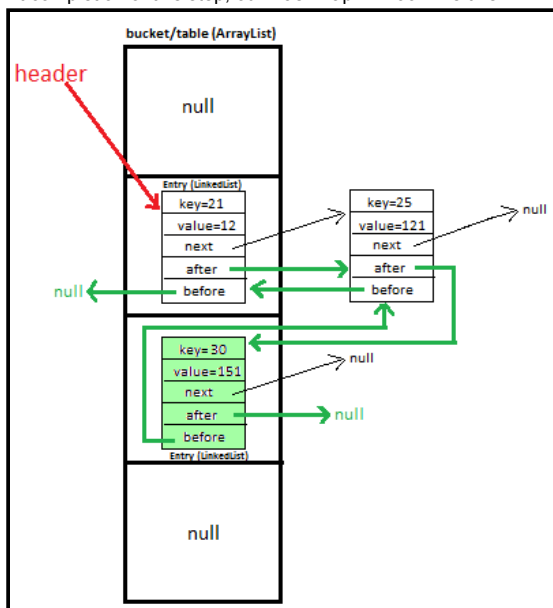
So, **2** will be the **index of bucket** on which **newEntry object** will be stored.

We will go to **2<sup>nd</sup>** index as it is pointing to null we will **put our newEntry object there**.

**Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-**

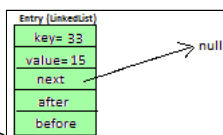
**Update doubly linked list's after and before.**

At completion of this step, our HashMap will look like this-



## Let's put fourth key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

Key=33, value=15



Entry Object will be formed like this >

We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns

**key/capacity= 33%4= 1,**

**So, 1** will be the **index of bucket** on which **newEntry object** will be stored.

We will go to 1<sup>st</sup> index -

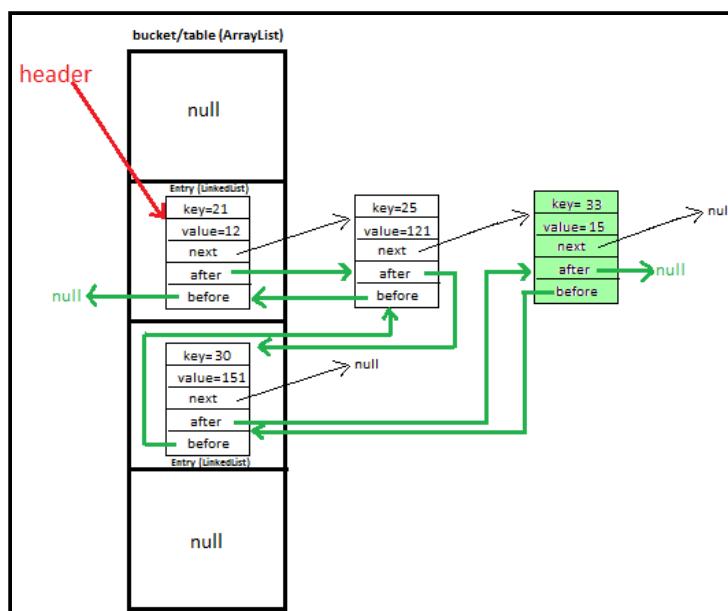
>it contains **entry with key=21**, we will **compare** two keys (i.e. **compare 21 with 33** by using **equals method**, as **two keys are different**, proceed to next of **entry with key=21** (proceed only if **next is not null**).

>now, next contains **entry with key=25**, we will **compare** two keys (i.e. **compare 25 with 33** by using **equals method**, as **two keys are different**, now **next of entry with key=25** is pointing to **null** so we won't proceed further, we will **put our newEntry object** on next.

**Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-**

**Update doubly linked list's after and before** (for maintaining insertion order)

At completion of this step our HashMap will look like this-

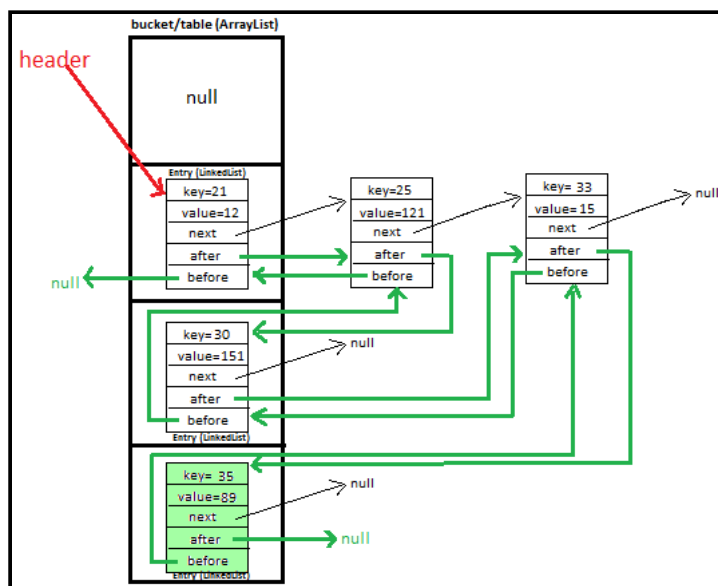


## Let's put fifth key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

Key=35, value=89

Repeat above mentioned steps.

At completion of this step our HashMap will look like this-



**Must read: Set Custom implementation.**

#### 4) Methods used in custom LinkedHashMap >

public void <b>put</b> (K newKey, V data)	-Method allows you put key-value pair in HashMap -If the map already contains a mapping for the key, the old value is replaced. -provide complete functionality how to override equals method. -provide complete functionality how to override hashCode method.
public V <b>get</b> (K key)	Method returns value corresponding to key.
public boolean <b>remove</b> (K deleteKey)	Method removes key-value pair from <b>LinkedHashMapCustom</b> .
public void <b>display</b> ()	-Method displays all key-value pairs present in <b>LinkedHashMapCustom</b> ., <b>-insertion order is guaranteed.</b>
private int <b>hash</b> (K key)	-Method implements hashing functionality, which helps in finding the appropriate bucket location to store our data. -This is very important method, as performance of <b>LinkedHashMapCustom</b> is very much dependent on this method's implementation.
private void <b>maintainOrderAfterInsert</b> (Entry<K, V> newEntry)	Methods helps in maintaining insertion order after insertion of key-value pair.
private void <b>maintainOrderAfterDeletion</b> (Entry<K, V> deleteEntry)	Methods helps in maintaining insertion order after deletion of key-value pair.

For more Refer : [LinkedHashMap Custom implementation - put, get, remove Employee object](#)

#### 5) Full Program/SourceCode for implementing custom LinkedHashMap>

```
package com.ankit;

/**
 * @author AnkitMittal, JavaMadeSoEasy.com
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 * reproduced in any form.
 * This class provides custom implementation of LinkedHashMap(without using java api's)-
 * which allows us to store data in key-value pair form.
 * It maintains insertion order, uses DoublyLinkedList for doing so.
 * If key which already exists is added again, its value is overridden but
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* insertion order does not change,
* BUT, if key-value pair is removed and value is again added than insertion order
* changes(which is quite natural behavior).
* @param <K>
* @param <V>
*/
class LinkedHashMapCustom<K, V> {

    private Entry<K,V>[] table; //Array of Entry.
    private int capacity= 4; //Initial capacity of HashMap
    private Entry<K,V> header; //head of the doubly linked list.
    private Entry<K,V> last; //last of the doubly linked list.

    /*
     * before and after are used for maintaining insertion order.
     */
    static class Entry<K, V> {
        K key;
        V value;
        Entry<K,V> next;
        Entry<K,V> before,after;

        public Entry(K key, V value, Entry<K,V> next){
            this.key = key;
            this.value = value;
            this.next = next;
        }
    }

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public LinkedHashMapCustom(){
        table = new Entry[capacity];
    }

    /**
     * Method allows you put key-value pair in LinkedHashMapCustom.
     * If the map already contains a mapping for the key, the old value is replaced.
     * Note: method does not allows you to put null key though it allows null values.
     * Implementation allows you to put custom objects as a key as well.
     * Key Features: implementation provides you with following features:-
     * >provide complete functionality how to override equals method.
     * >provide complete functionality how to override hashCode method.
     * @param newKey
     * @param data
     */
    public void put(K newKey, V data){
        if(newKey==null)
            return; //does not allow to store null.

        int hash=hash(newKey);

        Entry<K,V> newEntry = new Entry<K,V>(newKey, data, null);
        maintainOrderAfterInsert(newEntry);
        if(table[hash] == null){
            table[hash] = newEntry;
        }else{
            Entry<K,V> previous = null;
            Entry<K,V> current = table[hash];
            while(current != null){ //we have reached last entry of bucket.
                if(current.key.equals(newKey)){
                    if(previous==null){ //node has to be insert on first of bucket.
                        newEntry.next=current.next;
                        table[hash]=newEntry;
                        return;
                    }
                    else{
                        newEntry.next=current.next;
                        previous.next=newEntry;
                        return;
                    }
                }
                previous=current;
                current = current.next;
            }
            previous.next = newEntry;
        }
    }
}

```

```

/**
 * below method helps us in ensuring insertion order of LinkedHashMapCustom
 * after new key-value pair is added.
 */
private void maintainOrderAfterInsert(Entry<K, V> newEntry) {

    if(header==null){
        header=newEntry;
        last=newEntry;
        return;
    }

    if(header.key.equals(newEntry.key)){
        deleteFirst();
        insertFirst(newEntry);
        return;
    }

    if(last.key.equals(newEntry.key)){
        deleteLast();
        insertLast(newEntry);
        return;
    }

    Entry<K, V> beforeDeleteEntry= deleteSpecificEntry(newEntry);
    if(beforeDeleteEntry==null){
        insertLast(newEntry);
    }
    else{
        insertAfter(beforeDeleteEntry,newEntry);
    }

}

/**
 * below method helps us in ensuring insertion order of LinkedHashMapCustom,
 * after deletion of key-value pair.
 */
private void maintainOrderAfterDeletion(Entry<K, V> deleteEntry) {

    if(header.key.equals(deleteEntry.key)){
        deleteFirst();
        return;
    }

    if(last.key.equals(deleteEntry.key)){
        deleteLast();
        return;
    }

    deleteSpecificEntry(deleteEntry);

}

/**
 * returns entry after which new entry must be added.
 */
private void insertAfter(Entry<K, V> beforeDeleteEntry, Entry<K, V> newEntry) {
    Entry<K, V> current=header;
    while(current!=beforeDeleteEntry){
        current=current.after; //move to next node.
    }

    newEntry.after=beforeDeleteEntry.after;
    beforeDeleteEntry.after.before=newEntry;
    newEntry.before=beforeDeleteEntry;
    beforeDeleteEntry.after=newEntry;

}

/**
 * deletes entry from first.
 */
private void deleteFirst(){

    if(header==last){ //only one entry found.
        header=last=null;
        return;
    }
    header=header.after;

```



```

        header.before=null;
    }

    /**
     * inserts entry at first.
     */
    private void insertFirst(Entry<K, V> newEntry){

        if(header==null){ //no entry found
            header=newEntry;
            last=newEntry;
            return;
        }

        newEntry.after=header;
        header.before=newEntry;
        header=newEntry;
    }

    /**
     * inserts entry at last.
     */
    private void insertLast(Entry<K, V> newEntry){

        if(header==null){
            header=newEntry;
            last=newEntry;
            return;
        }
        last.after=newEntry;
        newEntry.before=last;
        last=newEntry;
    }

    /**
     * deletes entry from last.
     */
    private void deleteLast(){

        if(header==last){
            header=last=null;
            return;
        }

        last=last.before;
        last.after=null;
    }

    /**
     * deletes specific entry and returns before entry.
     */
    private Entry<K, V> deleteSpecificEntry(Entry<K, V> newEntry){

        Entry<K, V> current=header;
        while(!current.key.equals(newEntry.key)){
            if(current.after==null){ //entry not found
                return null;
            }
            current=current.after; //move to next node.
        }

        Entry<K, V> beforeDeleteEntry=current.before;
        current.before.after=current.after;
        current.after.before=current.before; //entry deleted
        return beforeDeleteEntry;
    }

    /**
     * Method returns value corresponding to key.
     * @param key
     */
    public V get(K key){
        int hash = hash(key);
        if(table[hash] == null){
            return null;
        }else{
            Entry<K,V> temp = table[hash];

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        while(temp!= null){
            if(temp.key.equals(key))
                return temp.value;
            temp = temp.next; //return value corresponding to key.
        }
        return null; //returns null if key is not found.
    }
}

/**
 * Method removes key-value pair from HashMapCustom.
 * @param key
 */
public boolean remove(K deleteKey){

    int hash=hash(deleteKey);

    if(table[hash] == null){
        return false;
    }else{
        Entry<K,V> previous = null;
        Entry<K,V> current = table[hash];

        while(current != null){ //we have reached last entry node of bucket.
            if(current.key.equals(deleteKey)){
                maintainOrderAfterDeletion(current);
                if(previous==null){ //delete first entry node.
                    table[hash]=table[hash].next;
                    return true;
                }
                else{
                    previous.next=current.next;
                    return true;
                }
            }
            previous=current;
            current = current.next;
        }
        return false;
    }
}

/**
 * Method displays all key-value pairs present in HashMapCustom.,
 * insertion order is not guaranteed, for maintaining insertion order
 * refer linkedHashMapCustom.
 * @param key
 */
public void display(){

    Entry<K, V> currentEntry=header;
    while(currentEntry!=null){
        System.out.print("{ "+currentEntry.key+"="+currentEntry.value+"} " + " ");
        currentEntry=currentEntry.after;
    }
}

/**
 * Method implements hashing functionality, which helps in finding the appropriate
 * bucket location to store our data.
 * This is very important method, as performance of HashMapCustom is very much
 * dependent on this method's implementation.
 * @param key
 */
private int hash(K key){
    return Math.abs(key.hashCode()) % capacity;
}

}

/** Copyright (c), AnkitMittal JavaMadeSoEasy.com */
/**
 * Main class- to test HashMap functionality.
 */
public class LinkedHashMapCustomApp {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

```

```

        LinkedHashMapCustom<Integer, Integer> linkedHashMapCustom = new
LinkedHashMapCustom<Integer, Integer>();

        linkedHashMapCustom.put(21, 12);
        linkedHashMapCustom.put(25, 121);
        linkedHashMapCustom.put(30, 151);
        linkedHashMapCustom.put(33, 15);
        linkedHashMapCustom.put(35, 89);

        System.out.println("Display values corresponding to keys>");
        System.out.println("value corresponding to key 21="
                + linkedHashMapCustom.get(21));
        System.out.println("value corresponding to key 51="
                + linkedHashMapCustom.get(51));

        System.out.print("Displaying : ");
        linkedHashMapCustom.display();

        System.out.println("\n\nvalue corresponding to key 21 removed: "
                + linkedHashMapCustom.remove(21));
        System.out.println("value corresponding to key 22 removed: "
                + linkedHashMapCustom.remove(22));

        System.out.print("Displaying : ");
        linkedHashMapCustom.display();
    }
}

/*Output

Display values corresponding to keys>
value corresponding to key 21=12
value corresponding to key 51=null
Displaying : {21=12} {25=121} {30=151} {33=15} {35=89}

value corresponding to key 21 removed: true
value corresponding to key 22 removed: false
Displaying : {25=121} {30=151} {33=15} {35=89}

*/

```

## 6) Complexity calculation of put and get methods in LinkedHashMap >

Complexity offered by put and get methods of LinkedHashMap is same as that of [HashMap](#). **Additionally, for maintaining insertion order during put method - doubly linked list's header, after and before are also updated (whichever is needed to be updated).**

### 6.1) put method - worst Case complexity >

**O(n) + for maintaining insertion order during put method - doubly linked list's header, after and before are also updated (whichever is needed to be updated).**

### 6.2) put method - best Case complexity >

**O(1). for maintaining insertion order during put method - doubly linked list's header, after and before are also updated (whichever is needed to be updated).**

### 6.3) get method - worst Case complexity >

**O(n)**

### 6.4) get method - best Case complexity >

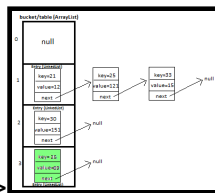
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**Summary of article >**

In this tutorial we learned how to create and implement own/custom LinkedHashMap in java with full program, diagram and examples to insert and retrieve key-value pairs in it.

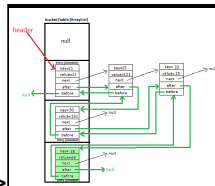
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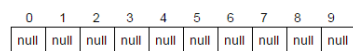
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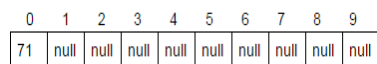
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