

## Recreation

Prove that  $\lfloor (2 + \sqrt{3})^n \rfloor$  is odd for all integer  $n \geq 0$ .

[Source: D. O. Shklarsky, N. N. Chentzov, I. M. Yaglom, *The USSR Olympiad Book*, Dover ed. (1993), from the W. H. Freeman edition, 1962.]

## CS61B Lecture #3: Values and Containers

- Labs are normally due at midnight Friday. Last week's is due
- **Today.** Simple classes. Scheme-like lists. Destructive v destructive operations. Models of memory.

## Values and Containers

- *Values* are numbers, booleans, and pointers. *Values never*

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- *Simple containers* contain values:

x:  L:  p: 

Examples: variables, fields, individual array elements, param

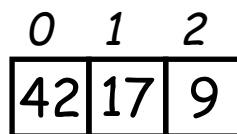
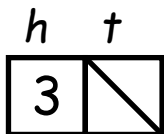
# Structured Containers

*Structured containers* contain (0 or more) other containers:

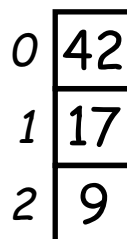
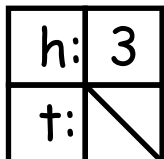
*Class Object*

*Array Object*

*Empty Object*

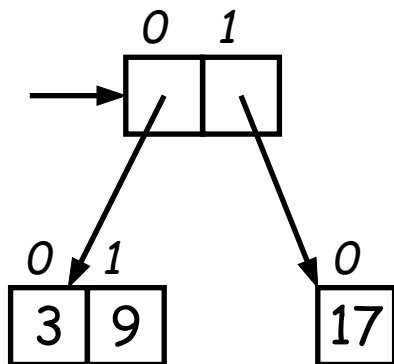


*Alternative  
notation*



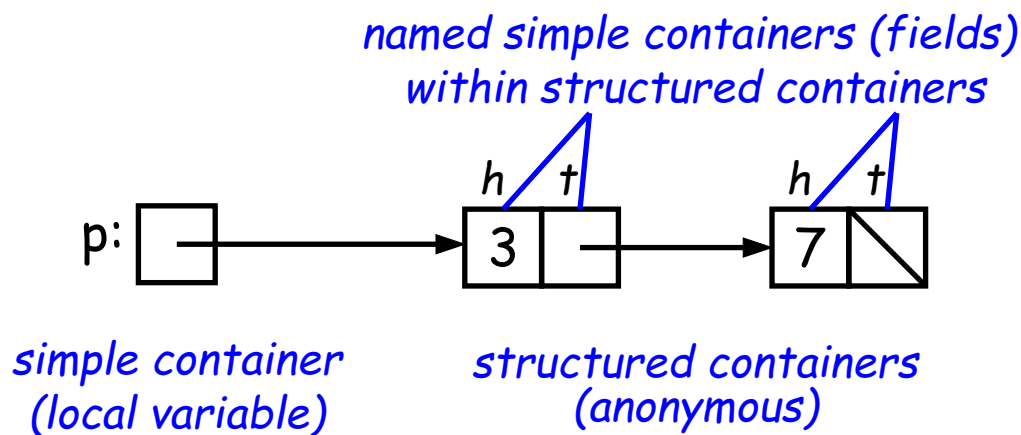
# Pointers

- *Pointers* (or *references*) are values that *reference* (point to) containers.
- One particular pointer, called **null**, points to nothing.
- In Java, structured containers contain only simple containers. pointers allow us to build arbitrarily big or complex structures in this way.



## Containers in Java

- Containers may be *named* or *anonymous*.
- In Java, *all* simple containers are named, *all* structured containers are anonymous, and pointers point only to structured containers (Therefore, structured containers contain only simple containers)



- In Java, assignment copies values into simple containers.
- Exactly* like Scheme and Python!
- (Python also has slice assignment, as in `x[3:7]=...`, which is a bit more complicated than handing something else entirely.)

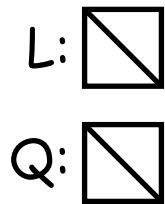
## Defining New Types of Object

- Class declarations introduce new types of objects.
- Example: list of integers:

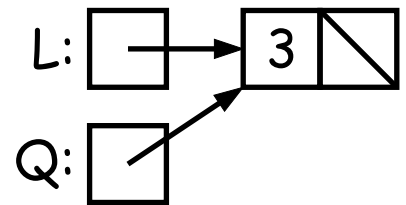
```
public class IntList {  
    // Constructor function (used to initialize new ob  
    /** List cell containing (HEAD, TAIL). */  
    public IntList(int head, IntList tail) {  
        this.head = head; this.tail = tail;  
    }  
  
    // Names of simple containers (fields)  
    // WARNING: public instance variables usually bad  
    public int head;  
    public IntList tail;  
}
```

## Primitive Operations

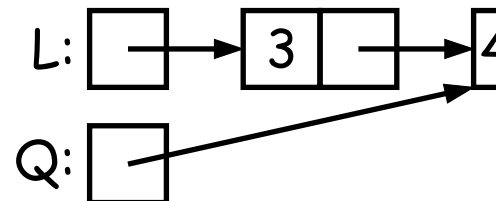
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IntList Q, L;
```



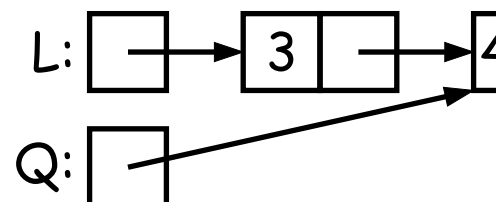
```
L = new IntList(3, null);  
Q = L;
```



```
Q = new IntList(42, null);  
L.tail = Q;
```



```
L.tail.head += 1;  
// Now Q.head == 43  
// and L.tail.head == 43
```

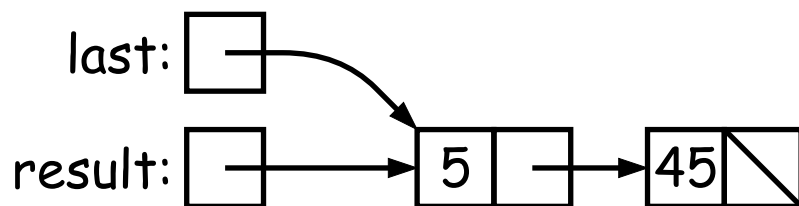




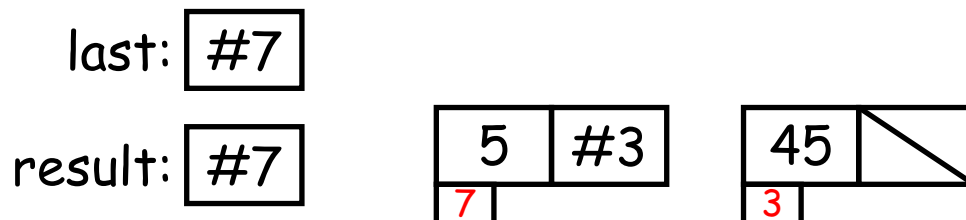
## Side Excursion: Another Way to View Pointers

- Some folks find the idea of "copying an arrow" somewhat odd
- Alternative view: think of a pointer as a *label*, like a street address
- Each object has a permanent label on it, like the address on a house.
- Then a variable containing a pointer is like a scrap of paper with a street address written on it.

- One view:

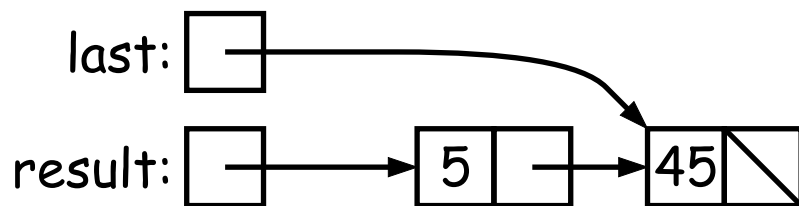


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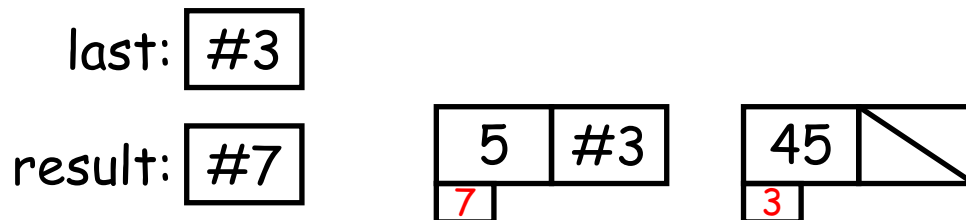


## Another Way to View Pointers (II)

- Assigning a pointer to a variable looks just like assigning an integer to a variable.
- So, after executing "last = last.tail;" we have



- Alternative view:



- Under alternative view, you might be less inclined to think that a pointer assignment would change object `#7` itself, rather than just "last".
- BEWARE! Internally, pointers really are just numbers, but the compiler treats them as more than that: they have *types*, and you can't change integers into pointers.

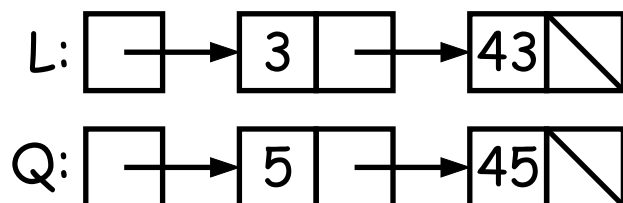
## Destructive vs. Non-destructive

**Problem:** Given a (pointer to a) list of integers,  $L$ , and an increment  $n$ , return a list created by incrementing all elements of  $L$  by  $n$ .

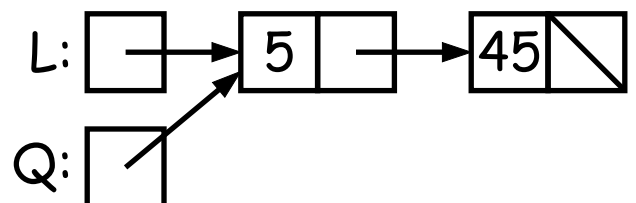
```
/** List of all items in P incremented by n. Does not modify  
 * existing IntLists. */  
static IntList incrList(IntList P, int n) {  
    return /*( P, with each element incremented by n )*/  
}
```

We say `incrList` is *non-destructive*, because it leaves the input list unchanged, as shown on the left. A *destructive* method may modify input objects, so that the original data is no longer available, as shown on the right:

After `Q = incrList(L, 2)`:



After `Q = dincrList(L, 2)`:



## Nondestructive IncrList: Recursive

```
/** List of all items in P incremented by n. */
static IntList incrList(IntList P, int n) {
    if (P == null)
        return null;
    else return new IntList(P.head+n, incrList(P.tail, n));
}
```

- Why does `incrList` have to return its result, rather than just modifying `P`?
- In the call `incrList(P, 2)`, where `P` contains 3 and 43, which object gets created first?

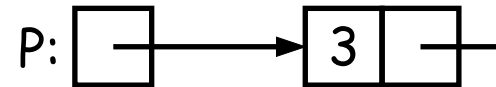
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    while (P.tail != null) {
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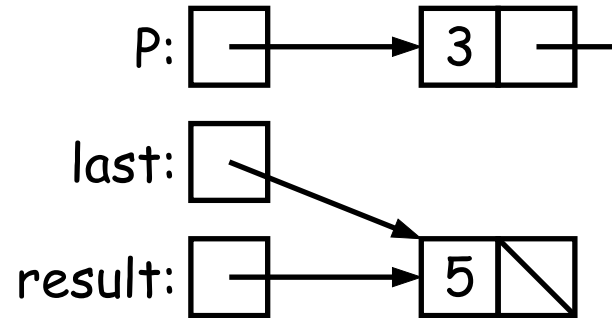
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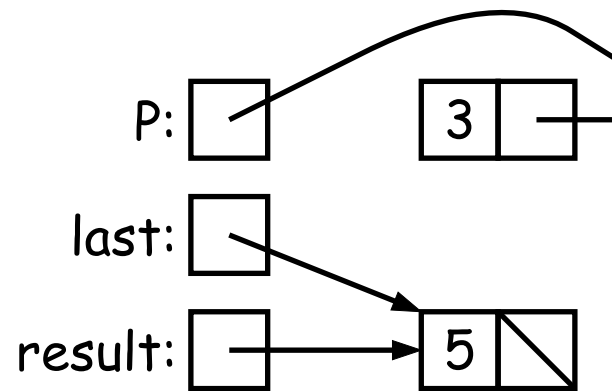
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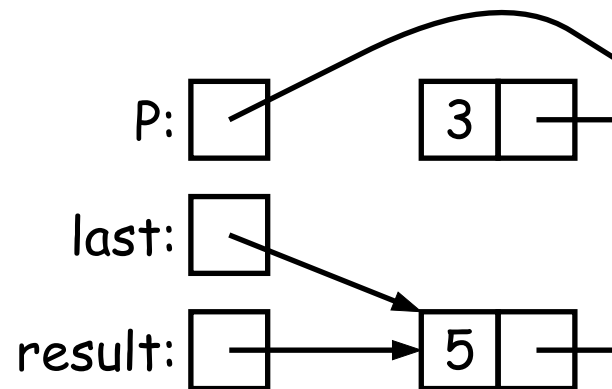
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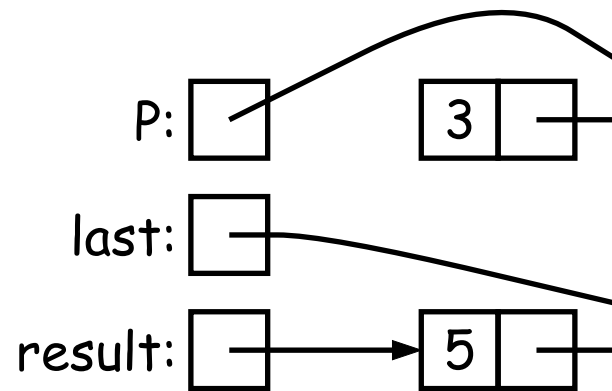
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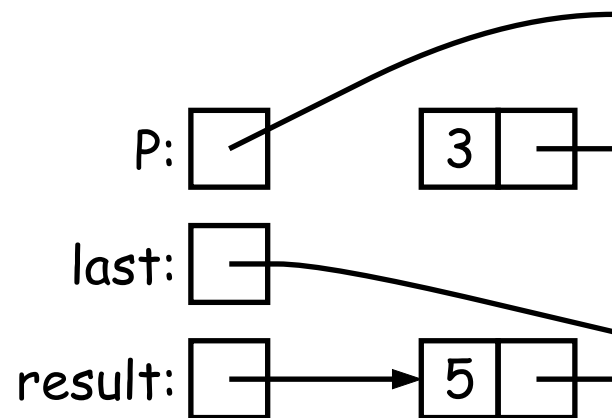
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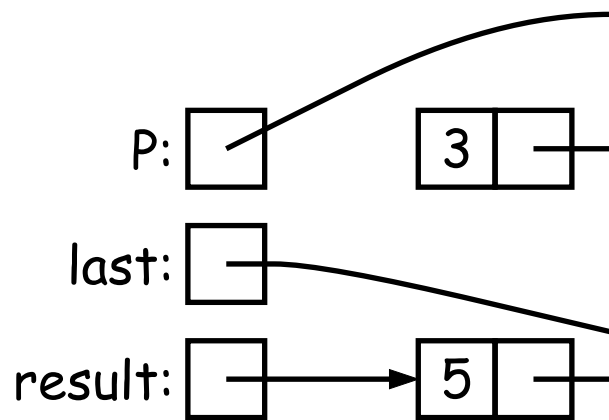
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