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

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

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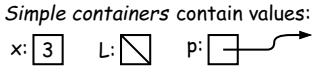
Values never change.

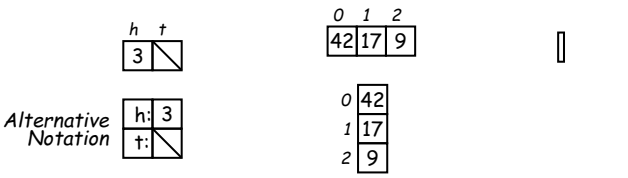
- *Simple containers* contain values:



Examples: variables, fields, individual array elements, parameters.

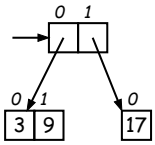
containers:

Class Object *Array Object* *Empty Object*

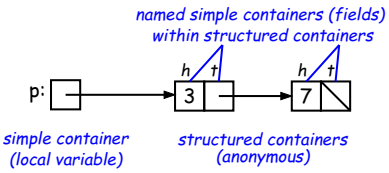


erence (point to) containers.

- One particular pointer, called **null**, points to nothing.
- In Java, structured containers contain only simple containers, but pointers allow us to build arbitrarily big or complex structures anyway.



- 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 shorthand for something else entirely.)

objects.

- Example: list of integers:

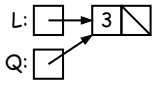
```
public class IntList {
  // Constructor function (used to initialize
new object)
  /** List cell containing (HEAD, TAIL).
*/
  public IntList(int head, IntList tail)
{
    this.head = head; this.tail = tail;
  }

  // Names of simple containers (fields)
  // WARNING: public instance variables
usually bad style!
  public int head;
  public IntList tail;
}
```



```
IntList Q, L;
```


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

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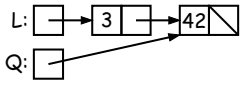
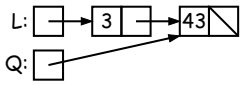
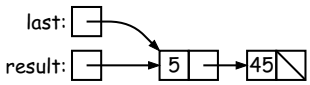
Q = new IntList(42,
null);
L.tail = Q;
```




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



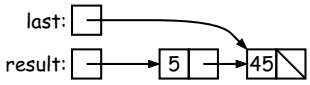
- Some folks find the idea of "copying an arrow" somewhat odd.
- Alternative view: think of a pointer as a *label*, like a street address.
- Each object has a permanent label on it, like the address plaque on a house.
- Then a variable containing a pointer is like a scrap of paper with a street address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



- Alternative view:

like assigning an integer to a variable.

- So, after executing "last = last.tail;" we have



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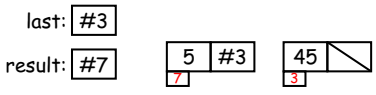
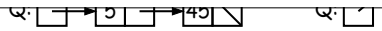


- Under alternative view, you might be less inclined to think that assignment would change object #7 itself, rather than just "last".
- BEWARE! Internally, pointers really are just numbers, but Java treats them as more than that: they have *types*, and you can't just change integers into pointers.

gers, L, and an integer increment n, return a list created by incrementing all elements of the list 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 objects unchanged, as shown on the left. A *destructive* method may modify the input objects, so that the original data is no longer available, as shown on the right:




```
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 setting `P`?
- In the call `incrList(P, 2)`, where `P` contains 3 and 43, which `IntList` object gets created first?

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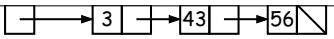


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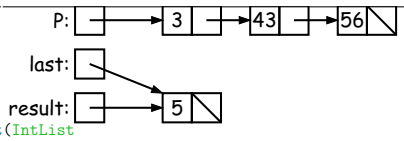


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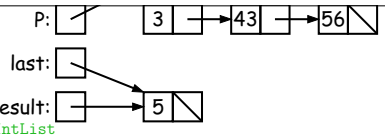


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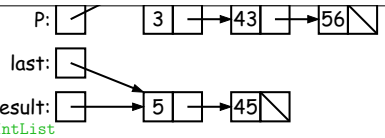


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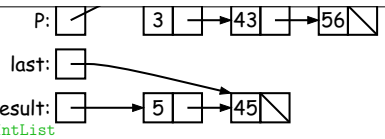


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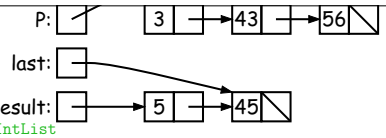


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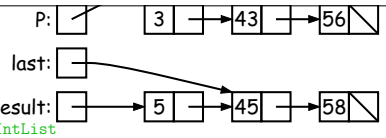


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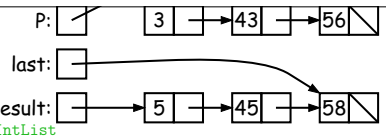


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