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#### **Outline:**

- Single link list

A linked list is a sequence of data structures, which are connected together via links. Linked List is a sequence of links which contains items. Each link contains a connection to another link. Linked list is the second most-used data structure after array. Following are the important terms to understand the concept of Linked List.

- Link – Each link of a linked list can store a data called an element.
- Next – Each link of a linked list contains a link to the next link called Next.
- Linked List – A Linked List contains the connection link to the first link called First.

#### **Why Linked List?**

Arrays can be used to store linear data of similar types, but arrays have the following limitations.

- 1) The size of the arrays is fixed: So we must know the upper limit on the number of elements in advance. Also, generally, the allocated memory is equal to the upper limit irrespective of the usage.
- 2) Inserting a new element in an array of elements is expensive because the room has to be created for the new elements and to create room existing elements have to be shifted.

- For example, in a system, if we maintain a sorted list of IDs in an array `id[]`.
- `id[] = [1000, 1010, 1050, 2000, 2040]`.

And if we want to insert a new ID 1005, then to maintain the sorted order, we have to move all the elements after 1000 (excluding 1000).

Deletion is also expensive with arrays until unless some special techniques are used. For example, to delete 1010 in `id[]`, everything after 1010 has to be moved.

#### **Advantages over arrays**

- 1) Dynamic size
- 2) Ease of insertion/deletion

#### **Drawbacks:**

- 1) Random access is not allowed. We have to access elements sequentially starting from the first node. So we cannot do binary search with linked lists efficiently with its default implementation. Read about it [here](#).
- 2) Extra memory space for a pointer is required with each element of the list.
- 3) Not cache friendly. Since array elements are contiguous locations, there is locality of reference which is not there in case of linked lists.

#### **Representation:**

A linked list is represented by a pointer to the first node of the linked list. The first node is called

the head. If the linked list is empty, then the value of the head is NULL.

Each node in a list consists of at least two parts:

- 1) data
- 2) Pointer (Or Reference) to the next node

In C, we can represent a node using structures. Below is an example of a linked list node with integer data.

**In Java or C#, LinkedList can be represented as a class and a Node as a separate class. The LinkedList class contains a reference of Node class type.**

## Linked List Representation:

Linked list can be visualized as a chain of nodes, where every node points to the next node.



As per the above illustration, following are the important points to be considered.

- Linked List contains a link element called first.
- Each link carries a data field(s) and a link field called next.
- Each link is linked with its next link using its next link.
- Last link carries a link as null to mark the end of the list.

## Types of Linked List:

Following are the various types of linked list.

- Simple Linked List – Item navigation is forward only.
- Doubly Linked List – Items can be navigated forward and backward.
- Circular Linked List – Last item contains link of the first element as next and the first element has a link to the last element as previous.

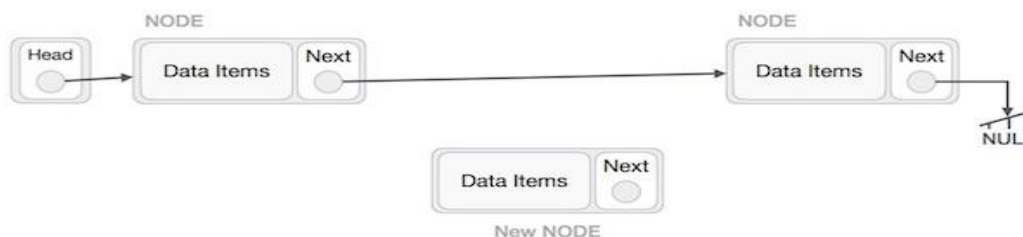
## Basic Operations:

Following are the basic operations supported by a list.

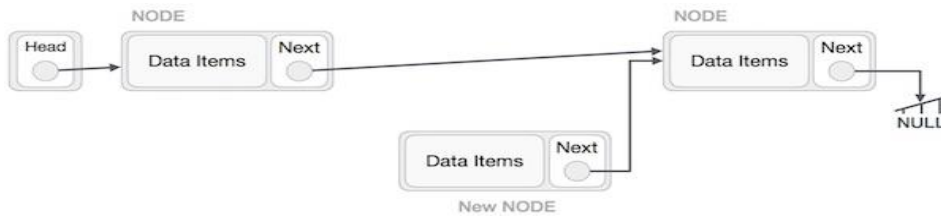
- Insertion – Adds an element at the beginning of the list.
- Deletion – Deletes an element at the beginning of the list.
- Display – Displays the complete list.
- Search – Searches an element using the given key.
- Delete – Deletes an element using the given key.

### 1. Insertion Operation:

Adding a new node in linked list is a more than one step activity. We shall learn this with diagrams here. First, create a node using the same structure and find the location where it has to be inserted.

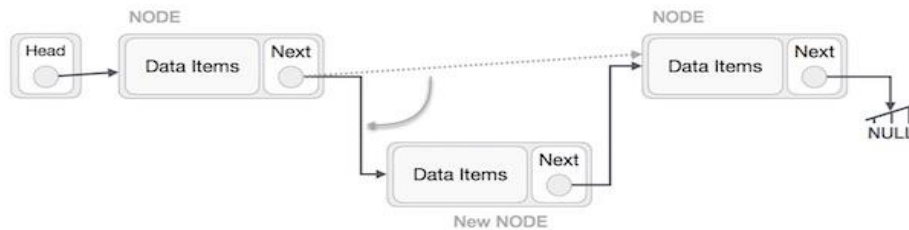


`NewNode.next -> RightNode;`

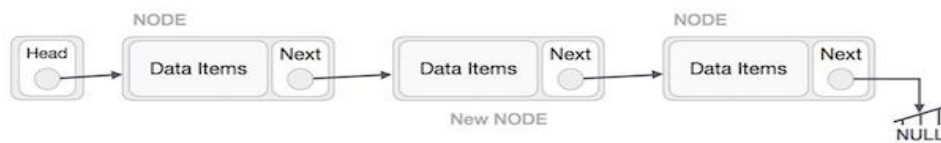


Now, the next node at the left should point to the new node.

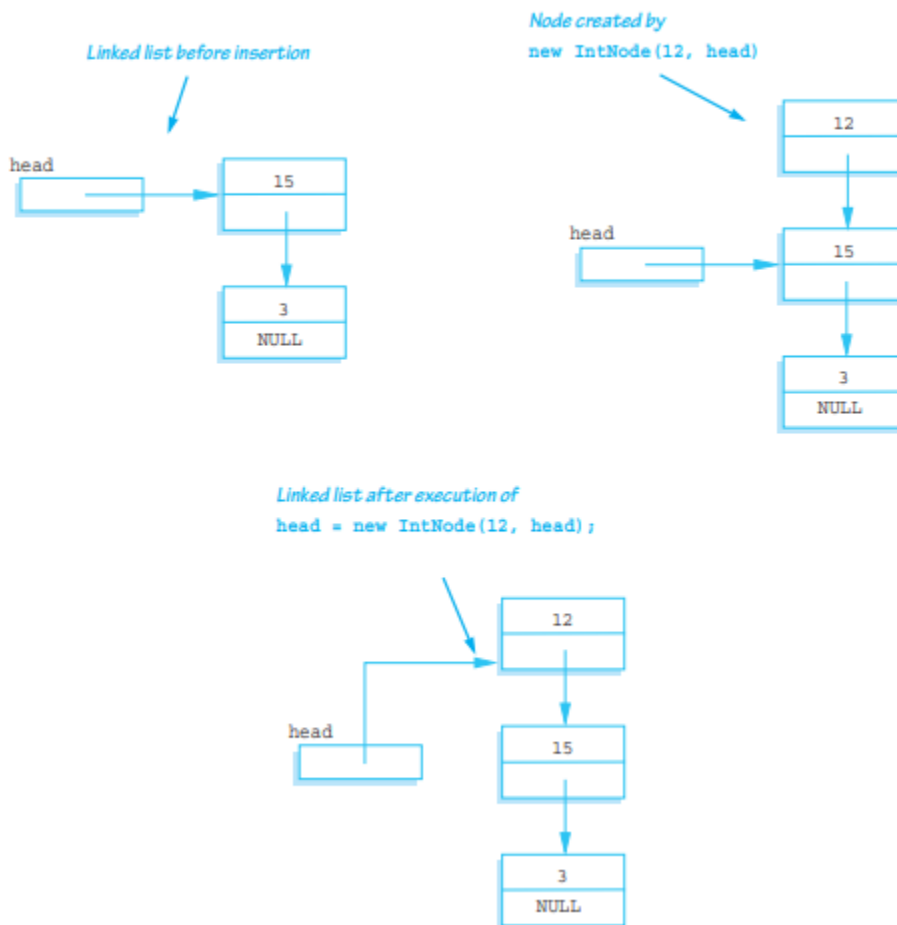
`LeftNode.next -> NewNode;`



This will put the new node in the middle of the two. The new list should look like this –

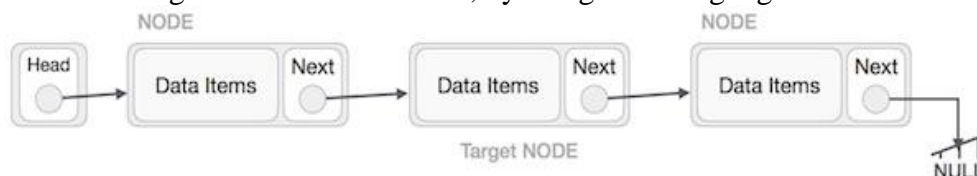


Display 17.3 Adding a Node to the Head of a Linked List

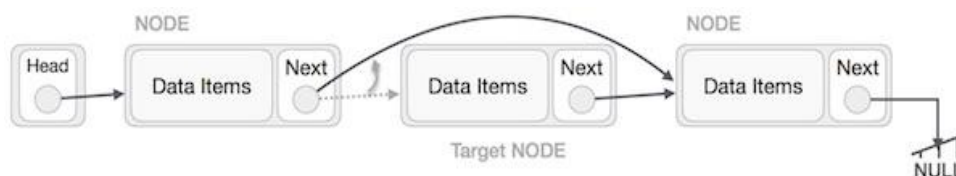


## 2. Deletion Operation:

Deletion is also a more than one step process. We shall learn with pictorial representation. First, locate the target node to be removed, by using searching algorithms.

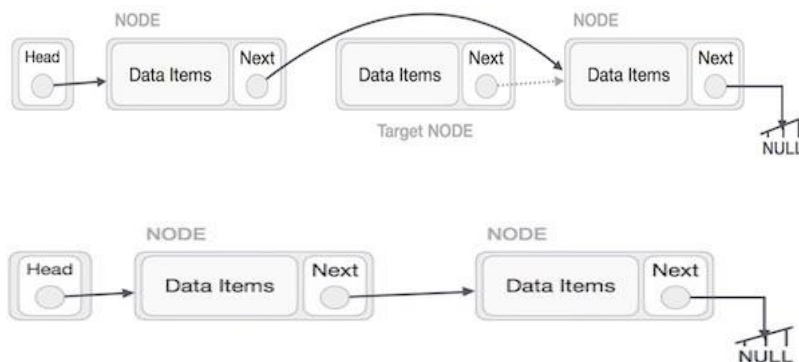


The left (previous) node of the target node now should point to the next node of the target node – `LeftNode.next -> TargetNode.next;`

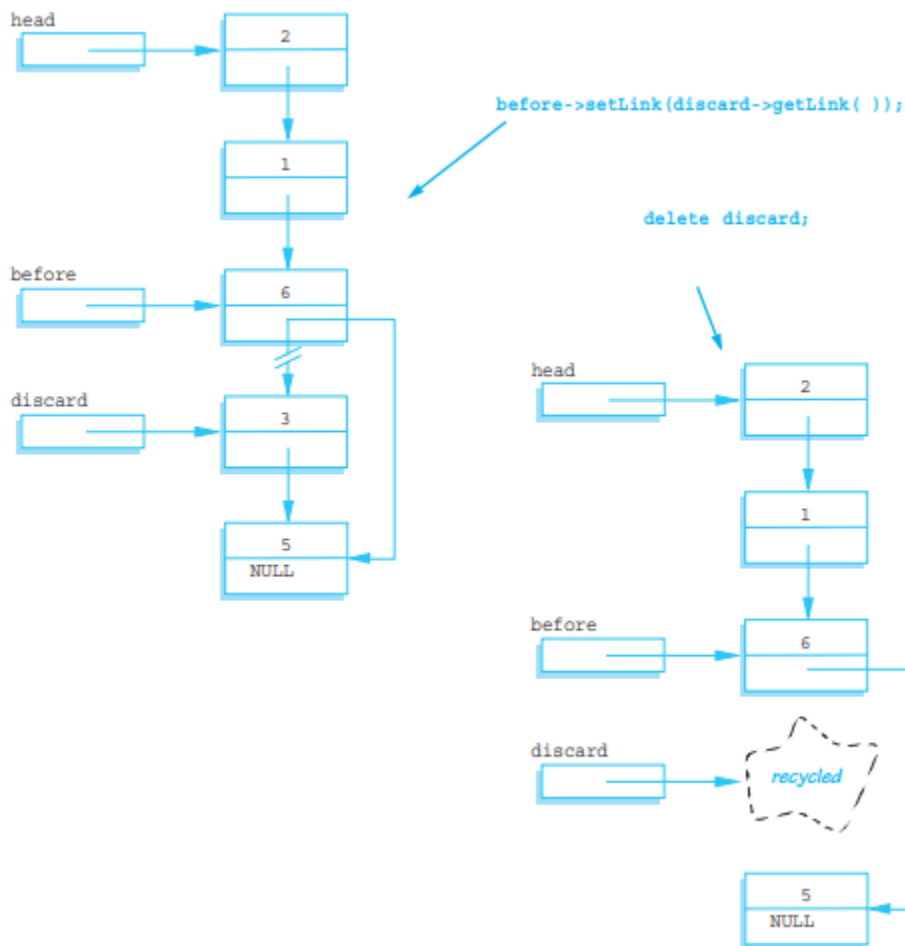


This will remove the link that was pointing to the target node. Now, using the following code, we will remove what the target node is pointing at.

TargetNode.next → NULL;



Display 17.7 Removing a Node



This is sufficient to remove the node from the linked list. However, if you are not using this node for something else, you should destroy the node and return the memory it uses for recycling; you can do this with a call to `delete` as follows:

```
delete discard;
```

### The delete Operator

The delete operator eliminates a dynamic variable and returns the memory that the dynamic variable occupied to the freestore. The memory can then be reused to create new dynamic variables. For example, the following eliminates the dynamic variable pointed to by the pointer variable p:

```
delete p;
```

After a call to delete, the value of the pointer variable, like p just shown, is undefined.

### algorithm

### Pseudocode for search Function

*Make the pointer variable here point to the head node (that is, first node) of the linked list.*

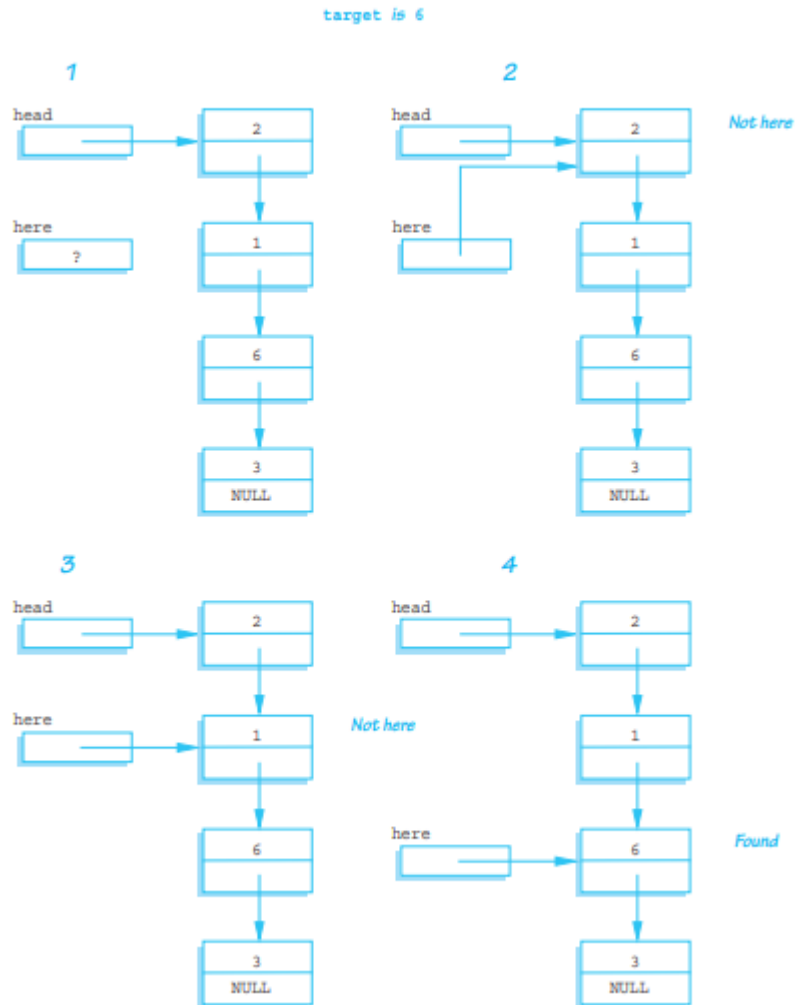
```
while (here is not pointing to a node containing target
      and here is not pointing to the last node)
{
    Make here point to the next node in the list.
}
if (the node pointed to by here contains target)
    return here;
else
    return NULL;
```

To move the pointer *here* to the next node, we must think in terms of the named pointers we have available. The next node is the one pointed to by the pointer member of the node currently pointed to by *here*. The pointer member of the node currently pointed to by *here* is given by the expression

```
here->getLink( )
```

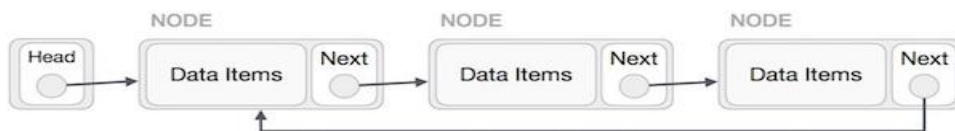
To move *here* to the next node, we want to change *here* so that it points to the node that is pointed to by the above-named pointer. Hence, the following will move the pointer *here* to the next node in the list:

```
here = here->getLink( );
```



### Singly Linked List as Circular:

In singly linked list, the next pointer of the last node points to the first node.



```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
//Declare Node
struct Node{
    int num;
    Node *next;
};
//Declare starting (Head) node
struct Node *head=NULL;
//Insert node at start
void insertNode(int n){
```

## LAB TASK

### Question No. 1:

Write a Count () function that counts the number of times a given int occurs in a list. The code for this has the classic list traversal structure as demonstrated in Length ().

```
void CountTest() {
List myList = BuildOneTwoThree(); // build {1, 2, 3}
int count = Count(myList, 2); // returns 1 since there's 1 '2' in the list
}
/*
Given a list and an int, return the number of times that int occurs
in the list.
*/
int Count(struct node* head, int searchFor) {
// Your code
```

### Question No. 2:

Menu driven program for all operations on singly linked list

#### Operations to be performed:

- **traverse():** To see the contents of the linked list, it is necessary to traverse the given linked list. The given traverse() function traverses and prints the content of the linked list.
- **insertAtFront():** This function simply inserts an element at the front/beginning of the linked list.
- **insertAtEnd():** This function inserts an element at the end of the linked list.
- **insertAtPosition():** This function inserts an element at a specified position in the linked list.
- **deleteFirst():** This function simply deletes an element from the front/beginning of the linked list.
- **deleteEnd():** This function simply deletes an element from the end of the linked list.
- **deletePosition():** This function deletes an element from a specified position in the linked list.
- **maximum():** This function finds the maximum element in a linked list.
- **mean():** This function finds the mean of the elements in a linked list.
- **sort():** This function sort the given linked list in ascending order.
- **reverseLL():** This function reverses the given linked list.

### Question No. 3:

Write a program that prompts the users to enter 12 numbers. This program reads the numbers into a linked list. Make another Linked list that will store the average of numbers.



The two lists will be passed to a function for and the average will be calculated by

- Take First Four nodes of "numbers list" calculate their average and store at first node in "Average linked list".
- Next time skip the first node of "numbers list" and average the next 4 nodes and store at second node in Average linked list.
- And this procedure will continue, until Average for all will be stored in Averagelist.

#### **Question No. 4:**

Given a singly Linked List, the task is to swap the first odd valued node from the beginning and the first even valued node from the end of the Linked List. If the list contains node values of a single parity, then no modifications are required.

**Examples:**

**Input:** 4 -> 3 -> 5 -> 2 -> 3 -> NULL

**Output:** 4 -> 2 -> 5 -> 3 -> 3 -> NULL

**Explanation:**

4 -> **3** -> 5 -> **2** -> 3 -> NULL ==> 4 -> **2** -> 5 -> **3** -> 3 -> NULL

The first odd value in any node from the beginning is **3**.

The first even value in any node from the end is **2**.

After swapping the above two node values, the linked list modifies to 4 -> 2 -> 5 -> 3 -> 3 -> NULL.

**Input:** LL: 2 -> 6 -> 8 -> 2 -> NULL

**Output:** 2 -> 6 -> 8 -> 2 -> NULL

#### **Question No. 5:**

Given a singly linked list containing **N** nodes, the task is to find the mean of all the distinct nodes from the list whose data value is an odd Fibonacci number. **Write function to Generate Fibonacci series**

**Examples:**

**Input:** LL = 5 -> 21 -> 8 -> 12 -> 3 -> 13 -> 144 -> 6

**Output** 10.5

**Explanation:**

Fibonacci Nodes present in the Linked List are {5, 21, 8, 3, 13, 144}

Odd Fibonacci Nodes present in the List are {5, 21, 3, 13}

Count of Odd Fibonacci Nodes is 4

Therefore , Mean of Odd Fibonacci Node Values =  $(5 + 21 + 3 + 13) / 4 = 10.5$

**Input:** LL = 55 -> 3 -> 91 -> 89 -> 76 -> 233 -> 34 -> 87 -> 5 -> 100

**Output:** 77

**Explanation:**

Fibonacci Nodes present in the Linked List are {55, 3, 89, 233, 34, 5}

Odd Fibonacci Nodes present in the Linked List are {55, 3, 89, 233, 5}

Count of Odd Fibonacci Nodes is 5

Therefore , Mean of Odd Fibonacci Node Values =  $(55 + 5 + 3 + 89 + 233) / 5 = 77$