

Doubly linkedlist

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Doubly linkedlist - Data structure & algorithms



Initial state: headPointer = null
tailPointer = null

InsertAtHead(int data)

- Check if the doubly linkedlist is uninitialized/null. We can check this by verifying head == null.
- If the headPointer is null, we will need to create a new doubly linkedlist node and set it as the new head node.

Initial state: headPointer = null,
tailPointer = null,
HEAD <-> NULL
Final state: headPointer = newHeadNode,
tailPointer = newHeadNode
newHeadNode

Set newHeadNode.data = data
Set newHeadNode.next = null
Set newHeadNode.prev = null

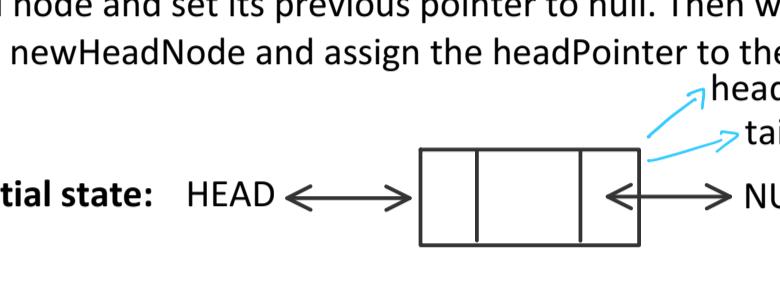
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Time complexity:

- InsertAtHead()** - O(1) constant-time
- RemoveFromHead()** - O(1) constant-time
- InsertAtTail()** - O(1) constant-time
- RemoveFromTail()** - O(1) constant-time

- If the headPointer is not null, we still need to create a new doubly linkedlist node and set its next pointer equal to the current head node and set its previous pointer to null. Then we will set headPointer's previous reference to the newHeadNode and assign the headPointer to the newHeadNode.

newHeadNode

Set newHeadNode.data = data
Set newHeadNode.next = headPointer
Set newHeadNode.prev = null

Initial state: HEAD <-> NULL

Final state: HEAD <-> newHeadNode

headPointer, tailPointer

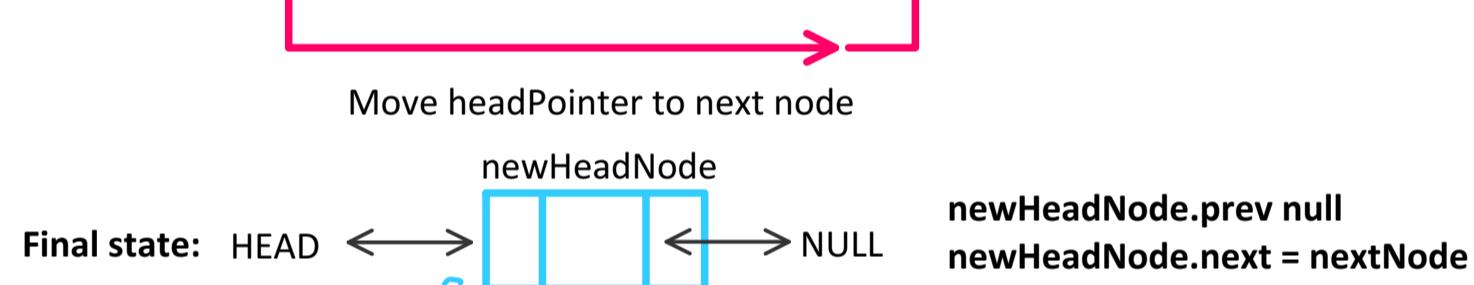
Final state: HEAD <-> newHeadNode

headPointer, tailPointer

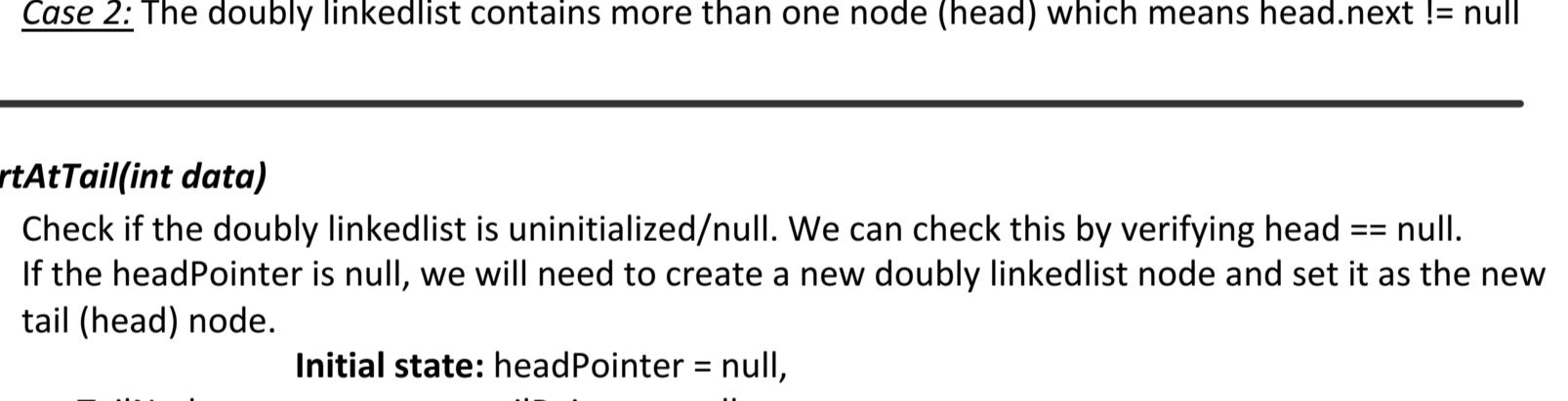
- headPointer.setPrevious(newHead)
- headPointer = newHeadNode

RemoveFromHead()

- If the doubly linkedlist is uninitialized/null, then we cannot removeFromHead() & report ERROR.
- If the doubly linkedlist is not null, that means we do have an existing head node and we need to remove it from our doubly linkedlist.



Case 1: The doubly linkedlist only contains one node (head) which means head.next == null



Case 2: The doubly linkedlist contains more than one node (head) which means head.next != null

InsertAtTail(int data)

- Check if the doubly linkedlist is uninitialized/null. We can check this by verifying head == null.
- If the headPointer is null, we will need to create a new doubly linkedlist node and set it as the new tail (head) node.

Initial state: headPointer = null,
tailPointer = null,
HEAD <-> NULL
Final state: headPointer = newTailNode,
tailPointer = newTailNode
newTailNode

Set newTailNode.data = data
Set newTailNode.next = null
Set newTailNode.prev = null

Initial state: headPointer = null,

tailPointer = null,

HEAD <-> NULL

Final state: headPointer = newTailNode,

tailPointer = newTailNode



- If the headPointer is not null, we still need to create a new doubly linkedlist node and set its previous pointer equal to the current tail node and set its next pointer to null. Then we will set tailPointer as the newTailNode.

newTailNode

Initial state: HEAD <-> NULL

headPointer, tailPointer

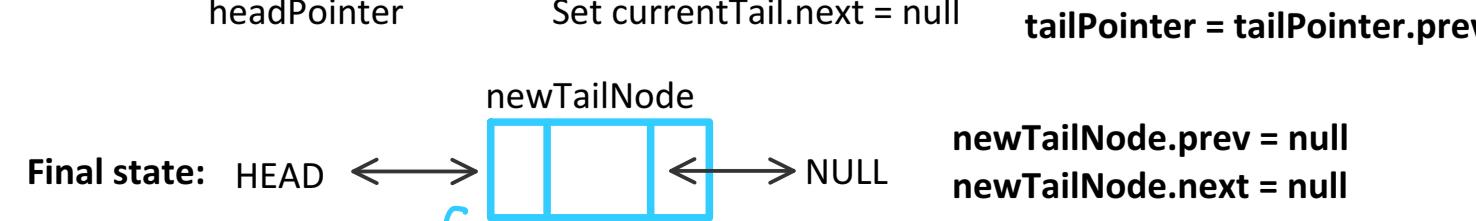
Final state: HEAD <-> newTailNode

headPointer, tailPointer

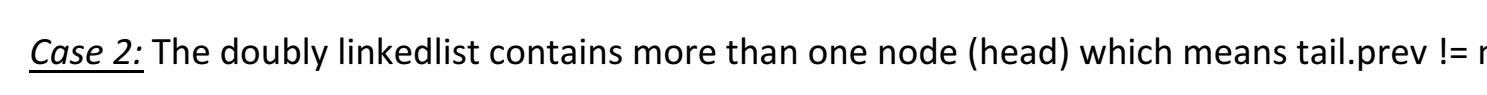
- newTailNode.setPrevious(currentTailNode)
- currentTailNode = newTailNode

RemoveFromTail()

- If the doubly linkedlist is uninitialized/null, then we cannot removeFromTail() & report ERROR.
- If the doubly linkedlist is not null, that means we do have an existing tail node and we need to remove it from our doubly linkedlist.



Case 1: The doubly linkedlist only contains one node (tail) which means tail.prev == null



Case 2: The doubly linkedlist contains more than one node (tail) which means tail.prev != null