

Data Structure-Linked List

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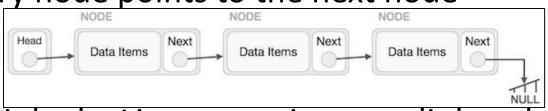
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Linked List-Introduction

- A sequence of data elements, which are connected together via links
- Data elements are called nodes
- Each node contains a connection to another node

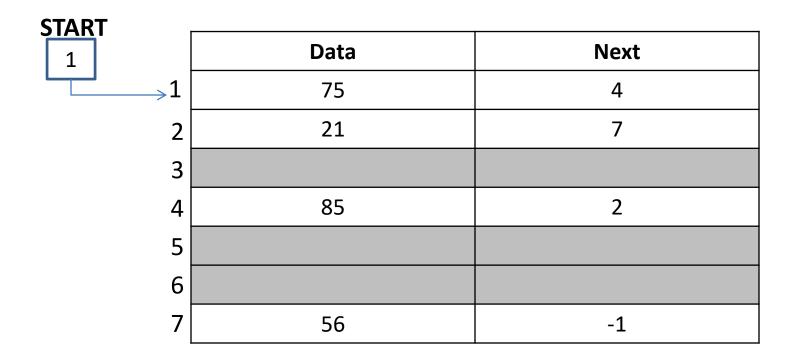
Linked List-Representation

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

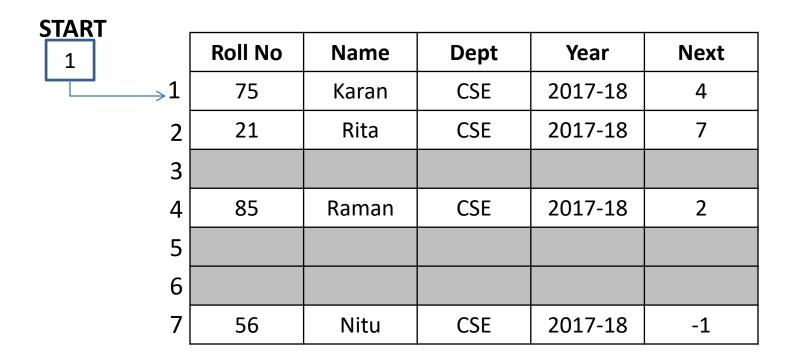


- Linked List contains a link element called first/start/head
- Each node carries a data field(s) and a link field called next
- Each node is linked with its next node using its next link
- Last node carries a link as null to mark the end of the list

Linked List-Memory Representation

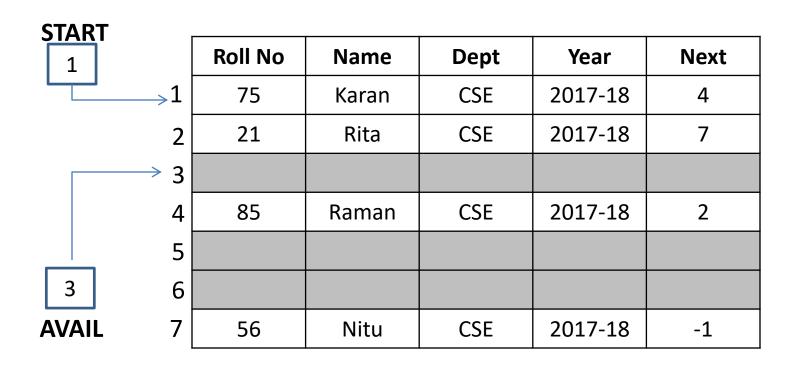


Linked List-Structure as Data elements



Representation of a structure using a linked list

Linked List-Memory Allocation and Deallocation



Linked List with **START** and **AVAIL** pointers

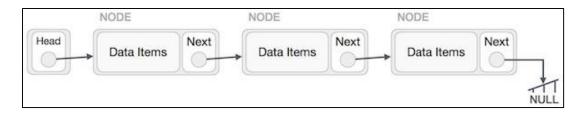
Linked List-Types

- 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

Simple Linked List

Simple (Singly) Linked List

- Every node contains data and pointer to the next node of same data type
- Only one way data traversal (forward)



Single Linked List-Basic Operations

- Count Count number of nodes in a linked list
- Display /Traverse Displays the complete list
- Search Search for a value in the linked list
- Insertion Insert a node at the beginning /at the end/after a given node/before a given node of the list.
- Deletion Delete a node : the First node/ the Last node /after a given node/before a given node of the list.

Single Linked List-Count Nodes

Steps/Algorithm:

```
Step 1: [Initialization] Set COUNT=0
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Step 2: [Initialization] Set PTR=START
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Step 3: Repeat steps 4 and 5 while PTR!=NULL

Step 4: Set COUNT=COUNT+1

Step 5: Set PTR = PTR->NEXT

[loop ends]

Step 6: Write COUNT

Step 7: Stop

Single Linked List-Traversal

Steps/Algorithm:

```
Step 1: [Initialization] Set PTR=START
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Step 2: Repeat steps 3 and 4 while PTR!=NULL

Step 3: Apply process to PTR->DATA

Step 4: Set PTR = PTR->NEXT

[loop ends]

Step 5: Stop

Single Linked List-Search

```
    Steps/Algorithm:
        Step 1: [Initialization] Set PTR=START
        Step 2: Repeat step 3 while PTR!=NULL
        Step 3:
        If VAL=PTR->DATA
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Set POS=PTR

Go To Step 5

Else

Set PTR = PTR->NEXT

[End of If]

[loop ends]

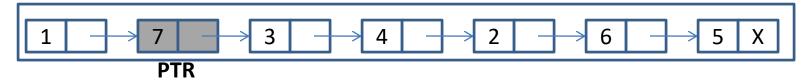
Step 4: Set POS=NULL

Step 5: Stop

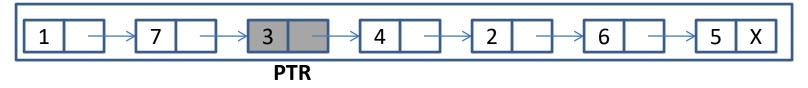
Single Linked List-Search Explanation



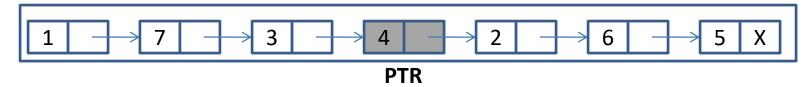
Here PTR->DATA=1. Since PTR->DATA!=4, move to next node



Here PTR->DATA=7. Since PTR->DATA!=4, move to next node



Here PTR->DATA=3. Since PTR->DATA!=4, move to next node



Here PTR->DATA=4. Since PTR->DATA=4, POS=PTR.

Single Linked List-Insertion

Various scenarios of Inserting a node in Linked List:

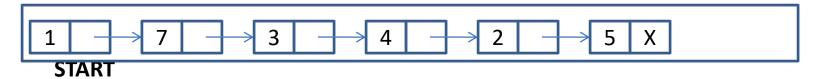
- Insert a new Node at the beginning of a Linked List
- Insert a new Node at the end of a Linked List
- Insert a new Node after a node in a Linked List
- Insert a new Node before a node in a Linked List

Single Linked List-Insertion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
         Write OVERFLOW
         GO TO Step 7
       [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW_NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW_NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set NEW_NODE->NEXT= START
Step 6: Set START=NEW NODE
Step 7: Stop
```

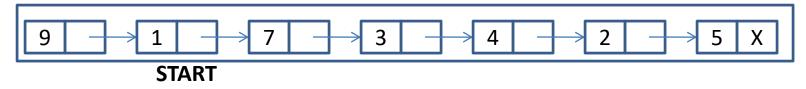
Single Linked List-Insert Explanation



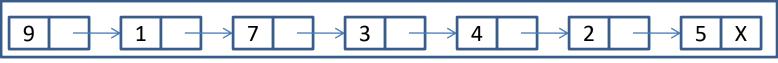
Allocate memory for new node and initialize its DATA to 9



Add the new node as the first node of the list making the NEXT part of the new node contain the address of START.



Now make START to point to the first node of the list



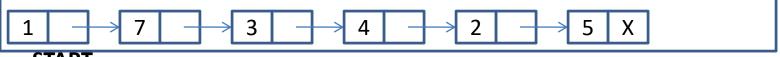
START

Single Linked List-Insertion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at End]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
             Write OVERFLOW
             GO TO Step 10
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= NULL
Step 6: Set PTR= START
Step 7: Repeat step 8 while PTR->NEXT!=NULL
Step 8:
             Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [Loop ends]
Step 9: Set PTR->NEXT=NEW NODE
Step 10: Stop
```

Single Linked List-Insert Explanation



START

Allocate memory for new node and initialize its DATA to 9 and NEXT part to NULL.

Take a pointer variable PTR which points to START.



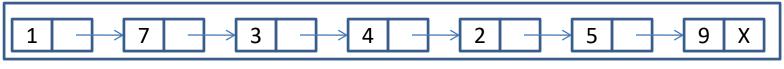
START, PTR

Move PTR so that it points to the last node of the list.



START PTR

Add the new node after the last node pointer by PTR; NEXT node of PTR should point to the new node.



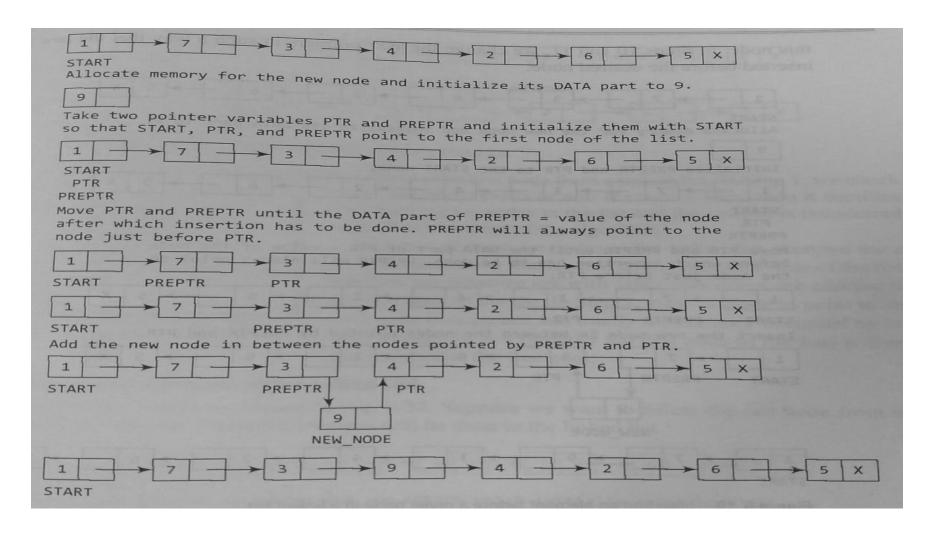
START

Single Linked List-Insertion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Insert after a node]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
                Write OVERFLOW
                GO TO Step 12
         [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set PTR= START
Step 6: Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 7: Repeat steps 8 and 9 while PREPTR->DATA!=NUM
Step 8:
                Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 9:
                Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
         [Loop ends]
Step 10: Set PREPTR>NEXT= NEW NODE
Step 11: Set NEW NODE ->NEXT= PTR
Step 12: Stop
```

Single Linked List-Insertion Explanation

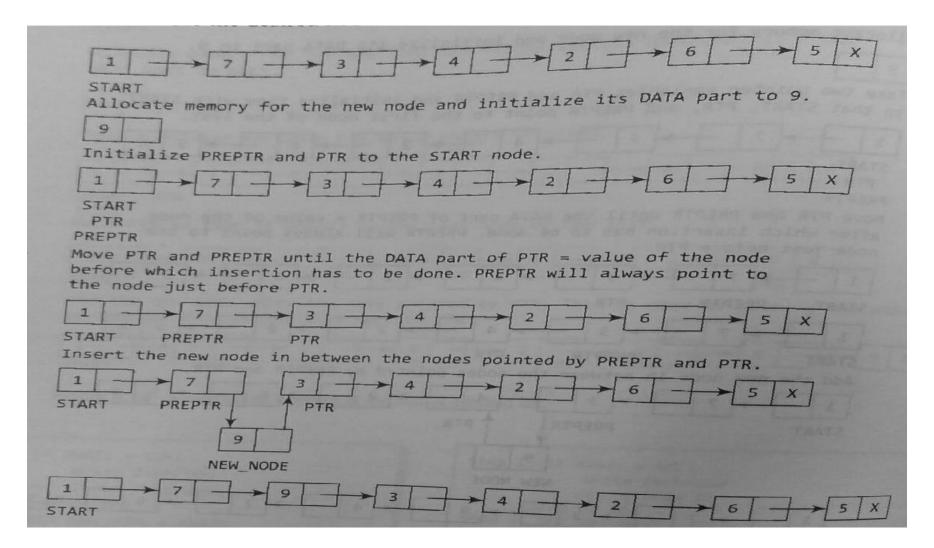


Single Linked List-Insertion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Insert before a node]:

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Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
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Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set PTR= START
Step 6: Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 7: Repeat steps 8 and 9 while PTR->DATA!=NUM
Step 8:
                Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 9:
                Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
         [Loop ends]
Step 10: Set PREPTR>NEXT= NEW NODE
Step 11: Set NEW NODE ->NEXT= PTR
Step 12: Stop
```

Single Linked List-Insertion Explanation



Single Linked List-Deletion

Various scenarios of Deleting a node in Linked List:

- First node of a Linked List is deleted
- Last node of a Linked List is deleted
- Node after a node in a Linked List is deleted

Single Linked List-Deletion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Deleting at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL

Write UNDERFLOW
```

GO TO Step 5

[End of IF]

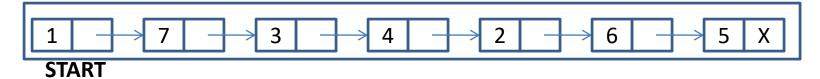
Step 2: Set PTR=START

Step 3: Set START=START->NEXT

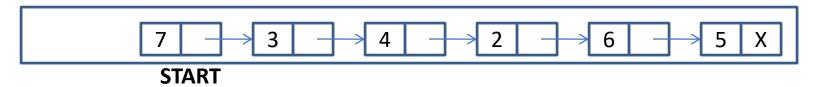
Step 4: FREE PTR

Step 5: Stop

Single Linked List-Deletion Explanation



Make START to point to the next node in the sequence.

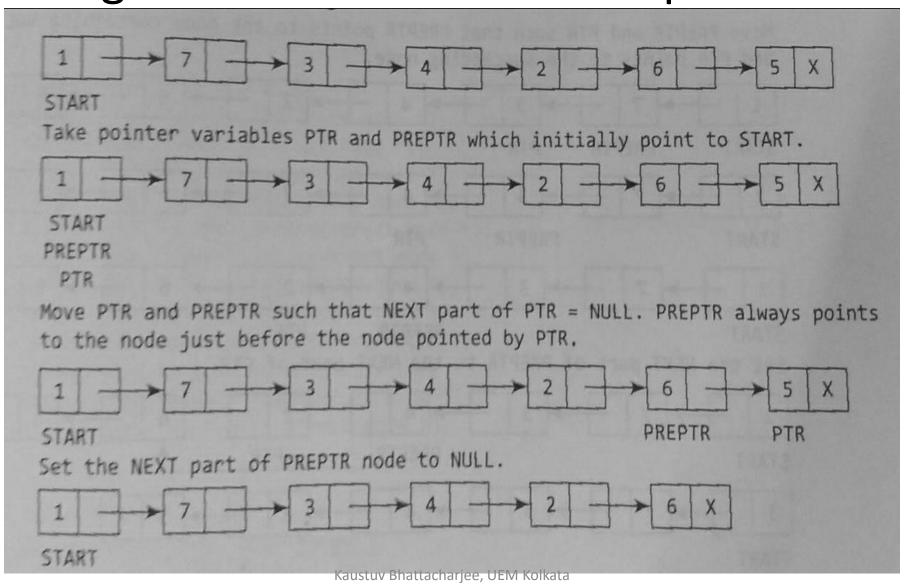


Single Linked List-Deletion Contd...

• Steps/Algorithm [Deleting last node]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
           Write UNDERFLOW
           GO TO Step 8
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Steps 4 and 5 while PTR->NEXT !=NULL
Step 4:
           Set PREPTR=PTR
           Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 5:
      [loop ends]
Step 6: Set PREPTR->NEXT=NULL
Step 7: FREE PTR
Step 8: Stop
```

Single Linked List-Deletion Explanation

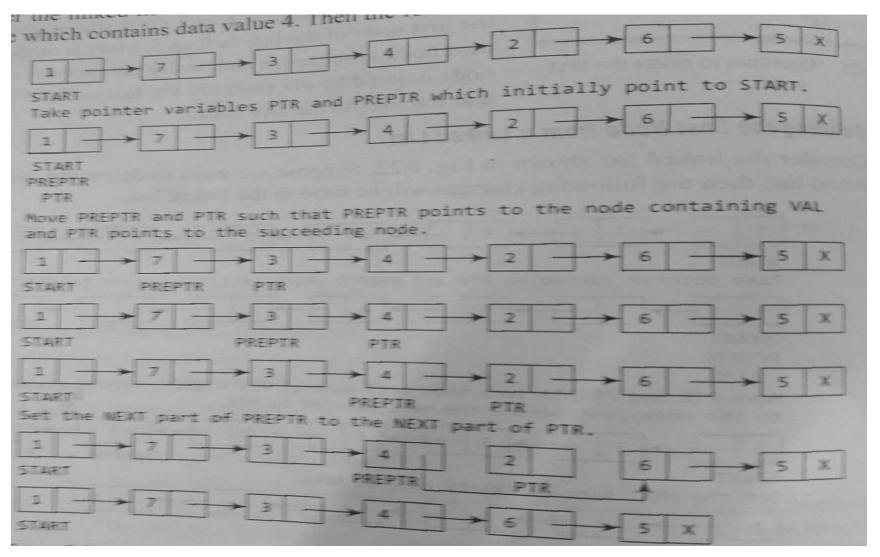


Single Linked List-Deletion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Deleting after a given node]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
             Write UNDERFLOW
             GO TO Step 10
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 4: Repeat Steps 5 and 6 while PREPTR->DATA !=NUM
Step 5:
             Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 6:
             Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [loop ends]
Step 7: Set TEMP=PTR
Step 8: Set PREPTR->NEXT=PTR->NEXT
Step 9: FREE TEMP
Step 10: Stop
```

Single Linked List-Deletion Explanation



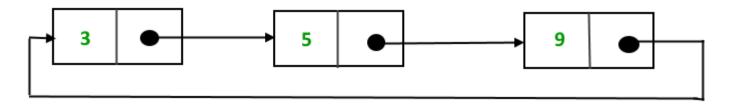
Single Linked List: Assignments

- 1. Write a program to create a single linked list.
- 2. Write a program to display a single linked list.
- 3. Write a program to insert a node at the beginning of a single linked list.
- 4. Write a program to insert a node at the end of a single linked list.
- 5. Write a program to insert a node before a given node of a single linked list.
- 6. Write a program to insert a node after a given node of a single linked list.
- 7. Write a program to delete a node from the beginning of a single linked list.
- 8. Write a program to delete a node from the end of a single linked list.
- 9. Write a program to delete a node after a given node of a single linked list.
- 10. Write a program to delete a node of a single linked list.
- 11. Write a program to delete the entire single linked list.

Circular Linked List

Circular Linked List

- Every node contains data and pointer to the next node of same data type
- The last node contains the pointer to the first node of the list.
- Two types: Circular Singly Linked List and Circular Doubly Linked List



Circular Linked List-Basic Operations

- Insertion Insert a node at the beginning /at the end of the list.
- Deletion Delete a node : the First node/ the Last node of the list.

Circular Linked List-Insertion

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
             Write OVERFLOW
             GO TO Step 11
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set PTR=START
Step 6: Repeat step 7 while PTR->NEXT!=START
             Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 7:
       [loop ends]
Step 8: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= START
Step 9: Set PTR->NEXT=NEW NODE
Step 10: Set START=NEW NODE
Step 11: Stop
```

Circular Linked List-Insertion Contd...

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at end]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
             Write OVERFLOW
             GO TO Step 10
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: NEW NODE->NEXT=START
Step 6: Set PTR=START
Step 7: Repeat step 8 while PTR->NEXT!=START
Step 8:
             Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [loop ends]
Step 9: Set PTR->NEXT=NEW NODE
Step 10: Stop
```

Circular Linked List-Deletion

• Steps/Algorithm [Deleting at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
           Write UNDERFLOW
           GO TO Step 8
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while PTR->NEXT!=START
Step 4:
           Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
        [loop ends]
Step 5: Set PTR->NEXT=START->NEXT
Step 6: FREE START
Step 7: Set START=PTR->NEXT
Step 8: Stop
```

Circular Linked List-Deletion

• Steps/Algorithm [Deleting at end]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
           Write UNDERFLOW
           GO TO Step 8
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Steps 4 and 5 while PTR->NEXT!=START
Step 4:
          Set PREPTR=PTR
Step 5:
          Set PTR-=PTR->NEXT
        [loop ends]
Step 6: Set PREPTR->NEXT=START
Step 7: FREE PTR
Step 8: Stop
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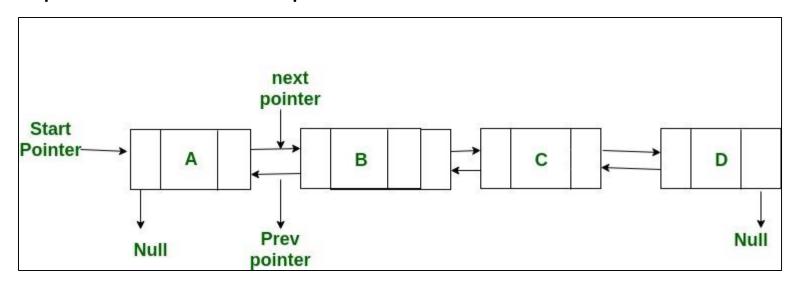
Circular Linked List: Assignments

- 1. Write a program to create a circular linked list.
- 2. Write a program to display a circular linked list.
- 3. Write a program to insert a node at the beginning of a circular linked list.
- 4. Write a program to insert a node at the end of a circular linked list.
- 5. Write a program to delete a node from the beginning of a circular linked list.
- 6. Write a program to delete a node from the end of a circular linked list.
- 7. Write a program to delete a node after a given node of a circular linked list.
- 8. Write a program to delete the entire circular linked list.

Doubly Linked List

Doubly Linked List

- A two way linked list containing a pointer to the next as well as to the previous node in a sequence
- Every node consists of three parts: data, pointer to the previous node and pointer to the next node



Doubly Linked List-Insertion

 Various scenarios of Inserting a node in Doubly Linked List:

- Insert a new Node at the beginning of a Doubly Linked List
- Insert a new Node at the end of a Doubly Linked List
- Insert a new Node after a node in a Doubly Linked List
- Insert a new Node before a node in a Doubly Linked List

• Steps/Algorithm [Insert at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
           Write OVERFLOW
           GO TO Step 9
       [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set NEW NODE->PREV= NULL
Step 6: Set NEW_NODE->NEXT= START
Step 7: Set START->PREV=NEW NODE
Step 8: Set START=NEW NODE
Step 9: Stop
```

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at end]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
             Write OVERFLOW
             GO TO Step 11
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= NULL
Step 6: Set PTR=START
Step 7: Repeat Step 8 while PTR->NEXT!=NULL
Step 8:
             Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [loop ends]
Step 9: Set PTR->NEXT= NEW NODE
Step 10: Set NEW NODE->PREV=PTR
Step 11: Stop
```

Steps/Algorithm [Insert after a given node]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
                Write OVERFLOW
                GO TO Step 12
         [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set PTR=START
Step 6: Repeat Step 7 while PTR->DATA!=NUM
               Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 7:
       [loop ends]
Step 8: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= PTR->NEXT
Step 9: Set NEW NODE->PREV=PTR
Step 10: Set PTR->NEXT=NEW NODE
Step 11: Set PTR>NEXT->PREV= NEW NODE
Step 12: Stop
```

Steps/Algorithm [Insert before a given node]:

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Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
                Write OVERFLOW
                GO TO Step 12
         [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set PTR=START
Step 6: Repeat Step 7 while PTR->DATA!=NUM
               Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 7:
       [loop ends]
Step 8: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= PTR
Step 9: Set NEW NODE->PREV=PTR->PREV
Step 10: Set PTR->PREV=NEW NODE
Step 11: Set PTR->PREV->NEXT= NEW NODE
Step 12: Stop
```

• Steps/Algorithm [Delete First node]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL

Write UNDERFLOW

GO TO Step 6

[End of IF]
```

Step 2: Set PTR=START

Step 3: Set START=START->NEXT

Step 4: Set START->PREV=NULL

Step 5: FREE PTR

Step 6: Stop

Steps/Algorithm [Delete last node]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
          Write UNDERFLOW
          GO TO Step 7
       [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while PTR->NEXT!=NULL
        Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 4:
       [loop ends]
Step 5: Set PTR->PREV->NEXT=NULL
Step 6: FREE PTR
Step 7: Stop
```

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```
Step 1: If START=NULL
            Write UNDERFLOW
            GO TO Step 9
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while PTR->DATA!=NUM
Step 4:
            Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [loop ends]
Step 5: Set TEMP=PTR->NEXT
Step 6: Set PTR->NEXT=TEMP->NEXT
Step 7: Set TEMP->NEXT->PREV=PTR
Step 8: FREE TEMP
Step 9: Stop
```

• Steps/Algorithm [Delete before a given node]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
            Write UNDERFLOW
            GO TO Step 9
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while PTR->DATA!=NUM
Step 4:
            Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [loop ends]
Step 5: Set TEMP=PTR->PREV
Step 6: Set TEMP->PREV->NEXT=PTR
Step 7: Set PTR->PREV=TEMP->PREV
Step 8: FREE TEMP
Step 9: Stop
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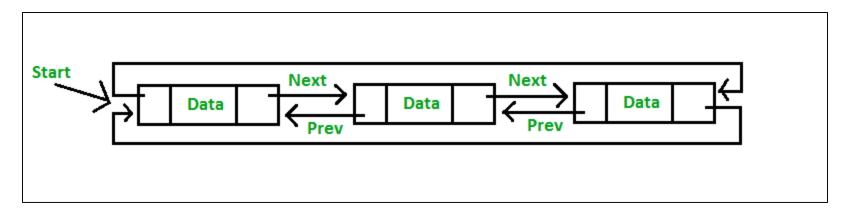
Doubly Linked List: Assignments

- 1. Write a program to create a doubly linked list.
- 2. Write a program to display a doubly linked list.
- 3. Write a program to insert a node at the beginning of a doubly linked list.
- 4. Write a program to insert a node at the end of a doubly linked list.
- 5. Write a program to insert a node before a node of a doubly linked list.
- 6. Write a program to insert a node after a node of a doubly linked list.
- 7. Write a program to delete a node from the beginning of a doubly linked list.
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- 9. Write a program to delete a node after a given node of a doubly linked list.
- 10. Write a program to delete a node before a given node of a doubly linked list.
- 11. Write a program to delete the entire doubly linked list.

Circular Doubly Linked List

Circular Doubly Linked List

- A two way linked list containing a pointer to the next as well as to the previous node in a sequence
- Every node consists of three parts: data, pointer to the previous node and pointer to the next node
- The last node of the list contains the address of the first node of the list



Circular Doubly Linked List-Basic Operations

- Insertion Insert a node at the beginning /at the end of the lists
- Deletion Delete a node : the First node/ the Last node of the list

Circular Doubly Linked List-Insertion

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
                Write OVERFLOW
                GO TO Step 13
         [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set PTR=START
Step 6: Repeat step 7 while PTR->NEXT!=START
               Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 7:
       [loop ends]
Step 8: Set PTR->NEXT=NEW NODE
Step 9: Set NEW NODE->PREV=PTR
Step 10: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= START
Step 11: Set START->PREV=NEW NODE
Step 12: Set START=NEW NODE
Step 13: Stop
```

Circular Doubly Linked List-Insertion

Steps/Algorithm [Insert at end]:

```
Step 1: If AVAIL=NULL
                Write OVERFLOW
                GO TO Step 12
         [End of IF]
Step 2: Set NEW NODE=AVAIL
Step 3: Set AVAIL=AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: Set NEW NODE->DATA= VAL
Step 5: Set NEW NODE->NEXT= START
Step 6: Set PTR=START
Step 7: Repeat step 8 while PTR->NEXT!=START
Step 8:
               Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
       [loop ends]
Step 9: Set PTR->NEXT=NEW NODE
Step 10: Set NEW NODE->PREV=PTR
Step 11: Set START->PREV=NEW NODE
Step 12: Stop
```

Circular Doubly Linked List-Deletion

• Steps/Algorithm [Deleting at beginning]:

```
Step 1: If START=NULL
            Write UNDERFLOW
            GO TO Step 9
        [End of IF]
Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while PTR->NEXT!=START
Step 4:
            Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
        [loop ends]
Step 5: Set PTR->NEXT=START->NEXT
Step 6: Set START->NEXT->PREV=PTR
Step 7: FREE START
Step 8: Set START=PTR->NEXT
Step 9: Stop
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Circular Doubly Linked List-Deletion

• Steps/Algorithm [Deleting at end]:

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           Write UNDERFLOW
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Step 2: Set PTR=START
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while PTR->NEXT!=START
           Set PTR=PTR->NEXT
Step 4:
        [loop ends]
Step 5: Set PTR->PREV->NEXT=START
Step 6: Set START->PREV=PTR->PREV
Step 7: FREE PTR
Step 8: Stop
```

Circular Doubly Linked List: Assignments

- 1. Write a program to create a circular doubly linked list.
- 2. Write a program to display a circular doubly linked list.
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- 4. Write a program to insert a node at the end of a circular doubly linked list.
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- 6. Write a program to delete a node from the end of a circular linked list.
- 7. Write a program to delete a given node of a circular doubly linked list.
- 8. Write a program to delete the entire circular doubly linked list.

Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ)

1. A linked list is a

- (a) Random access structure (b) Sequential access structure (c) Both (d) None of these
- 2. An array is a
- (a) Random access structure (b) Sequential access structure (c) Both (d) None of these
- 3. Linked list is used to implement data structures like
- (a) Stacks (b) Queues (c) Trees (d) All of these
- 4. Which type of linked list contains a pointer to the next as well as the previous node in the sequence?
- (a) Singly linked list (b) Circular linked list (c) Doubly linked list (d) All of these
- 5. Which type of linked list does not store NULL in next field?
- (a) Singly linked list (b) Circular linked list (c) Doubly linked list (d) All of these
- 6. Which type of linked list stores the address of the header node in the next field of the last node?
- (a) Singly linked list (b) Circular linked list (c) Doubly linked list (d) Circular header linked list
- 7. Which type of linked list can have four pointers per node?
- (a) Circular doubly linked list (b) Multi-linked list (c) Header linked list (d) Doubly linked list

Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ)

Answers

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (b)