

Linked Lists

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_____1_ATOMIC_OPERATIONS_____

Definition:

```
typedef struct list_s list_t;
struct list_s{
    int key;
    list_t *next;
}
```

Allocation of a new node:

```
list_t *new_element(int key){
    list_t *e_ptr;
    e_ptr=malloc(sizeof(list_t));
    if (e_ptr==NULL){
        fprintf(stderr,"Memory allocation error.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    return e_ptr;
}
```

Visiting the nodes:

```
list_t *p;
p=head;
while(p!=NULL){
    ...
    p=p->next;
}
```

Search 1:

```
list_t *p;
p=head;
while(p!=NULL){
    if (value==p->key){
        ...
    }
}
```

```

        else
            p=p->next;
    }

Search 2:
list_t *p;
p=head;
while((p!=NULL)&&(p->key!=value))
    p=p->next;
if(p!=NULL){
    ...
}

```

```

Head extraction:
if (head!=NULL){
    p=head;
    head=head->next;
    ...
    free(p);
}

```

```

In-order extraction 1:
p=q->next;
q->next=p->next;
...
free(p);

```

```

In-order extraction 2:
p=q->next;
q->next=q->next->next;

```

```

Tail extraction:
p=q->next;
q->next=p->next;
//which is =NULL

```

```

Head insertion:
new=new_element(key);
new->next=head;
head=new;

```

```

In-order insertion:
new=new_element(key);
new->next=p->next;
p->next=new;

```

```

Tail insertion:
new=new_element(key);
new->next=p->next;
p->next=new;
//which is =NULL

```

```

Dispose list:
while(head!=NULL){
    p=head;
    head=head->next;
    ...
    free(p);
}

```

2_COMMON_LISTS

LIFO: Last-In First-Out (insert and extract elements from the same extreme --> head)

```
list_t *top;
int val, status;
top=NULL;
do{
    ...
    top=push(top,val);
    ...
    top=pop(top,&val,&status);
} while (...);

list_t *push(list_t *top, int val){
    list_t *new;
    new=new_element();
    new->key
    new->next=top;
    return new;
}

list_t *pop(list_t *top, int *val, int *status){
    list_t *old;
    if (top!=NULL){
        *status=SUCCESS;
        *val=top->key;
        old=top;
        top=top->next;
        free(old);
    }
    else
        *status=FAILURE;
    return top;
}
```

FIFO: First-In First-Out (insert and extract elements from different extreme --> tail insertion and head extraction)

Note:

Inserting on the tail requires to visit the entire list first($O(n)$) which is not admissible

Thus two solutions: two pointers (head/tail) or circuital list (head=tail->next)

```
list_t *tail;
int val, status;
tail=NULL;
do{
    ...
    top=enqueue(tail,val);
    ...
    tail=dequeue(tail,&val,&status);
} while (...);

list_t *enqueue (list_t *tail, int val){
    list_t *new;
    new=new_element();
    new->key=val;
    if (tail==NULL){
```

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        tail=new;
        tail->next=tail;
    }
    else{
        new->next=tail->next;
        tail->next=new;
        tail=new;
    }
    return tail;
}

list_t *dequeue (list_t *tail, int *val, int *status){
    list_t *old;
    if (tail!=NULL){
        *status=SUCCESS;
        if (tail==tail->next){
            *val=tail->key;
            free(tail);
            tail=NULL;
        }
        else{
            old=tail->next;
            *val=old->key;
            tail->next=old->next;
            free(old);
        }
    }
    else
        *status=FAILURE;
    return tail;
}

```

ORDERED: Linked list maintained sorted (either by increasing or decreasing key values)
 Because we need to maintain the list sorted, typically insertions are done in the middle

```

list_t *head;
int val, status;
head=NULL;
do{
    ...
    top=insert(top,val);
    ...
    search(head,val);
    ...
    top=extract(top,val,&status);
} while (...);

void search(list_t *head, int val){
    list_t *p;
    p=head;
    while(p!=NULL && p->val<val){
        p=p->next;
    }
    if (p!=NULL && p->val==val){
        //found
    }
    return
}

list_t *insert(list_t *head, int val){
    list_t *p, *q=head;
    p=new_element();
    p->val=val;
    p->next=NULL;
}

```

```

        if (head==NULL || val<head->val){
            //head insertion
            p->next=head;
            return p;
        }
        while (q->next!=NULL && q->next->val<val){
            q=q->next;
        }
        p->next=q->next;
        q->next=p;
        return head;
    }

list_t *extract(list_t *head, int val, int *status){
    list_t *p, *q=head;
    if (head==NULL){
        *status=FAILURE;
        return head;
    }
    if (val==head->val){
        //head extraction
        p=head->next;
        free(head);
        *status=SUCCESS;
        return p;
    }
    while(q->next!=NULL && q->next->val<val)
        q=q->next;
    if (q->next!=NULL && q->next->val==val){
        p=q->next;
        q->next=p->next;
        free(p);
        *status=SUCCESS;
        return head;
    }
    *status=FAILURE;
    return head;
}

```

DOUBLE-LINKED LIST: Possibility to move in both direction

```

typedef struct list_s list_t;
struct list_s{
    int key;

    list_t *left, *right;
}

```

LIST OF LISTS: Each element of the list is a list itself

```

typedef struct list_s1 list_t1;
typedef struct list_s2 list_t2;
struct list_s1{
    int key;

    list_t1 *next;
    list_t2 *right;
}
struct list_s2{
    int key;

    list_t2 *next;
}

```

3_EXERCISES

A. List Inversion

Problem: Given a simple linked list, invert all elements of such a list such that the first becomes the last one and the last one becomes the first one.

Example:

Input list: head1 --> 30 --> 17 --> 21 --> 9

Output list: head2 --> 9 --> 21 --> 17 --> 30

Strategy: while(head1!=NULL){pop(head1); push(head2)}

Implementation:

```
list_t *list_reverse(list_t *head1){
    list_t *tmp1, *head2;
    head2=NULL;
    while(head1!=NULL){
        tmp1=head1;
        head1=head1->next;
        tmp1->next=head2;
        head2=tmp1;
    }
    return head2;
}
```

B. List Sort

Problem: Given a simple linked list, sort all elements in ascending order

Example:

Input list: head1 --> 30 --> 17 --> 21 --> 9

Output list: head2 --> 9 --> 17 --> 21 --> 30

Strategy: extract all elements from the first list (head extraction), and insert elements into the second list (in-order insertion) and finally substitute first list with the second one.

//using the functions previously defined with few modifications

```
list_t *list_sort(list_t *head1){
    list_t *tmp, *head2;
    head2=NULL;
    while(head1!=NULL){
        tmp=pop(&head1);
        head2=insert(head2,tmp);//insert includes in-order insertion
    }
    return head2;
}
```

Exercises taken from Stefano Quer's book{}

1.2

Write a function able to insert some registry data in the correct position in an ordered list. Data include surname and name of a person, both strings of max length 20.

Use the surname as primary ordering key and the name as the second.

The prototype is `int list_insert_in_order(list_t **headP, char *surname, char *name);`

returning false when person is already present or true when it is inserted.

Solution:

```
typedef struct node_s node_t;
```

```
struct node_s{
    char *lastname;
    char *name;
    node_t *next;
}
```

```
list_t *create_node(void);
```

```
int list_insert_in_order(list_t **headP, char *surname, char *name){
```

```
    list_t *node, *p, *head;
    //first check if the person is present
    head=*headP;
    p=head;
    while(p!=NULL && (strcmp(surname,p->surname)==0) &&
    (strcmp(name,p->name)==0))
        p=p->next;

    //the person is present
    if (p!=NULL)
        return 0;

    //the person is not present, create the node and insert it in order
    node=create_node;
    node->surname=strdup(surname);
    if (node->surname==NULL){
        fprintf(stderr,"Memory allocation error");
        exit(1);
    }
    node->name=strdup(name);
    if (node->name==NULL){
        fprintf(stderr,"Memory allocation error");
        exit(1);
    }
    p=head;

    if (p==NULL || strcmp(surname,p->surname)<0 ||
    strcmp(surname,p->surname)==0 &&
    strcmp(name,p->name)<0){
        node->next=head;
        (*headP)=node;
        return 1;
    }

    while(p->next!=NULL && (strcmp(surname,p->next->surname)>0) &&
    ((strcmp(surname,p->next->surname)==0) && (strcmp(name,p->next->name)>0))){
        p=p->next;
    }
    node->next=p->next;
    p->next=node;
    return 1;
}
```

```

}

list_t *create_node(void){
    list_t *node;
    node=malloc(sizeof(list_t));
    if (node==NULL){
        fprintf(stderr,"Memory allocation error");
        exit(1);
    }
    return node;
}

```

3.2

A bi-linked list of integers is given (node_t is the basic data type of each element).

Implement the following two functions:

- void list_insert(node_t **left, node_t **right, int key, int leftRight);
to insert the value key on the left/right of the extreme of the list if leftRight is 0/1

- void list_write(node_t *left, node_t *right, int leftRight);

to print-out the content of the entire list visiting it from left/right if leftRight is 0/1

Solution:

```

typedef struct node_s node_t;

struct node_s{
    int key;
    node_t *left;
    node_t *right;
}

list_t *create_node(int key);

void list_insert(node_t **left, node_t **right, int key, int leftRight){
    node_t *node;
    node=create_node(key);
    if (!leftRight){
        //insertion on the left
        node->right>(*left);
        node->left=NULL;
        if ((*left)!=NULL)
            (*left)->left=node;
        (*left)=node;
        if ((*right)==NULL)
            (*right)=(*left);
    }
    else{
        //insertion on the right
        node->left=(*right);
        node->right=NULL;
        if ((*right)!=NULL)
            (*right)->right=node;
        (*right)=node;
        if ((*left)==NULL)
            (*left)=(*right);
    }
    return;
}

void list_write(node_t *left, node_t *right, int leftRight){
    node_t *start;
    if (!leftRight){
        //write from the left
        start=left;
        while(start!=NULL){
            printf("%d ",start->key);
            start=start->right;
        }
    }
    else{
        //write from the right
        start=right;
        while(start!=NULL){
            printf("%d ",start->key);
            start=start->left;
        }
    }
    printf("\n");
}

```



```

        }
    }
    else{
        //write from the right
        start=right;
        while(start!=NULL){
            printf("%d ",start->key);
            start=start->left;
        }
    }
    return;
}

list_t *create_node(int key){
    list_t *node;
    node=malloc(sizeof(list_t));
    if (node==NULL){
        fprintf(stderr,"Memory allocation error");
        exit(1);
    }
    node->key=key;
    return node;
}

```
