

## Homework #3 - Linked Lists Intro

**Goal:** To understand how to work with basic methods of a singly linked list.

**Assignment:** Complete the .cpp file so that all tests succeed. Please read the instructions for these methods carefully. I will be grading based on your ability to meet these requirements.

In the following file, complete the following methods for both the singly linked list linked list.

- `T getFifthElement() const`. This method returns the data at the fifth node of a linked list (the count starts at 1, not at 0). It should throw an error (i.e. `throw 1;`) if there is no fifth element.
- `void insertNewFifthElement(const T& value)`. This method inserts a node containing `value` between the existing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> nodes, so that the original 5<sup>th</sup> node becomes a 6<sup>th</sup> node. If the collection has only 4 values, then insert it as a new last value. If the collection has only 3 or fewer values, don't insert.
- `void deleteFifthElement()`. This method deletes the 5<sup>th</sup> node. If there was a 6<sup>th</sup> node, the 4<sup>th</sup> node now points to the 6<sup>th</sup> node. If there was no 6<sup>th</sup> node, the 4<sup>th</sup> node becomes the new back node.
- `void swapFourthAndFifthElement()`. This method rearranges the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> nodes. You are not allowed to swap the data in the nodes, you may instead only rearrange pointers. If there were only 5 items, then the 4<sup>th</sup> item becomes a new fifth item.

For each of these methods, remember to draw out the algorithm on paper, and trace the process through an exact sequence of steps. Also, it's highly effective to organize methods into sections of scenarios, going from the most specific to the most general. The lecture videos give many hints and strategies.

Note that because this class inherits from a base class, to access the data members, you need to always use `this->`. Do not create those three data members again in the derived class. (The detailed reason why is given here:

<https://isocpp.org/wiki/faq/templates#nondependent-name-lookup-members>).