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Data Structure

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Session 18: SINGLY LINKED LIST Operations II

Recap

Definition: Linked list is a linear data structure with nodes containing data and pointers to the next node.

Components: Nodes, head pointer (points to first node), optional tail pointer (points to last node).

Representation: Nodes linked via pointers, dynamic memory allocation for nodes, head pointer for access.

Advantages: Dynamic memory allocation, efficient insertion/deletion.

Disadvantages: Higher memory overhead, no direct access to elements, potentially slower access compared to arrays.

Sessions 18 Outlook

- Traversing a list
- Inserting a Node at different position
- Deleting a Node at different position



Operations on Singly Linked List

Insertion



Deletion



Implementation of Single Linked List

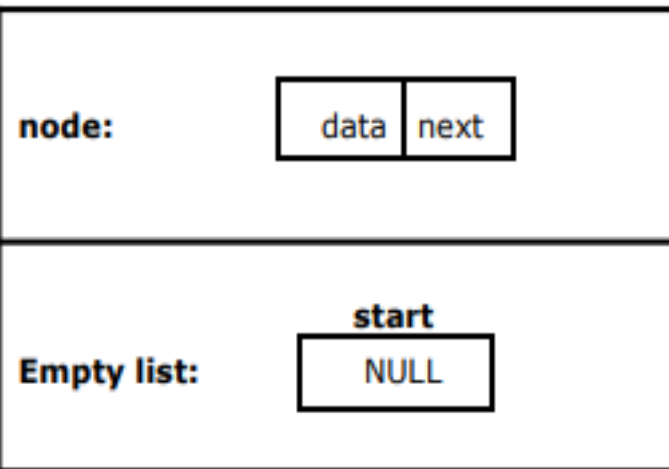
we need to create a start node, used to create and access other nodes in the linked list. The following structure definition will do

- Creating a structure with one data item and a next pointer, which will be pointing to next node of the list. This is called as self-referential structure.
- Initialise the start pointer to be NULL

```
struct slinklist
{
    int data;
    struct slinklist* next;
};

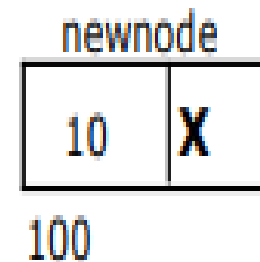
typedef struct slinklist node;

node *start = NULL;
```



Creating a node for Single Linked List

```
node* getnode()
{
    node* newnode;
    newnode = (node *) malloc(sizeof(node));
    printf("\n Enter data: "); scanf("%d",
    &newnode -> data);
    newnode -> next = NULL;
    return newnode;
}
```



Traversing in singly linked list

STEP 1: SET PTR = HEAD

STEP 2: IF PTR = NULL

WRITE "EMPTY LIST"

GOTO STEP 7

END OF IF

STEP 4: REPEAT STEP 5 AND 6 UNTIL PTR != NULL

STEP 5: PRINT PTR → DATA

STEP 6: PTR = PTR → NEXT

[END OF LOOP]

STEP 7: EXIT

Insertion in singly linked list at beginning

- Allocate the space for the new node and store data into the data part of the node.

```
ptr = (struct node *) malloc(sizeof(struct node *));
```

```
ptr → data = item
```

- Make the link part of the new node pointing to the existing first node of the list.

```
ptr->next = head;
```

- At the last, we need to make the new node as the first node of the list

```
head = ptr;
```


Algorithm for Insertion in singly linked list at beginning

Step 1: IF PTR = NULL

Write OVERFLOW

Go to Step 7

[END OF IF]

Step 2: SET NEW_NODE = PTR

Step 3: SET PTR = PTR → NEXT

Step 4: SET NEW_NODE → DATA = VAL

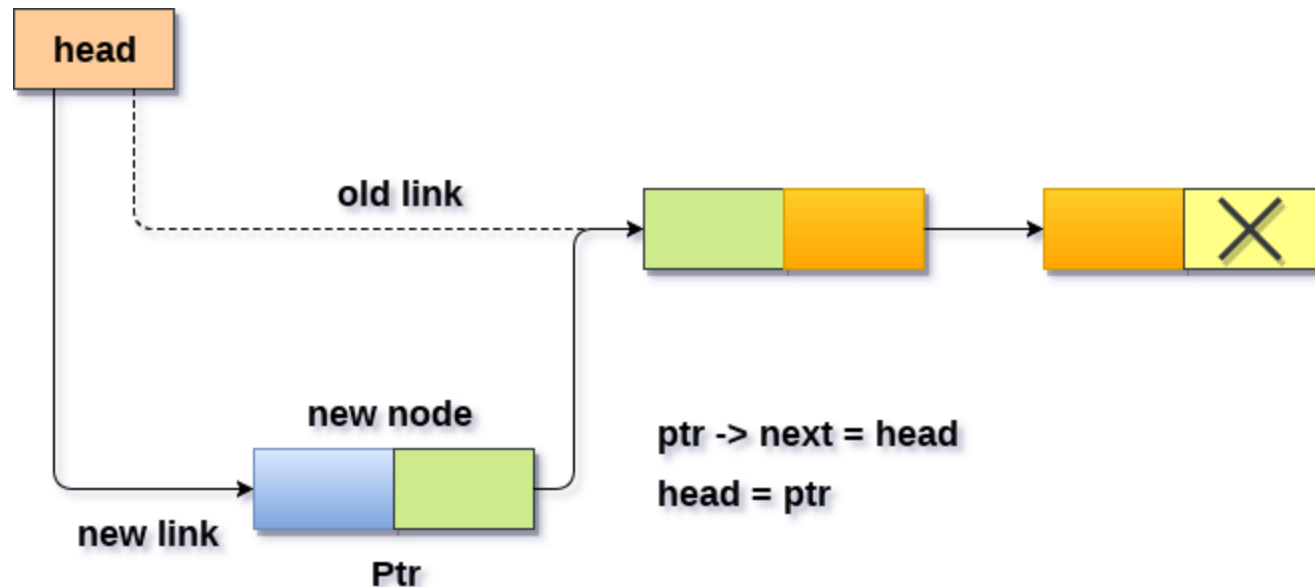
Step 5: SET NEW_NODE → NEXT = HEAD

Step 6: SET HEAD = NEW_NODE

Step 7: EXIT



Algorithm for Insertion in singly linked list at beginning



Reference: <https://www.tpointtech.com/insertion-in-singly-linked-list-at-beginning>

Insertion in singly linked list at the end

To insert a node at the last

- The node is being added to an empty list
- The node is being added to the end of the linked list

First case,

`ptr->data = item;`

`ptr -> next = NULL;`

`Head = ptr`

Insertion in singly linked list at the end

2nd case,

```
temp = head;
    while (temp -> next != NULL)
    {
        temp = temp -> next;
    }
    temp->next = ptr;
    ptr->next = NULL;
```

Algorithm for Insertion in singly linked list at end

Step 1: IF PTR = NULL Write OVERFLOW

Go to Step 1

[END OF IF]

Step 2: SET NEW_NODE = PTR

Step 3: SET PTR = PTR - > NEXT

Step 4: SET NEW_NODE - > DATA = VAL

Step 5: SET NEW_NODE - > NEXT = NULL

Step 6: SET PTR = HEAD

Step 7: Repeat Step 8 while PTR - > NEXT != NULL

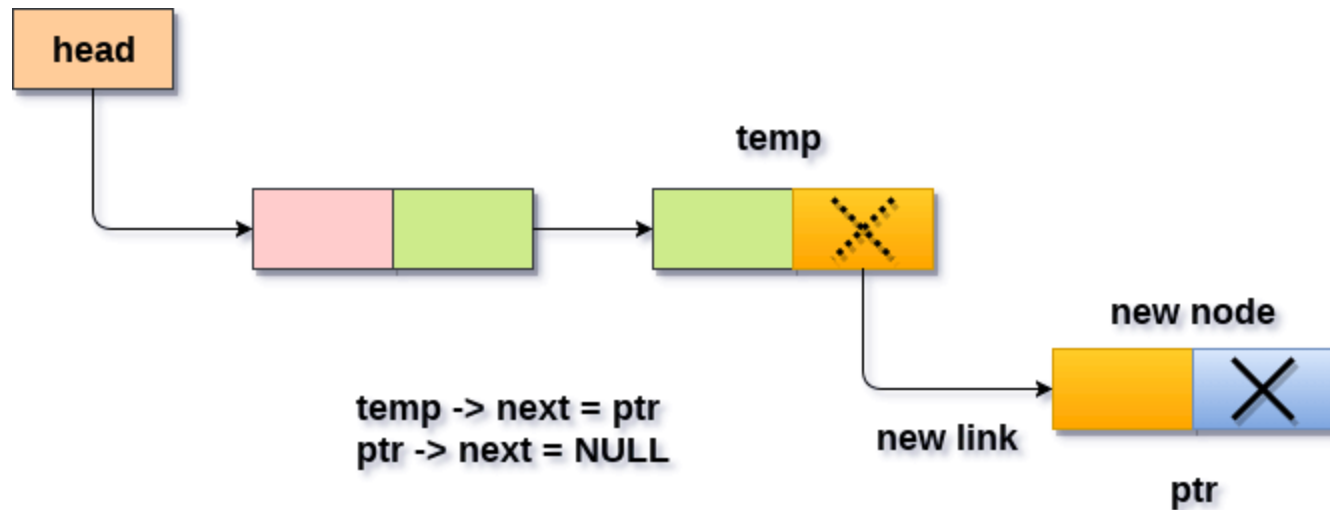
Step 8: SET PTR = PTR - > NEXT

[END OF LOOP]

Step 9: SET PTR - > NEXT = NEW_NODE

Step 10: EXIT

Algorithm for Insertion in singly linked list at end



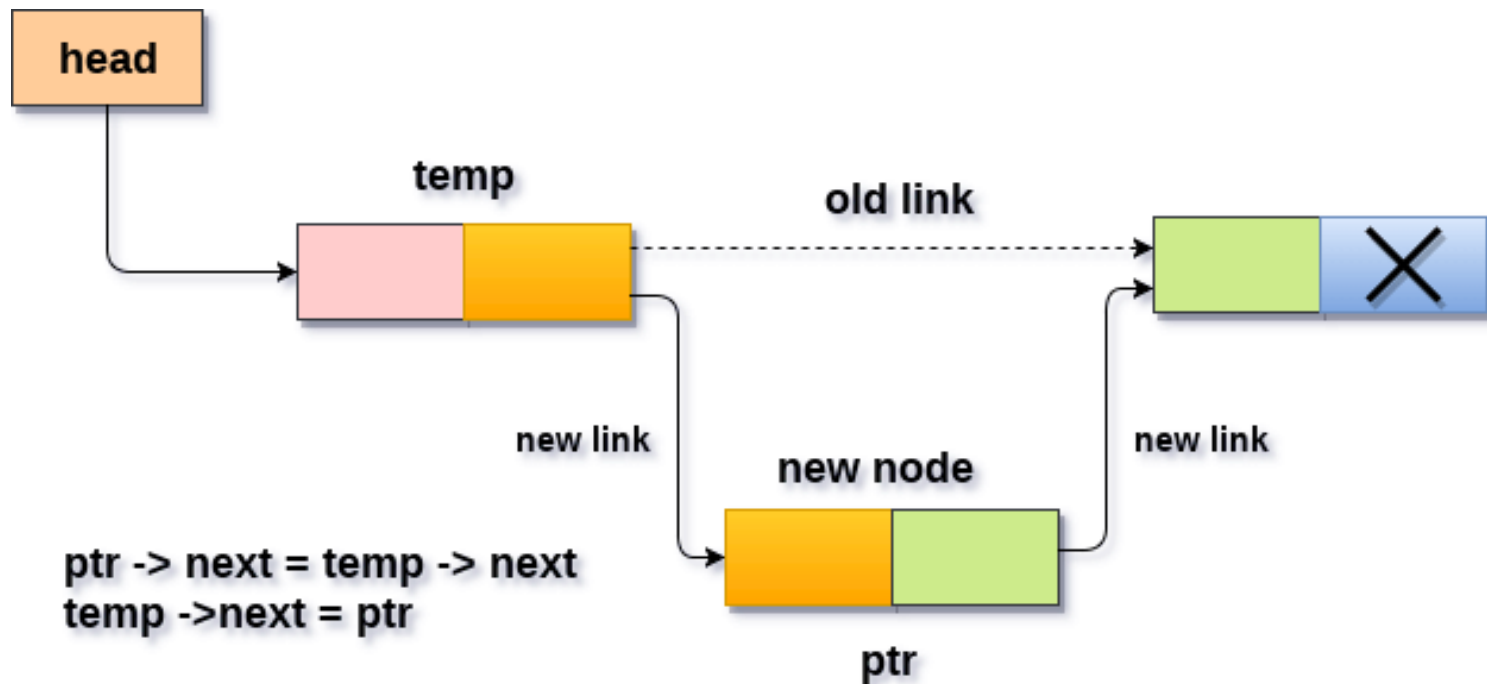
Inserting node at the last into a non-empty list

Algorithm for Insertion in singly linked list at specific position

- STEP 1:** IF PTR = NULL
WRITE OVERFLOW
GOTO STEP 12
END OF IF
- STEP 2:** SET NEW_NODE = PTR
- STEP 3:** NEW_NODE → DATA = VAL
- STEP 4:** SET TEMP = HEAD
- STEP 5:** SET I = 0
- STEP 6:** REPEAT STEP 5 AND 6 UNTIL I
- STEP 7:** TEMP = TEMP → NEXT
- STEP 8:** IF TEMP = NULL
WRITE "DESIRED NODE NOT PRESENT"
GOTO STEP 12
END OF IF
- END OF LOOP
- STEP 9:** PTR → NEXT = TEMP → NEXT
- STEP 10:** TEMP → NEXT = PTR
- STEP 11:** SET PTR = NEW_NODE
- STEP 12:** EXIT



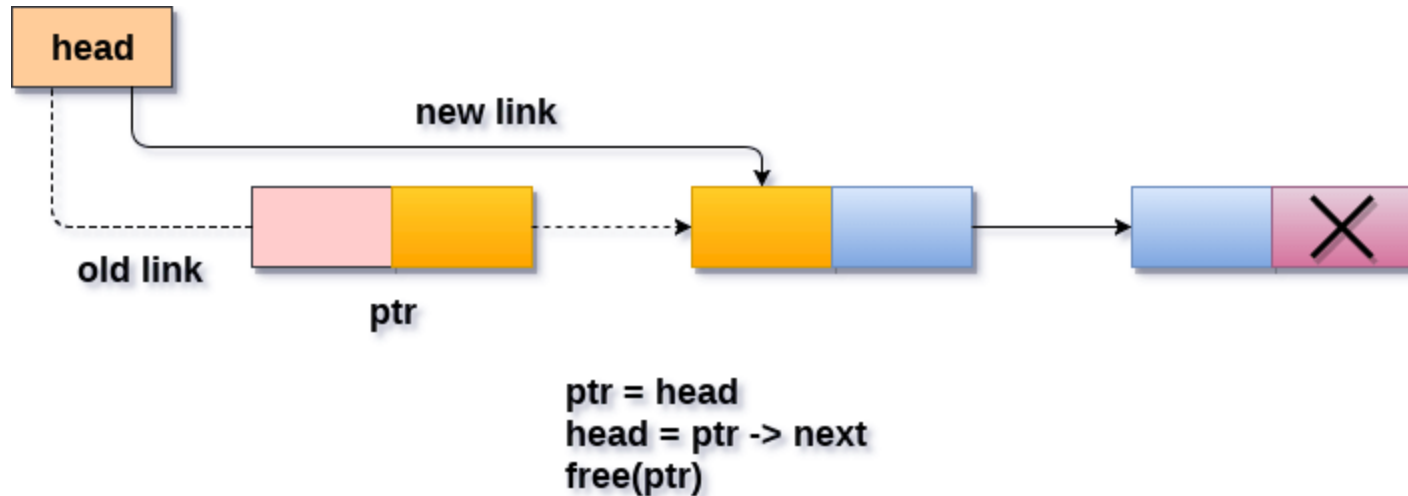
Algorithm for Insertion in singly linked list at the specific position



Algorithm for Deletion in singly linked list at beginning

- Step 1:** IF HEAD = NULL
Write UNDERFLOW
Go to Step 5
[END OF IF]
ELSE
- Step 2:** SET PTR = HEAD
- Step 3:** SET HEAD = HEAD -> NEXT
- Step 4:** FREE PTR
- Step 5:** EXIT

Algorithm for Deletion in singly linked list at beginning



Deleting a node from the beginning

Algorithm for Deletion in singly linked list at end

Step 1: IF HEAD = NULL

Write UNDERFLOW

Go to Step 8

[END OF IF]

Step 2: SET PTR = HEAD

Step 3: Repeat Steps 4 and 5 while PTR -> NEXT != NULL

Step 4: SET PREPTR = PTR

Step 5: SET PTR = PTR -> NEXT

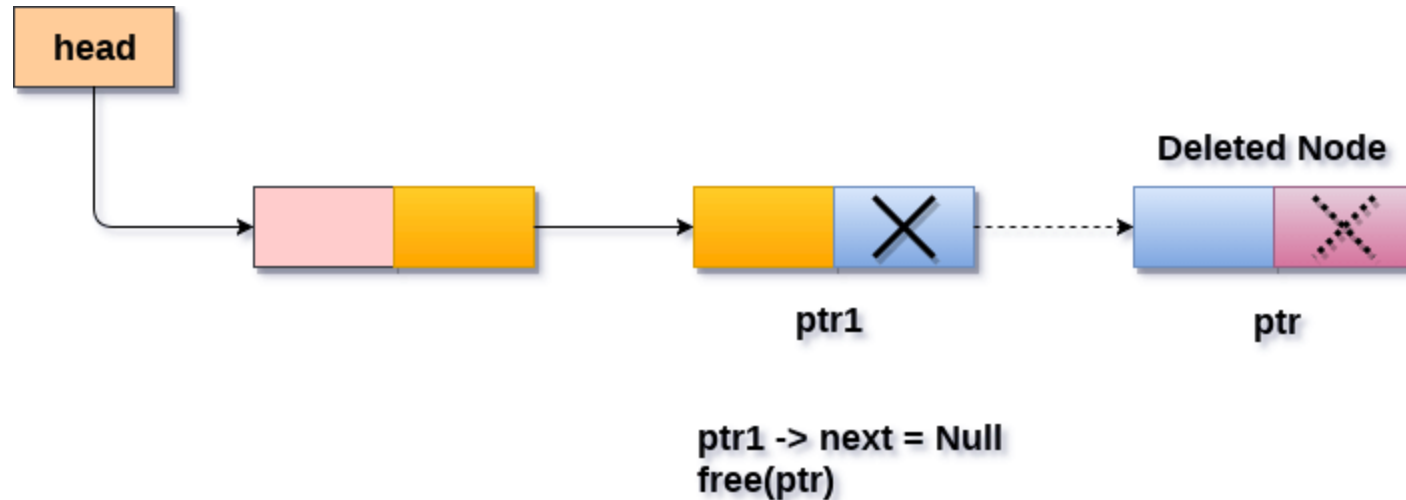
[END OF LOOP]

Step 6: SET PREPTR -> NEXT = NULL

Step 7: FREE PTR

Step 8: EXIT

Algorithm for Deletion in singly linked list at end

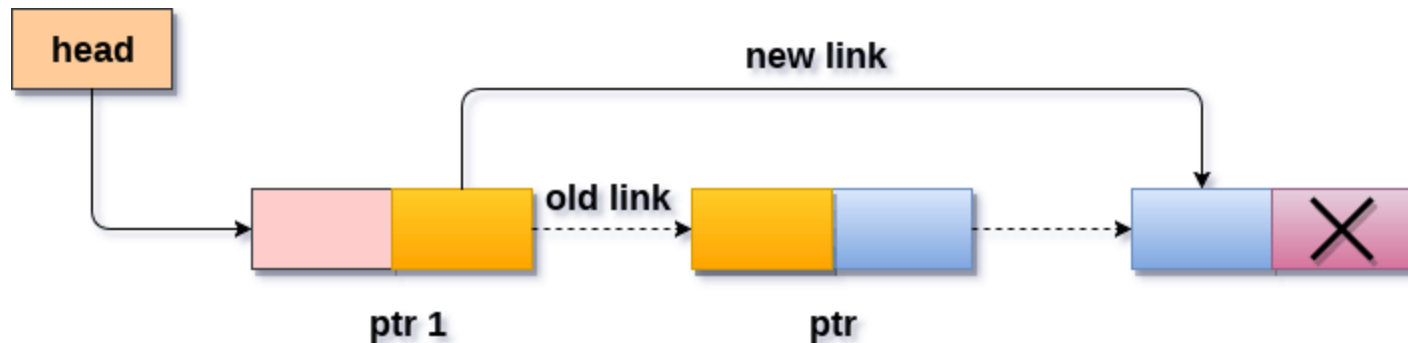


Deleting a node from the last

Algorithm for Deletion in singly linked list after specific node

- STEP 1:** IF HEAD = NULL
WRITE UNDERFLOW
GOTO STEP 10
END OF IF
- STEP 2:** SET TEMP = HEAD
- STEP 3:** SET I = 0
- STEP 4:** REPEAT STEP 5 TO 8 UNTIL I
- STEP 5:** TEMP1 = TEMP
- STEP 6:** TEMP = TEMP → NEXT
- STEP 7:** IF TEMP = NULL
WRITE "DESIRED NODE NOT PRESENT"
GOTO STEP 12
END OF IF
- STEP 8:** I = I+1
END OF LOOP
- STEP 9:** TEMP1 → NEXT = TEMP → NEXT
- STEP 10:** FREE TEMP
- STEP 11:** EXIT

Algorithm for Deletion in singly linked list after specific node



`ptr1 -> next = ptr -> next`
`free(ptr)`

Deletion a node from specified position

Algorithm for Searching in singly linked lis

- Step 1:** SET PTR = HEAD
- Step 2:** Set I = 0
- STEP 3:** IF PTR = NULL
WRITE "EMPTY LIST"
GOTO STEP 8
END OF IF
- STEP 4:** REPEAT STEP 5 TO 7 UNTIL PTR != NULL
- STEP 5:** if ptr \rightarrow data = item
write i+1
End of IF
- STEP 6:** I = I + 1
- STEP 7:** PTR = PTR \rightarrow NEXT
[END OF LOOP]
- STEP 8:** EXIT



Test Your self

1. As we have the memory address of Nodes can we traverse backwards in a linked list ?

- a: Yes, we can.
- b: No, we can't.

2. What are the advantages of a linked list?

- a: Dynamic Memory Allocation
- b: They require less memory than an array to store the same data.
- c: We can easily traverse back to previous elements.
- d: None of the above.



3. What is the time complexity for insertion of an element into linked list?

a: $O(1)$

b: $O(\log n)$

c: $O(n)$

d: $O(n^2)$



Quiz Answers

- 1. Answer: b**
- 2. Answer :a**
- 3. Answer : c**

<https://questions.examside.com/past-years/gate/question/pconsider-the-problem-of-reversing-a-singly-linked-list-t-gate-cse-theory-of-computation-finite-automata-and-regular-language-zpfpkf4re1g8xuff>



Review

Definition:

Singly linked list: linear structure with nodes containing data and pointers.

Components:

Nodes: data and next pointer.

Head Pointer: points to first node.

Tail Pointer: optional, points to last node.

Representation:

Nodes linked via pointers, dynamic memory allocation.

Access via head pointer, traversal for manipulation.

Review

Advantages:

Efficient insertion/deletion.

Dynamic size, flexibility.

Disadvantages:

No direct access, traversal needed.

Higher memory overhead.

Inefficient reverse traversal.



