



CS32: Introduction to Computer Science II **Discussion Week 3**

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Announcements



• Project 2 is due on 11:00 PM Wednesday, April 22

Outline Today



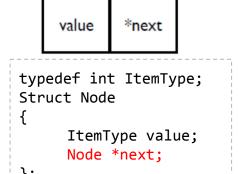
- Linked List
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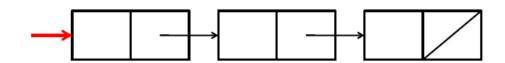
Linked List: Review

Basis



- Minimum Requirement
 - Key component as unit: Node (with value and pointer to next node)
 - Head pointer → points to the first term
- Regular operations
 - Insertion
 - Search
 - Removal
- Pros and cons
 - Efficient insertion, flexible memory allocation, simple implementation
 - High complexity of search





Linked List: Review

Basis



- Drawing pictures and carefully tracing through your code, updating the picture with each statement, can help you find bugs in your code.
- Check any list operations for these: (Does it work correctly)
 - o in a typical, middle-of-the-list case?
 - at the beginning of the list?
 - at the end of the list?
 - for the empty list?
 - o for a one-element list?
- Another validation technique is for every expression of the form p->something, prove that you can be sure p has a well-defined, non-null value at that point.

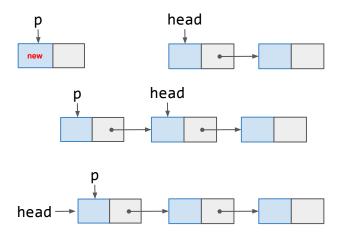
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value *next
```

```
typedef int ItemType;
Struct Node
{
    ItemType value;
    Node *next;
};
```

Insertion: Add a new node to a list



- Example: Insert as head in a list
- Steps
 - a) Create a new node and call the pointer p
 - b) Make its next pointer point to the first item
 - c) Make the head pointer to the new node

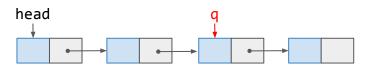


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//Skeleton: Linked list insertion
//insert as head
p->next = head;
Head = p;
//insert after end: End node: q
q \rightarrow next = p;
p->next = nullptr;
//insert in the middle: node q
p->next = q->next;
q \rightarrow next = p;
```

Search



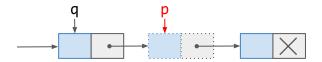
- Steps
 - a) Find matched node and return
 - b) If no match, return NULL



Removal



- Remember to set the previous node q's
 next pointer to point the next node of p
 q->next = p->next;
 delete p
- What if p == head? What if p prints to the last node in the linked list?



```
Skeleton Code: Linked list removal
void remove(int valToRemove, Node* head) {
     Node *p = head, *q = NULL;
     while (p != NULL) {
           if (p->value == valToRemove)
                break:
           q = p;
           p = p-\text{next};
     if (p == NULL) return;
     if (p == head) //special case
           head = p->next;
     else
           q->next = p->next;
     delete p;
```

Conclusion



- Pros:
 - Efficient insertion (add new data items)
 - Flexible memory allocation
- Cons:
 - Slow search (search is more important than insertion and removal in real situations)
 - e.g. retrieve the fifth value of the list.
 - e.g. a list of values is sorted, find 10 in the linked list
- Many variations
 - Doubly linked lists
 - Sorted linked lists
 - Circularly linked lists

Problem: Reverse Linked List



Leetcode questions #206

Question: How to reverse a (single) linked list?

Example:

```
Input: 1->2->3->4->5->NULL
Output: 5->4->3->2->1->NULL
```

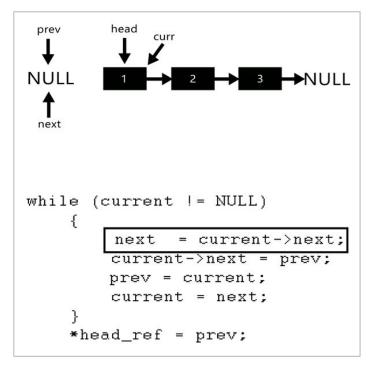
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// One possible solution
Node* reverseList(Node* head)
    Node *prev=NULL,*current=head,*next;
    while(current) {
         next = current->next;
         current->next = prev;
         prev = current;
         current = next;
     return prev;
```

Problem: Reverse Linked List

Leetcode questions #206



Let's see what happens in these lines of codes! [Link]



Problem: Reverse Linked List

Leetcode questions #234



Given a singly linked list, determine if it is a palindrome.

Example 1:

Input: 1->2
Output: false

Example 2:

Input: 1->2->2->1

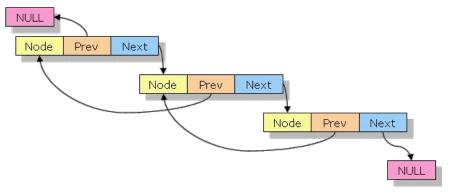
Output: true

```
// One possible solution (Pseudo Code)

Reverse the linked list A -> A_rev
Traverse each node of both linked list:
    If (node_1.value in A doesn't equal to node_2.value in A_rev):
        Return False
    Else:
        Continue
Return True
```

Data structures and properties





- A linked list where each node has two pointers:
 - Next pointing to the next node
 - Prev pointing to the previous node
- Features
 - head, tail pointers
 - o head->prev = NULL; tail->next = NLL;
 - o head == tail == NULL when doubly linked list is empty

```
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{
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```



Insertion: How many cases to consider?

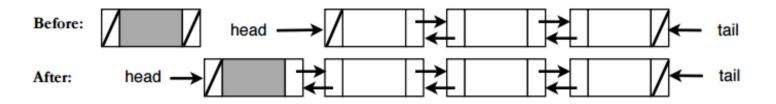


- Four cases:
 - Insert before the head
 - Insert after the tail
 - Insert somewhere in the middle
 - When list is empty

Insertion: Before head / After tail



- Steps for insertion before head:
 - Set the prev of head to the new node p
 - Set the next of p to head
 - p becomes the new head
 - o head->prev = NULL;
- Steps for insertion after tail:
 - Similar to insertion before head (try it yourself!)



Insertion: In the middle of the list



- Steps for insertion in the middle (new node p) (insert after node q):
 - o Fix the next node of q first: Node *r = q->next;
 - Point both next of q and prev of r to p: q->next = r->prev = p;
 - Point both sides of p to q and r respectively: p->prev = q; p->next = r;

You can do that without the help of pointer r

```
p->prev = q;
p->next = q->next;
q->next = q->next->prev = p;
```

Insertion to empty list / Search



Insertion to an empty list

```
head = tail = p;
p->next = p->prev = NULL;
```

- Search in doubly linked list
 - Similar to standard linked list
 - Can be done either from head or tail

Removal



- Removal is more complex!
- Consider the following cases:
 - \circ Check if the node p is the head (p == head). Let this boolean be A.
 - \circ Check if the node p is the tail (p == tail). Let this boolean be B.
- Different cases:
 - Case 1 (A, but not B): P is the head of the list and there is more than one node.
 - Case 2 (B, but not A): P is the tail of the list, and there is more than one node.
 - Case 3 (A and B): P is the only node.
 - Case 4 (not A and not B): P is in the middle of the list.

Removal



```
void removeNodeInDLL(Node *p, Node& *head, Node& *tail)
{
     if (p == head \&\& p == tail) //case 3
          head = tail = NULL;
     else if (p == head) {
          //case 1
          head = head -> next;
          head -> prev = NULL; }
     else if (p == tail) {
          //case 2
          tail = tail -> prev;
          tail -> next = NULL; }
     else {
          //case 4
           p -> prev -> next = p -> next;
           p -> next -> prev = p -> prev; }
     delete p;
```

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Copy a doubly linked list (and more)

Steps

- Create head and tail for the new list
- Iterate through the old list. For each node, copy its value to a new node.
- Insert the new node to the tail of the new list.
- Repeat until we have iterated the entire old list.
- Set NULL before head and next of tail.

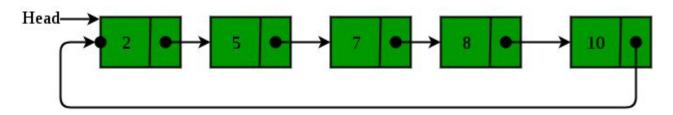
Tips for linked list problems

- To draw diagrams of nodes and pointers will be extremely helpful.
- When copying a linked list, only copy stored values to new nodes. Do not copy pointers.
- You need to check edge cases!

Circular Linked List

Motivation and properties





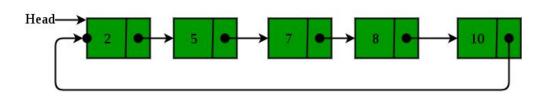
- Linked list where all nodes are connected to form a circle.
 - There is no NULL at the end.
 - Can be a singly circular linked list or doubly circular linked list.
- Pros:
 - Any pointer can be head (starting point).
 - Implementation for queue.
 - Fit to repeatedly go around the list.

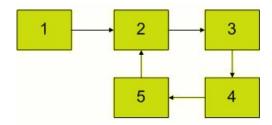
We can maintain a pointer to the last inserted node and front can always be obtained as next of last.

Circular vs Linked List with Loop



- Two different tasks:
 - Tell whether the linked list is circular
 - Tell whether there is a loop in the linked list (this is much harder!)



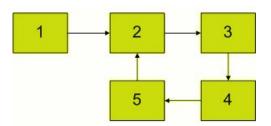


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- Two different tasks:
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```
bool hasCycle(Node* head) {
   Node *slow_ptr = head, *fast_ptr = head;
   while (fast_ptr && fast_ptr->next) {
        slow_ptr = slow_ptr->next;
        fast_ptr = fast_ptr->next->next;
        // compare slow_ptr and fast_ptr at least
after 1 update
        if (slow_ptr == fast_ptr) return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```



Suggestions on Linked List



- Drawing pictures!!!
- Check any list operations for these:
 - > Middle
 - Beginning
 - > End
 - > Empty
 - > One-element
- p->something

Group Exercises: Worksheet



- Exercise problems from Worksheet 2 (see "LA worksheet" tab in CS32 website). Answers will be posted after all discussions.
- Questions for today: