

CSC 321: Data Structures

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Linked structures

- nodes & recursive fields
- singly-linked list
- doubly-linked list
- LinkedList implementation
- iterators

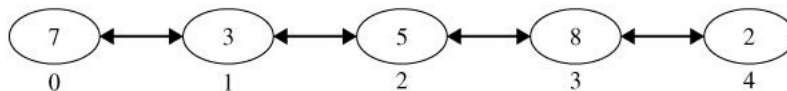
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ArrayLists vs. LinkedLists

to insert or remove an element at an interior location in an ArrayList requires shifting data $\rightarrow O(N)$

LinkedList is an alternative structure

- stores elements in a sequence but allows for more efficient interior insertion/deletion
- elements contain links that reference previous and successor elements in the list



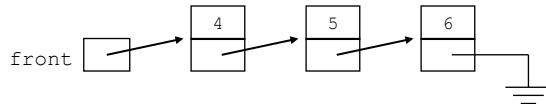
- can add/remove from either end in $O(1)$
- if given reference to an interior element, can reroute the links to add/remove in $O(1)$

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Baby step: singly-linked list

let us start with a simpler linked model:

- must maintain a reference to the front of the list
- each node in the list contains a reference to the next node



analogy: human linked list

- I point to the front of the list
- each of you stores a number in your left hand, point to the next person with right

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Recursive structures

recall: all objects in Java are references

- a reference to a Node is really just a Node
- each Node stores data and (a reference to) another Node
- can provide a constructor and methods for accessing and setting these two fields

```
public class Node<E> {
    private E data;
    private Node<E> next;

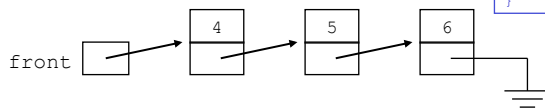
    public Node(E data, Node<E> next) {
        this.data = data;
        this.next = next;
    }

    public E getData() {
        return this.data;
    }

    public Node<E> getNext() {
        return this.next;
    }

    public void setData(E newData) {
        this.data = newData;
    }

    public void setNext(Node<E> newNext) {
        this.next = newNext;
    }
}
```



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Exercises

to create an empty linked list:

```
front = null;
```

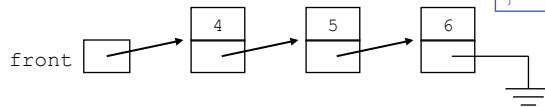
to add to the front:

```
front = new Node<Integer>(3, front);
```

remove from the front:

```
front = front.getNext();
```

```
public class Node<E> {  
    private E data;  
    private Node<E> next;  
  
    public Node(E data, Node<E> next) {  
        this.data = data;  
        this.next = next;  
    }  
  
    public E getData() {  
        return this.data;  
    }  
  
    public Node<E> getNext() {  
        return this.next;  
    }  
  
    public void setData(E newData) {  
        this.data = newData;  
    }  
  
    public void setNext(Node<E> newNext) {  
        this.next = newNext;  
    }  
}
```



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Exercises

get value stored in first node:

get value in kth node:

indexOf:

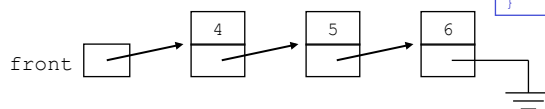
add at end:

add at index:

remove:

remove at index:

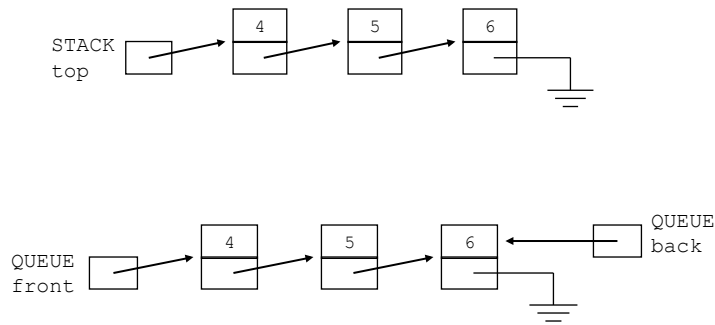
```
public class Node<E> {  
    private E data;  
    private Node<E> next;  
  
    public Node(E data, Node<E> next) {  
        this.data = data;  
        this.next = next;  
    }  
  
    public E getData() {  
        return this.data;  
    }  
  
    public Node<E> getNext() {  
        return this.next;  
    }  
  
    public void setData(E newData) {  
        this.data = newData;  
    }  
  
    public void setNext(Node<E> newNext) {  
        this.next = newNext;  
    }  
}
```



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Linked stacks & queues

singly-linked lists are sufficient for implementing stacks & queues



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Linked stack implementation

```
public class LinkedStack<E> {
    private Node<E> top;
    private int numNodes;

    public LinkedStack() {
        this.top = null;
        this.numNodes = 0;
    }

    public boolean empty() {
        return (this.size() == 0);
    }

    public int size() {
        return this.numNodes;
    }

    public E peek() throws java.util.NoSuchElementException {
        if (this.empty()) {
            throw(new java.util.NoSuchElementException());
        }
        else {
            return this.top.getData();
        }
    }

    . . .
}
```

efficient to keep track of current size in a field – must update on each push/pop

a method that attempts to access an empty stack should throw a `NoSuchElementException`

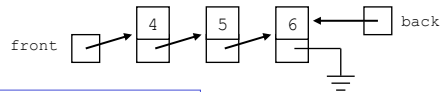
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Linked stack implementation

```
...  
  
public void push(E value) {  
    this.top = new Node<E>(value, this.top);  
    this.numNodes++;  
}  
  
public E pop() throws java.util.NoSuchElementException {  
    if (this.empty()) {  
        throw(new java.util.NoSuchElementException());  
    }  
    else {  
        E topData = this.top.getData();  
        this.top = this.top.getNext();  
        this.numNodes--;  
        return topData;  
    }  
}  
}
```

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Linked queue implementation



```
public class LinkedQueue<E> {  
    private Node<E> front;  
    private Node<E> back;  
    private int numNodes;  
  
    public LinkedQueue() {  
        this.front = null;  
        this.back = null;  
        this.numNodes = 0;  
    }  
  
    public boolean empty() {  
        return (this.size() == 0);  
    }  
  
    public int size() {  
        return this.numNodes;  
    }  
  
    public E peek() throws java.util.NoSuchElementException {  
        if (this.empty()) {  
            throw(new java.util.NoSuchElementException());  
        }  
        else {  
            return this.front.getData();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

efficient to keep track of current size in a field – must update on each add/remove

a method that attempts to access an empty queue should throw a `NoSuchElementException`

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Linked queue implementation

```
...  
  
public void add(E value) {  
    Node<E> toBeAdded = new Node<E>(value, null);  
    if (this.back == null) {  
        this.back = toBeAdded;  
        this.front = this.back;  
    }  
    else {  
        this.back.setNext(toBeAdded);  
        this.back = toBeAdded;  
    }  
    this.numNodes++;  
}  
  
public E remove() throws java.util.NoSuchElementException {  
    if (this.empty()) {  
        throw(new java.util.NoSuchElementException());  
    }  
    else {  
        E frontData = this.front.getData();  
        this.front = this.front.getNext();  
        if (this.front == null) {  
            this.back = null;  
        }  
        this.numNodes--;  
        return frontData;  
    }  
}
```

normally, adding only affects the back
(unless empty)

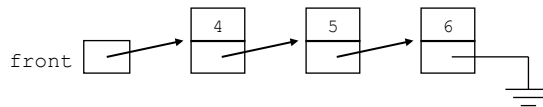
normally, removing only affects the
front (unless remove last item)

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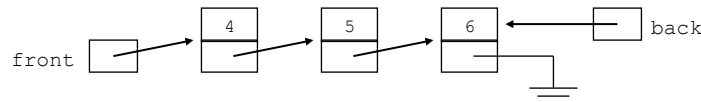
LinkedList implementation

we could implement the LinkedList class using a singly-linked list

- however, the one-way links are limiting
- to insert/delete from an interior location, really need a reference to the previous location
i.e., remove(item) must traverse and keep reference to previous node, so that when the correct node is found, can route links from previous node



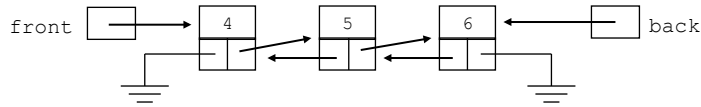
- also, accessing the end requires traversing the entire list
can handle this one special case by keeping a reference to the end as well



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Doubly-linked lists

a better, although more complicated solution, is to have bidirectional links



- to move forward or backward in a doubly-linked list, use previous & next links
- can start at either end when searching or accessing
- insert and delete operations need to have only the reference to the node in question
- big-Oh?

<code>add(item)</code>	<code>add(index, item)</code>
<code>get(index)</code>	<code>set(index, item)</code>
<code>indexOf(item)</code>	<code>contains(item)</code>
<code>remove(index)</code>	<code>remove(item)</code>

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Exercises

to create an empty list:

```
front = null;
back = null;
```

to add to the front:

```
front = new DNode<Integer>(3, null, front);
if (front.getNext() == null) {
    back = front;
}
else {
    front.getNext().setPrevious(front);
}
```

remove from the front:

```
front = front.getNext();
if (front == null) {
    back = null;
}
else {
    front.setPrevious(null);
}
```

```
public class DNode<E> {
    private E data;
    private DNode<E> previous;
    private DNode<E> next;

    public DNode(E d, DNode<E> p, DNode<E> n) {
        this.data = d;
        this.previous = p;
        this.next = n;
    }

    public E getData() {
        return this.data;
    }

    public DNode<E> getPrevious() {
        return this.previous;
    }

    public DNode<E> getNext() {
        return this.next;
    }

    public void setData(E newData) {
        this.data = newData;
    }

    public void setPrevious(DNode<E> newPrevious) {
        this.previous = newPrevious;
    }

    public void setNext(DNode<E> newNext) {
        this.next = newNext;
    }
}
```

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Exercises

get value stored in first node:

get value in kth node:

indexOf:

add at end:

add at index:

remove:

remove at index:

```
public class DNode<E> {
    private E data;
    private DNode<E> previous;
    private DNode<E> next;

    public DNode(E d, DNode<E> p, DNode<E> n) {
        this.data = d;
        this.previous = p;
        this.next = n;
    }

    public E getData() {
        return this.data;
    }

    public DNode<E> getPrevious() {
        return this.previous;
    }

    public DNode<E> getNext() {
        return this.next;
    }

    public void setData(E newData) {
        this.data = newData;
    }

    public void setPrevious(DNode<E> newPrevious) {
        this.previous = newPrevious;
    }

    public void setNext(DNode<E> newNext) {
        this.next = newNext;
    }
}
```

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Dummy nodes

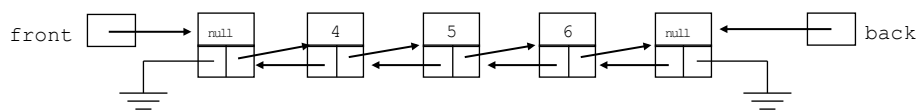
every time you add/remove, you need to worry about updating front & back

- add only affects the back, unless the list is empty (then, `front = back;`)
- remove only affects the front, unless the list becomes empty (then, `back = null;`)

the ends lead to many special cases in the code

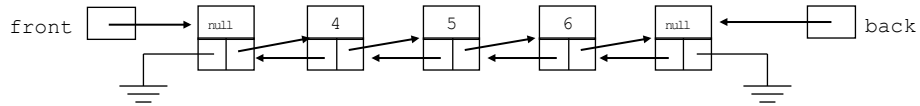
SOLUTION: add dummy nodes to both ends of the list

- the dummy nodes store no actual values
- instead, they hold the places so that the front & back never change
- removes special case handling



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Exercises



to create an empty list (with dummy nodes):

```
front = new DNode<Integer>(null, null, null);
back = new DNode<Integer>(null, front, null);
front.setNext(back);
```

remove from the front:

```
front.setNext(front.getNext().getNext());
front.getNext().setPrevious(front);
```

add at the front:

```
front.setNext(new DNode<Integer>(3, front, front.getNext()));
front.getNext().getNext().setPrevious(front.getNext());
```

get value stored in first node:

get value in kth node:

indexOf:

add at end:

add at index:

remove:

remove at index:

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LinkedList class structure

the LinkedList class has an inner class

- defines the DNode class

fields store

- reference to front and back dummy nodes
- node count

the constructor

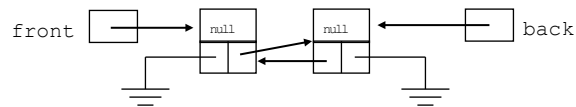
- creates the front & back dummy nodes
- links them together
- initializes the count

```
public class MyLinkedList<E> implements Iterable<E>{
    private class DNode<E> {
        . . .
    }

    private DNode<E> front;
    private DNode<E> back;
    private int numStored;

    public MyLinkedList() {
        this.clear();
    }

    public void clear() {
        this.front = new DNode<E>(null, null, null);
        this.back = new DNode<E>(null, front, null);
        this.front.setNext(this.back);
        this.numStored = 0;
    }
}
```



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LinkedList: add

the add method

- similarly, throws an exception if the index is out of bounds
- calls the helper method `getNode` to find the insertion spot
- note: `getNode` traverses from the closer end
- finally, inserts a node with the new value and increments the count

add-at-end similar

```
public void add(int index, E newItem) {
    this.rangeCheck(index, "LinkedList add()", this.size());

    DNode<E> beforeNode = this.getNode(index-1);
    DNode<E> afterNode = beforeNode.getNext();

    DNode<E> newNode = new DNode<E>(newItem, beforeNode, afterNode);
    beforeNode.setNext(newNode);
    afterNode.setPrevious(newNode);

    this.numStored++;
}

private DNode<E> getNode(int index) {
    if (index < this.numStored/2) {
        DNode<E> stepper = this.front;
        for (int i = 0; i <= index; i++) {
            stepper = stepper.getNext();
        }
        return stepper;
    }
    else {
        DNode<E> stepper = this.back;
        for (int i = this.numStored-1; i >= index; i--) {
            stepper = stepper.getPrevious();
        }
        return stepper;
    }
}

public boolean add(E newItem) {
    this.add(this.size(), newItem);
    return true;
}
```

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LinkedList: size, get, set, indexOf, contains

size method

- returns the item count

get method

- checks the index bounds, then calls `getNode`

set method

- checks the index bounds, then assigns

indexOf method

- performs a sequential search

contains method

- uses `indexOf`

```
public int size() {
    return this.numStored;
}

public E get(int index) {
    this.rangeCheck(index, "LinkedList get()", this.size()-1);
    return this.getNode(index).getData();
}

public E set(int index, E newItem) {
    this.rangeCheck(index, "LinkedList set()", this.size()-1);
    DNode<E> oldNode = this.getNode(index);
    E oldItem = oldNode.getData();
    oldNode.setData(newItem);
    return oldItem;
}

public int indexOf(E oldItem) {
    DNode<E> stepper = this.front.getNext();
    for (int i = 0; i < this.numStored; i++) {
        if (oldItem.equals(stepper.getData())) {
            return i;
        }
        stepper = stepper.getNext();
    }
    return -1;
}

public boolean contains(E oldItem) {
    return (this.indexOf(oldItem) >= 0);
}
```

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LinkedList: remove

the remove method

- checks the index bounds
- calls `getNode` to get the node
- then calls private helper method to remove the node

the other remove

- calls `indexOf` to find the item, then calls `remove(index)`

```
public void remove(int index) {
    this.rangeCheck(index, "LinkedList remove()", this.size()-1);
    this.remove(this.getNode(index));
}

public boolean remove(E oldItem) {
    int index = this.indexOf(oldItem);
    if (index >= 0) {
        this.remove(index);
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}

private void remove(DNode<E> remNode) {
    remNode.getPrevious().setNext(remNode.getNext());
    remNode.getNext().setPrevious(remNode.getPrevious());
    this.numStored--;
}
```

could we do this more efficiently?
do we care?

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Collections & iterators

many algorithms are designed around the sequential traversal of a list

- `ArrayList` and `LinkedList` implement the `List` interface, and so have `get()` and `set()`
- `ArrayList` implementations of `get()` and `set()` are $O(1)$
- however, `LinkedList` implementations are $O(N)$

```
for (int i = 0; i < words.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(words.get(i));
}
```

// $O(N)$ if `ArrayList`
// $O(N^2)$ if `LinkedList`

philosophy behind Java collections

1. a collection must define an *efficient*, general-purpose traversal mechanism
2. a collection should provide an *iterator*, that has methods for traversal
3. each collection class is responsible for implementing iterator methods

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Iterator

the `java.util.Iterator` interface defines the methods for an iterator

```
interface Iterator<E> {  
    boolean hasNext(); // returns true if items remaining  
    E next(); // returns next item in collection  
    void remove(); // removes last item accessed  
}
```

any class that implements the `Collection` interface (e.g., `List`, `Set`, ...) is required to provide an `iterator()` method that returns an iterator to that collection

```
List<String> words;  
...  
Iterator<String> iter = words.iterator();  
while (iter.hasNext()) {  
    System.out.println(iter.next());  
}
```

both `ArrayList` and `LinkedList` implement their iterators efficiently, so $O(N)$ for both

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ArrayList iterator

an `ArrayList` does not really need an iterator

- `get()` and `set()` are already $O(1)$ operations, so typical indexing loop suffices
- provided for uniformity (`java.util.Collections` methods require *iterable* classes)
- also required for enhanced for loop to work

to implement an iterator, need to define a new class that can

- access the underlying array (→ must be inner class to have access to private fields)
- keep track of which location in the array is "next"

"foo"	"bar"	"biz"	"baz"	"boo"	"zoo"
0	1	2	3	4	5

nextIndex

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MyArrayList iterator

java.lang.Iterable
interface declares that
the class has an
iterator

inner class defines an
Iterator class for this
particular collection
(accessing the
appropriate fields &
methods)

the iterator() method
creates and returns an
object of that class

```
public class MyArrayList<E> implements Iterable<E> {  
    . . .  
    public Iterator<E> iterator() {  
        return new ArrayListIterator();  
    }  
    private class ArrayListIterator implements Iterator<E> {  
        private int nextIndex;  
        public ArrayListIterator() {  
            this.nextIndex = 0;  
        }  
        public boolean hasNext() {  
            return this.nextIndex < MyArrayList.this.size();  
        }  
        public E next() {  
            if (!this.hasNext()) {  
                throw new java.util.NoSuchElementException();  
            }  
            this.nextIndex++;  
            return MyArrayList.this.get(nextIndex-1);  
        }  
        public void remove() {  
            if (this.nextIndex <= 0) {  
                throw new RuntimeException("Iterator call to "  
                    + "next() required before calling remove()");  
            }  
            MyArrayList.this.remove(this.nextIndex-1);  
            this.nextIndex--;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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Iterators & the enhanced for loop

given an iterator, collection traversal is easy and uniform

```
MyArrayList<String> words;  
. . .  
Iterator<String> iter = words.iterator();  
while (iter.hasNext()) {  
    System.out.println(iter.next());  
}
```

as long as the class implements Iterable<E> and provides an iterator()
method, the enhanced for loop can also be applied

```
MyArrayList<String> words;  
. . .  
for (String str : words) {  
    System.out.println(str);  
}
```

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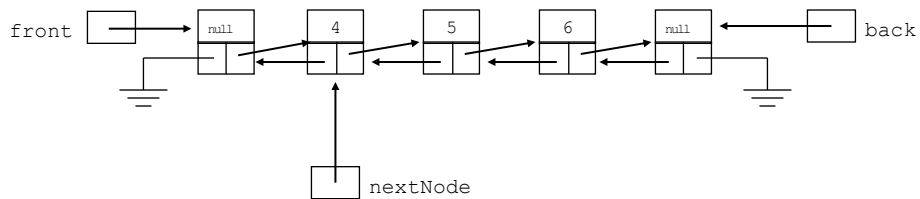
LinkedList iterator

a LinkedList does need an iterator to allow for efficient traversals & list processing

- `get()` and `set()` are already $O(N)$ operations, so a typical indexing loop is $O(N^2)$

again, to implement an iterator, need to define a new class that can

- access the underlying doubly-linked list
- keep track of which node in the list is "next"



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MyLinkedList iterator

again, the class implements the `Iterable<E>` interface

inner class defines an `Iterator` class for this particular collection

`iterator()` method creates and returns an object of that type

```
public class MyLinkedList<E> implements Iterable<E> {  
    . . .  
    public Iterator<E> iterator() {  
        return new LinkedListIterator();  
    }  
    private class LinkedListIterator implements Iterator<E> {  
        private DNode<E> nextNode;  
        public LinkedListIterator() {  
            this.nextNode = MyLinkedList.this.front.getNext();  
        }  
        public boolean hasNext() {  
            return this.nextNode != SimpleLinkedList.this.back;  
        }  
        public E next() {  
            if (!this.hasNext()) {  
                throw new java.util.NoSuchElementException();  
            }  
            this.nextNode = this.nextNode.getNext();  
            return this.nextNode.getPrevious().getData();  
        }  
        public void remove() {  
            if (this.nextNode == front.getNext()) {  
                throw new RuntimeException("Iterator call to " +  
                    "next() required before calling remove()");  
            }  
            MyLinkedList.this.remove(this.nextNode.getPrevious());  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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Iterator vs. ListIterator

`java.util.Iterator` defines methods for traversing a collection

an extension, `java.util.ListIterator`, defines additional methods for traversing lists

