# **Linked Lists Structures**

- Motivation:
  - Insertion & Deletion in an ordered array require moving elements up or down (left or right).
  - Manipulating ordered lists of varying sizes
- Example:



- Solution:
  - o Use linked lists
  - creation of variable's storage space in memory during the execution (rather than compilation) of the program
  - Each data (a set of data) is associated with an address: form a node.

- Linked Lists:
  - A linked list consists of a number of nodes, each of which has a reference to the next link.



- Adding and removing a node in the middle of a linked list is efficient.
- Visiting the nodes of a linked list in sequential order is efficient
- Random access is not efficient
- Operations:
  - Insert:
- insertFirst(Object obj)
- insertLast(Object obj)
- Delete:
  - removeFirst()
  - removeLast()
- Find:
- findNode()

- Implementation:
  - Use memory heap
  - Allocation of variable's storage space: needs a variable that holds the address of that space.
    - Java: An instance of a given class.
    - Pascal: pointer variable
    - Ada: Access variable
    - C: For any type in C, there is a corresponding type pointerto-T: The value of the pointer is an address of memory.
- Requirements:
  - Mechanism to define the structure of a node (all fields)
  - A way to create a node
  - A way to free no longer needed nodes in some languages such as C.
- Declaration of a node: Java

```
private int data;
private Node next;
public Node(){
    data = 0;
    next = null;
}
```

```
public Node(int d, Node l){
    data = d;
    next = l;
}
public int getData(){
    return(data);
}
public Node getNext(){
    return(next);
}
```

```
o Node p = new Node(1, null);
```

- Constant:
  - the pointer does not point to any node
  - Node first = nil or null;

#### • Operations on pointers:

	comparison:	start == end, etc.
•	Assignments:	start = end, etc.

• Arithmetic: depending on the language

#### • Creation of a node:

• Primitive procedure: malloc, new, etc.

Heap



#### • Disposition of a node:

- Primitive procedure: free(p), dispose(p), etc.
- o Java: done my JVM

#### • Singly Linked Lists

- o One-way linked lists
- One-way linked lists with head and tail
- o Circular one-way linked lists

## • One-way linked lists

#### • An example:





• Operations: Sorted or Unsorted

- Insertion
- Deletion
- Find

#### • Insertion in an unsorted list:

Creation of a node:

Node p = new Node(A,null);



- Case 1: When the list is not empty; start != null.
   p.next = start;
   start = p;
- Case 2:When the list is empty; start=null. start = p;

#### • **Deletion** :

• Case 1: The first element of the list



Delete(A):

p = q = start
start = start.next;

• Case 2: An element different than the first one in the list Delete the node pointed by p



q.next = p.next; // You would need to free the pointer p if the language does not automatically free memory like in C: free(p); //In Java, JVM takes care of garbage collection.

## • One-way linked lists with Head and Tail



- **Operations**: Sorted or Unsorted
  - o Insertion
  - o Deletion
  - o Find
- Insertion in an unsorted list:
  - Creation of a node:





Case 1: When the list is not empty; start != null and End != null;

p.next = start; start = p;

• Case 2:When the list is empty; start=null.



#### $\circ$ **Deletion** :

• Case 1: The first element of the list



Delete(A):

p = q = Start Start = Start.next; // You would need to free the pointer p if the language does not automatically free memory like in C: free(p); //In Java, JVM takes care of garbage collection.

• Case 2: An element different than the first one in the list

Same as in the case of one-way linked list.

• Singly Circular Linked Lists

# • An example: A B Y Y

- Operations: Sorted or Unsorted
  - Insertion
  - Deletion
  - Find

#### • Insertion in an unsorted list:

• Creation of a node:



• Case 1: When the list is not empty; start != null;



• Case 2: When the list is empty; start=null.



#### $\circ$ **Deletion** :

• Case 1: The first element of the list



Delete(A):

q = start.next; start.next = q.next; // You would need to free the pointer p if the language does not automatically free memory like in C: free(p); //In Java, JVM takes care of garbage collection.

• Case 2: The last element of the list

Try this case on your own.

 Case 3: An element different from the first and last element of the list.

Same as in the case of one-way linked list.

# • Doubly Linked Lists

• Type of nodes: Declaration of a node:

```
private int data;
private Node Rnext;
private Node Lnext;
public Node(){
     data = 0;
     Lnext = null;
     Rnext = null;
}
public Node(int d, Node l, Node r){
     data = d;
     Rnext = l;
     Lnext = r;
}
public int getData(){
     return(data);
public Node getRnext(){
     return(Rnext);
public Node getLnext(){
     return(Lnext);
  р
                   Ζ
                     null
               null
```

}

# o Types:

- Simple doubly linked lists
- Circular doubly linked lists

# • Simple doubly linked lists

#### • An example:



- Operations: Sorted or Unsorted
  - Insertion
  - Deletion
  - Find

#### • Insertion in an unsorted list:

• Creation of a node:



• Case 1: When the list is not empty; start != null;



- (1) p.Rnext = start;
- (2) start.Lnext = p;
- (3) start = p;
  - Case 2: When the list is empty; start=null.

start = p;

#### $\circ$ **Deletion** :

• Case 1: An element different from the first and last element of the list.



#### Delete(B):

(1) p.Lnext.Rnext = p.Rnext;

(2) p.Rlink.Lnext = p.Lnext;

// You would need to free the pointer p if the language does
not automatically free memory like in C: free(p);
//In Java, JVM takes care of garbage collection.

• Case 2: The first element of the list.

Try this case on your own.

• Case 3: The last element of the list.

Try this case on your own.

• Circular doubly linked lists

#### • An example:



- Operations: Sorted or Unsorted
  - Insertion
  - Deletion
  - Find

#### • Insertion in an unsorted list:

• Creation of a node:





- (1) p.Lnext = start;
- (2) p.Rnext = start.Rnext
- (3) start.Rnext = p;
- (4) start = p;
- Case 2: When the list is empty; start=null.



#### $\circ$ **Deletion** :

- Case 1: An element different from the first and last element of the list.
- Case 2: The first element of the list.
- Case 3: The last element of the list.

- Lab Assignment:
  - Given the following Java package for a singly linked list, complete the implementation of the missing methods.

```
package List;
public class Node {
     private int data;
     private Node next;
     public Node(){
          data = 0;
          next = null;
     }
     public Node(int d, Node 1){
          data = d;
          next = 1;
     }
     public int getData(){
         return(data);
     }
     public Node getNext(){
          return(next);
     }
}
package List;
import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
public class OneWayLinkedList {
     private Node Start = null;
     public OneWayLinkedList(){
          Start = null;
     }
     // Returns true if the list is empty
     public boolean isEmpty(){
          return Start == null;
     }
     // Inserts a new node at the beginning of this list.
     public void addFirst(int element){
          Start = new Node(element, Start);
     }
     // Returns the first element in the list.
     public int getFirst(){
          if(Start == null) throw new NoSuchElementException();
                return Start.getData();
     //------
     // Removes the first element in the list.
     public boolean deleteFirst(){
          // Implement this function
     }
     // Find whether and element is in the list.
     public boolean findData(int d){
          //Implement this function
     }
     //-----
```

```
// Print list.
public void printList(){
    if (Start == null)
        System.out.println("Your list is empty)");
    else {
        Node move = Start;
        System.out.println("----- Print Your List ------ ");
        while (move != null) {
            System.out.print("-->" + move.getData());
            move = move.getNext();
        }
    }
}
```

}