20-0: Linked List

• Previous Practical Example:
  • removeAt(int index)
  • remove(Object o)
20-1: `removeAt`

- First need to get to node *before* the one we want to remove
- We can then use the next pointer of the previous node to do removal (example on board)
Two special cases:
- Removing from an empty list
- Removing the first element in the list

Why do we need these two special cases?
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;
    public void removeAt(int index)
    {
        if (head == null)
            return null;  // May want to throw an exception here instead ...
        if (index == 0)
        {
            head = head.next;
        }
        else
        {
            ListNode tmp = head;
            for (int i = 0; i < index - 1; i++)
            {
                tmp = tmp.next;
            }
            tmp.next = tmp.next.next;
        }
    }
}
Two special cases:
  • Removing from an empty list
  • Removing the first element in the list
• We can remove these special cases by using a dummy element
20-5: Dummy Element

Linked List with Dummy element

head

Linked List with Dummy element

head

Dummy Element

Garbage Value

Empty List

head

Garbage Value

Dummy Element

Dummy Element
class LinkedList
{
    ListNode head;

    LinkedList()
    {
        head = new ListNode(null, null);
    }

    // Other methods ...
}
class LinkedList
{
    ListNode head;

    LinkedList()
    {
        head = new ListNode(null, null);
    }

    boolean find(Object o) { ... }
}
class LinkedList {
    ListNode head;

    boolean find(Object o) {
        for (ListNode tmp = head.next; tmp != null; tmp = tmp.next) {
            if (tmp.data.equals(o)) {
                return true;
            }
        }
        return false;
    }
}
public class LinkedList
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    private ListNode head;

    LinkedList()
    {
        head = new ListNode(null, null);
    }

    public void removeAt(int index) { ... }
}
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;
    public void removeAt(int index)
    {
        ListNode tmp = head;
        for (int i = 0; i < index; i++)
        {
            tmp = tmp.next;
        }
        tmp.next = tmp.next.next;
    }
}
Append

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- How would we do it?
  - Get a pointer to the last element of the list
  - (start from the front, advance until last element reached)
  - Append element using this pointer
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;
    public void append(Object obj)
    {
        ListNode last = head;
        while (last.next != null)
        {
            last = last.next;
        }
        last.next = new ListNode(obj, null);
    }
}
To append an element to the end of a linked list, need to move a temp pointer to the end of the list.

How could we do this more quickly:
- We can add things to our data structure...
20-15: Tail Pointer

head

Object
Next

Object
Next

Object
Next

Object
Next

tail
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;
    private ListNode tail;

    public LinkedList()
    {
        head = null;
        tail = null;
    }

    public void insert(Object o) { ... }
}
public class LinkedList {
    private ListNode head;
    private ListNode tail;

    public LinkedList() {
        head = null;
        tail = null;
    }

    public void insert(Object o) {
        head = new ListNode(o, head);
        if (tail == null) {
            tail = head;
        }
    }
}
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;
    private ListNode tail;

    public LinkedList()
    {
        head = null;
        tail = null;
    }

    public void append(Object o) { ... }
}
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;
    private ListNode tail;

    public void append(Object o)
    {
        if (tail != null)
        {
            tail.next = new ListNode(o);
            tail = tail.next
        }
        else
        {
            head = new ListNode(o, head);
            tail = head;
        }
    }
}
Doubly Linked List

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• Once you’ve found the node, it’s too late – can’t follow pointers backwards to get to the previous node.
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- Once you’ve found the node, it’s too late – can’t follow pointers backwards to get to the previous node.
  - ... unless you keep a pointer to the previous node in the list, too!
public class DoubleLinkedListNode
{
    Object data;
    DoubleLinkedListNode next;
    DoubleLinkedListNode previous;
    public DoubleLinkedListNode (int data)
    {
        this.data = data;
        this.next = null;
        this.previous = null;
    }
    public DoubleLinkedListNode (int data, DoubleLinkedListNode next)
    {
        this.data = data;
        this.next = next;
        this.previous = null;
    }
    public DoubleLinkedListNode (int data, DoubleLinkedListNode next, DoubleLinkedListNode previous)
    {
        this.data = data;
    }
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- **Advantages**
  - Don’t need to be “one off” to do deletions
  - Don’t need as many special cases (with some modifications)

- **Disadvantages**
  - Uses more space (two pointers per node)
  - Need to update both previous/next when changing list
public class LinkedList
{
    private ListNode head;

    public LinkedList()
    {
        head = null;
    }

    public void insert(Object o)
    {
        head = new DoubleLinkedListNode(o, head);
        if (head.next != null)
        {
            head.next.previous = head;
        }
    }
}
public void remove(Object o)
{
    DoubleLinkedListNode tmp = head;
    while (tmp != null && !tmp.data.equals(o))
    {
        tmp = tmp.next;
    }
    if (tmp != null)
    {
        if (tmp.previous != null) // {} omitted to fit on slide!
            tmp.previous.next = tmp;
        else
            head = tmp;
        if (tmp.next != null)
        {
            tmp.next.previous = tmp;
        }
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}
• We still needed special cases for deleting from beginning / end of the list
• We could avoid these special cases by adding two dummy elements – to front and end of list
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class LinkedList
{
    DoublyLinkedListNode head;
    DoublyLinkedListNode tail;

    LinkedList()
    {
        head = new ListNode(null, null, null); // Dummy header
        tail = new ListNode(null, null, head); // Dummy trailer
        head.next = tail;
    }

    // Other methods ...
}
We need to change the traversal a bit
• Don’t want to compare anything to the dummy element
public class LinkedList
{
    private DoubleLinkedListNode head;
    public void remove(Object o)
    {
        DoubleLinkedListNode tmp = head;
        while (tmp.next != null && !tmp.data.equals(o))
        {
            tmp = tmp.next;
        }
        if (tmp.next != null)
        {
            tmp.previous.next = tmp;
            tmp.next.previous = tmp;
            return true;
        }
        else
        {
            return false;
        }
    }
}
20-32: **Next Project**

- Go over next project / lab on website