

CMPSCI 187: Programming With Data Structures

Lecture #20: Implementing Linked Lists
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Implementing Linked Lists

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L&C's Single-Link `LinkedList` Class

- We can use our existing `LinearNode` class to implement a list, whether ordered or unordered. The Java library uses doubly-linked nodes, as we will see soon, but let's find out what happens with singly-linked nodes.
- As we saw when looking at deques, we can add or remove from the front, or add to the rear, or peek at either, in $O(1)$ time. But the `ListADT` interface also needs us to remove an object from the list, including removing from the rear, and to create an iterator object.

```
public class LinkedList<T> implements ListADT<T>, Iterable<T> {
    protected int count;
    protected LinearNode<T> head, tail;
    public LinkedList( ) {
        count = 0;
        head = tail = null;}
}
```

The `remove` Operation for `LinkedList`

- We can't break out the `find` part of `remove`, because we need the node *before* the one we are looking for.

```
public T remove (T target ) throws EmptyCollectionException,
                                   ElementNotFoundException {
    if (isEmpty( )) throw new EmptyCollectionException ("List");
    boolean found = false;
    LinearNode<T> previous = null;
    LinearNode<T> current = head;
    while (current != null && !found) {
        if (target.equals (current.getElement( )) found = true;
        else {previous = current; current = current.getNext( );}}
    if (!found) throw new ElementNotFoundException ("List");
    if (size( ) = 1) head = tail = null;
    else if (current == head) head = current.getNext( );
    else if (current == tail) {
        tail = previous; tail.setNext(null);
    }
    else previous.setNext(current.getNext( ));
    count--;
    return current.getElement( );}
```

Doubly Linked Lists

- It's easy to adapt `LinearNode` to make a doubly linked node. We don't extend `LinearNode` because we need the `next` field to be different and there are really no `LinearNode` methods we would make much use of.
- Though they don't mention it in the text, L&C declare a class `DoubleList`, whose fields and constructors are like those of `LinkedList` except that they use `DoubleNode` objects, and say `front` and `rear`, not `head` and `tail`.
- With free access to the predecessor of any node, things become simpler.

```
public class DoubleNode<T> {
    private DoubleNode<T> next;
    private T element;
    private DoubleNode<T> previous;
    // get and set methods, zero- and one-parameter constructors
}
```

The `find` Method

- Remember that in the array implementation we separated out *finding* an element in the list from *removing* it. The `find` method was also useful for implementing `contains`.
- We make `find` a private method because its result is a node, an inherently implementation-dependent thing, rather than something for the user.

```
private DoubleNode<T> find (T target) {
    boolean found = false;
    DoubleNode<T> traverse = front;
    DoubleNode<T> result = null;
    if (!isEmpty( ))
        while (!found && traverse != null)
            if (target.equals(traverse.getElement( ))) found = true;
            else traverse = traverse.getNext( );
    if (found) result = traverse;
    return result;}

```

Removing From a Doubly-Linked List

- Once we find the element, our two commands to remove it are symmetrical.
- We handle the cases of the element being the front or rear one separately, since we already have methods for those two operations.

```
public T remove (T element) throws ElementNotFoundException {
    T result;
    DoubleNode<T> node = find (element);
    if (node == null) throw new ElementNotFoundException("List");
    result = node.getElement( );
    if (node = front) result = this.removeFirst( );
    else if (node = rear) result = this.removeLast( );
    else {
        node.getNext( ).setPrevious(node.getPrevious( ));
        node.getPrevious( ).setNext(node.getNext( ));
        count--;}
    return result;}
}
```

The `LinkedListIterator` Class

- This is for singly-linked lists -- there is a similar class for doubly-linked.
- The `Iterator` interface includes a `remove` method, to remove the element just returned by `next`. If we don't write it, we have to include a stub.

```
public class LinkedListIterator<T> implements Iterator<T> {
    private int count;
    private LinearNode<T> current;
    public LinkedListIterator (LinearNode<T> collection, int size) {
        current = collection; count = size;}
    public boolean hasNext( ) {return (current != null);}
    public T next( ) throws NoSuchElementException {
        if (!hasNext( )) throw new NoSuchElementException( );
        T result = current.getElement( );
        current = current.next( );
        return result;}
    public void remove( ) throws UnsupportedOperationException {
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException( );}
```

Linked Ordered Lists

- If our base type `T` implements `Comparable<T>`, we can maintain the natural order on the elements of a list, and implement L&C's `OrderedListADT` interface. The essential new operation is `add`, which puts its parameter element in the right place in the list.

```
public void add (T elem) {
    LinearNode<T> newNode = new LinearNode<T>(elem);
    if (isEmpty( )) {head = tail = newNode; count++; return;}
    if (head.getElement( ).compareTo(elem) >= 0) {
        newNode.setNext (head.getNext( ));
        head = newNode; count++; return;}
    LinearNode<T> before = head;
    while ((before.getNext( ) != null) &&
           (before.getNext( ).getElement( ).compareTo(elem) < 0))
        before = before.getNext( );
    newNode.setNext (before.getNext( ));
    before.setNext(newNode);
    if (newNode.getNext( ) == null) tail = newNode;
    count++; return;}
}
```

Reviewing the DLDeque From Discussion #6

- We need to make sure both links are right for every node, plus front and rear.

```
public void addToRear (T element) {
    DoubleNode<T> newNode = new DoubleNode<T> (element);
    newNode.setPrevious (rear);
    newNode.setNext (null); // redundant
    if (rear != null) rear.setNext (newNode);
    rear = newNode;
    if (size == 0) front = newNode;
    size++;}

public T removeRear ( ) throws EmptyCollectionException {
    if (size == 0) throw new EmptyCollectionException ( );
    if (size == 1) front = null;
    T ret = rear.getElement( );
    rear = rear.getPrevious ( );
    rear.setNext (null);
    size--; return ret;}
}
```