Overview

- Preliminaries.
  - Admin.
- Linked lists.
- Implementation details.
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Preliminaries

Admin

- No reading for tomorrow.
- No writeup for today.
- Exam 2 to be distributed on Wednesday (assuming I get it written).
- Mentor session tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- Extra credit:
  - Lunchtime meeting today alt careers in education JRC 225

Questions on yesterday’s lab?

Linked lists

Once we’ve decided on an ADT, we think about the implementation

- "Data structure" =~ "implementation"
- Reminder: ADT
  - Philosophy: What should it do?
    - Also things like mutability
  - Use cases: What are ways in which we’ll use it?
  - Methods: What methods does it provide?
- N important questions for data structures
  - What is our goal? To implement the given ADT (lists)
  - How do we structure the data / lay out memory?
    - Array-based lists: Big chunk of memory (N x sizeof(reference))
    - The reference to item i is at base + i*sizeof(reference)
  - Given that decision, how do we implement the methods?
    - next: Increment i, grab the value from the old position i
• add: Shove to the right, insert value
• remove: Shove to the left
  o Given those implementations, what are the running times?
    • next: O(1)
    • add: O(n)
    • remove: O(n)
• Can we make the add/remove methods faster?
• Strategy: Linked lists
  o Structure the data
    • Node: Stores the value and a link to the next element
    • The enclosing list stores the front (or a dummy node before the front)
  o Implement the methods
    • Iterator keeps track of the PREVIOUS node
    • next: it.current = it.current.next; return it.current.data;
    • add: it.current.next = new Node(value, it.current.next); advance iterator
    • remove: cut out node
    • prev: start at the beginning and advance until you get the previous element
  o Analyze
    • next: O(1)
    • add: O(1)
    • remove: O(1)
    • prev: O(n)

Implementation details

Lab

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