

# Pointers

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## Discussion 3

# Announcements

- HW 0, Lab 1, and Lab 2 due 1/31
- HW 1 due 2/1
- Weekly Surveys are worth points + due every Monday
- Topical Review Session on Java this Friday 2-3:30 PM

# Review

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# Values & Containers

**Simple Containers** are named and may contain values or pointers to structured containers.

**Structured Containers** are anonymous and contain simple containers or objects.

**Values** are numbers, booleans, and pointers and cannot be *modified* without being *replaced*.

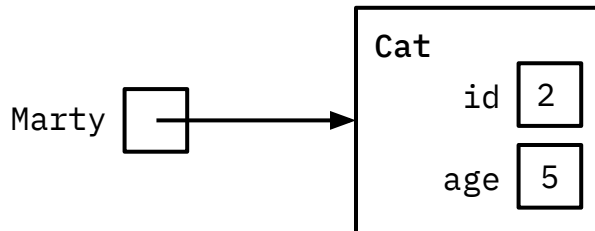
**Numbers** → Numbers as we know them (byte, short, int, double, long, float)

**Letters** → Characters (char)

**Booleans** → True or False (bool)

**Pointers** → Memory address to a spot in memory where a **structured container** is stored

**Null** → Nothing

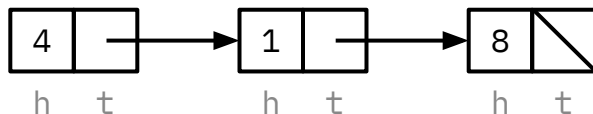


# Linked Lists & Arrays

**Linked Lists** are data structures that consist of structured containers, each containing two simple containers.

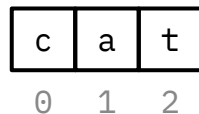
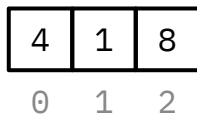
`list.head` holds a value

`list.tail` stores a pointer to the next structured container



**Arrays** are data structures which can hold many simple containers of the same type of value.

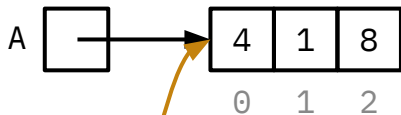
`arr[i]` holds a value in the *i*th position of the array



# Destructive & Non-Destructive Operations

Java is **pass-by-value**, so you are passing in a copy of the value of the variable.

Function main



Function f



```
private static void f(int[] x){ ... }
```

`f(A)`

**Destructive** functions alter the structured container or object passed in, causing changes to remain even after we leave the function (i.e. `x[1] = 5`)

**Non-Destructive** functions don't alter the structured contained passed in (i.e. `x = new int[]{5, 10}`)

## 1 Fill Grid

Given two one-dimensional arrays `LL` and `UR`, fill in the program on the next page to insert the elements of `LL` into the lower-left triangle of a square two-dimensional array `S` and `UR` into the upper-right triangle of `S`, without modifying elements along the main diagonal of `S`. You can assume `LL` and `UR` both contain at least enough elements to fill their respective triangles. (Spring 2020 MT1)

For example, consider

```
int[] LL = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 0, 0 };
int[] UR = { 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 };
int[][] S = {
    { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 },
    { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 },
    { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 },
    { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 },
    { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 }
};
```

After calling `fillGrid(LL, UR, S)`, `S` should contain

```
{
  { 0, 11, 12, 13, 14 },
  { 1,  0, 15, 16, 17 },
  { 2,  3,  0, 18, 19 },
  { 4,  5,  6,  0, 20 },
  { 7,  8,  9, 10,  0 }
}
```

(The last two elements of `LL` are excess and therefore ignored.)

2 Pointers

```

1  /** Fill the lower-left triangle of S with elements of LL and the
2  * upper-right triangle of S with elements of UR (from left-to
3  * right, top-to-bottom in each case). Assumes that S is square and
4  * LL and UR have at least sufficient elements. */
5  public static void fillGrid(int[] LL, int[] UR, int[][] S) {
6      int N = S.length;
7      int kL, kR;
8      kL = kR = 0;
9
10     for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1) {
11         for (int j = 0; j < N; j += 1) {
12             if (i < j) { ← Defines UR
13                 S[i][j] = UR[kR];
14                 kR += 1;
15             } else if (i > j) { ← Defines LL
16                 S[i][j] = LL[kL];
17                 kL += 1;
18             }
19         }
20     }
21 }
22
23
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25
26
27
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29 }
30 }

```

```

int[] new Arr = new int[N];
new Arr[i] = S[i][i];
for (int j = 0; j < i; j += 1) {
    new Arr[j] = LL[kL];
    kL++;
}
for (int k = i+1; k < N; k += 1) {
    new Arr[k] = UR[kR];
    kR++;
}
S[i] = new Arr;

```

↑  
 This solution is too long, so use System.arraycopy to copy directly to S[i] and meet line requirements instead of the 2 for loops

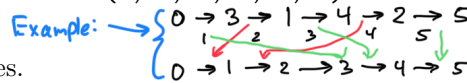


## 2 Even Odd

Implement the method `evenOdd` by *destructively* changing the ordering of a given `IntList` so that even indexed links **precede** odd indexed links.

For instance, if `lst` is defined as `IntList.list(0, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5)`, `evenOdd(lst)` would modify `lst` to be `IntList.list(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)`.

You may not need all the lines.



**Hint:** Make sure your solution works for lists of odd and even lengths.

```
public class IntList {
    public int first;
    public IntList rest;
    public IntList (int f, IntList r) {
        this.first = f;
        this.rest = r;
    }

    public static void evenOdd(IntList lst) {

        if (lst == null) {
            return;
        }

        IntList last = lst.rest;

        IntList lastFixed = last;

        while (lst.rest != null && lst.rest.rest != null) {

            lst.rest = lst.rest.rest;

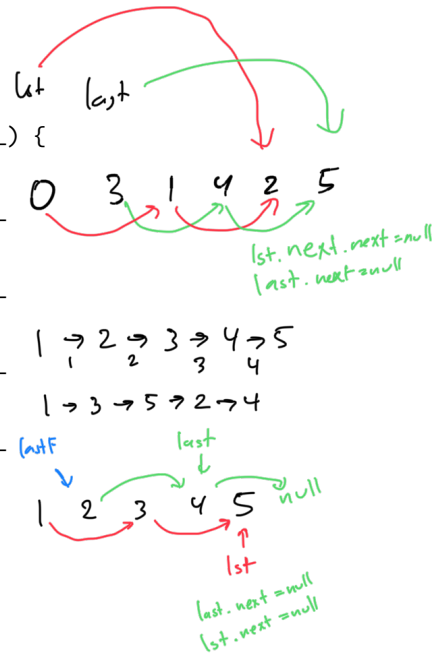
            lst = lst.rest;

            last.rest = lst.rest;

            last = last.rest;
        }

        lst.rest = lastFixed;
    }
}
```

↳ could also check whether length of list requires processing



### 3 Partition

Implement `partition`, which takes in an `IntList lst` and an integer `k`, and *destructively* partitions `lst` into `k` `IntList`s such that each list has the following properties:

1. It is the **same** length as the other lists. If this is not possible, i.e. `lst` cannot be equally partitioned, then the later lists should be **one** element smaller. For example, partitioning an `IntList` of length 25 with `k = 3` would result in partitioned lists of lengths 9, 8, and 8.
2. Its ordering is consistent with the ordering of `lst`, i.e. items in earlier in `lst` must **precede** items that are later.

These lists should be put in an array of length `k`, and this array should be returned. For instance, if `lst` contains the elements 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and `k = 2`, then a **possible** partition (note that there are many possible partitions), is putting elements 5, 3, 2 at index 0, and elements 4, 1 at index 1.

You may assume you have the access to the method `reverse`, which destructively reverses the ordering of a given `IntList` and returns a pointer to the reversed `IntList`. You may not create any `IntList` instances. You may not need all the lines.

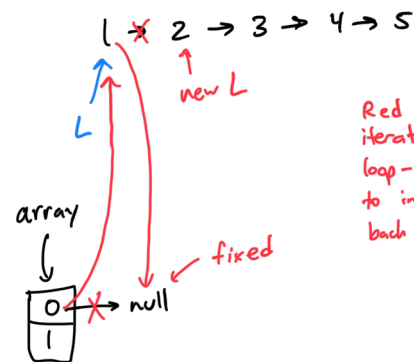
**Hint:** You may find the `%` operator helpful.

```

1 public static IntList[] partition(IntList lst, int k) {
2     IntList[] array = new IntList[k];
3     int index = 0;
4     IntList L = reverse(lst);
5     while (L != null) {
6
7         IntList fixed = array[index];
8
9         IntList newL = L.rest;
10
11        array[index] = L;
12
13        array[index].rest = fixed;
14
15        L = newL;
16
17        -----
18
19        index = (index + 1) % k;
20    }
21    return array;
22 }
```

Sample:

5 → 4 → 3 → 2 → 1, k=2  
 ↓ reversed



Red is after one iteration of while loop - then it goes to index 1, then back around again

(or an `IntList` supporting indexing)  
 If input was an array, could theoretically build up these lists all at once by predetermining partition sizes and using multiple pointers:

