

LEC 12

CSE 123

Linked Lists with Recursion

Questions during Class?
Raise hand or send here

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BEFORE WE START

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Where is the best boba in Seattle? 🧋

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Now playing: 🎵 [CSE 123 26wi Lecture Tunes](#) 🎵

Lecture Outline

- **Announcements** 
- Traversing Linked Lists Recursively
- Modifying Linked Lists Recursively

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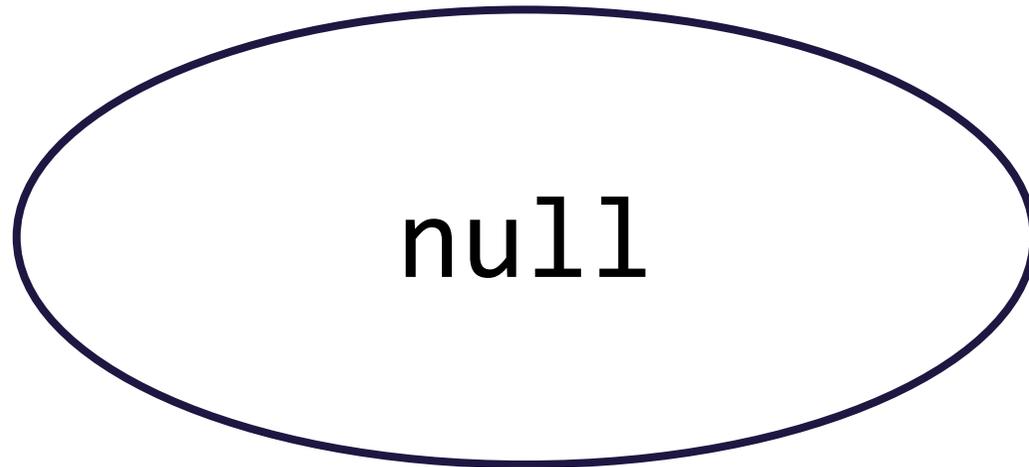
- Creative Project 2 due tonight (Feb 18) at 11:59pm
- Programming Assignment 2 released tomorrow (Feb 19)
 - Focused on exhaustive search + recursive backtracking!
- Resubmission Cycle 4 is due Fri (Feb 20) at 11:59pm
 - C1, P1 eligible
- Quiz 1 grades out next week
- [CSE 12X TA application](#) is open. Due **tomorrow (Feb 19)!**

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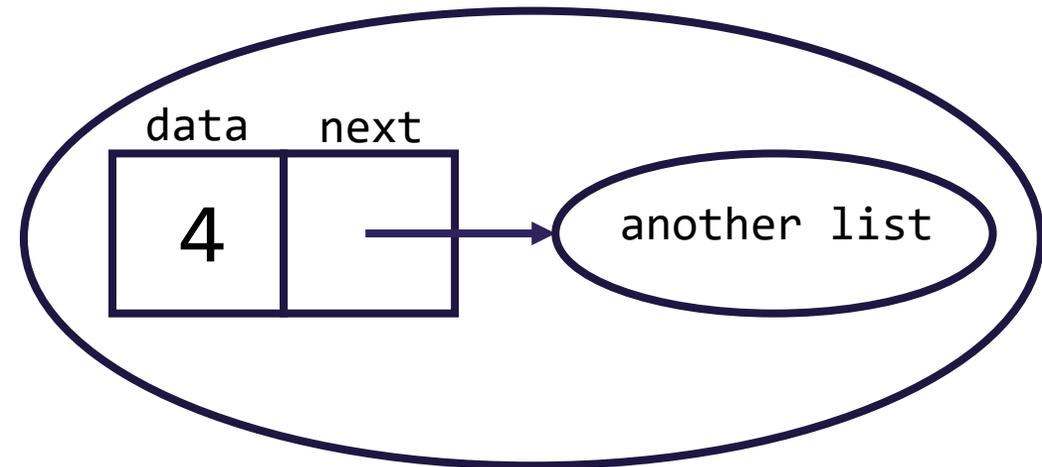
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Linked Lists

- A linked list is either:



Empty list



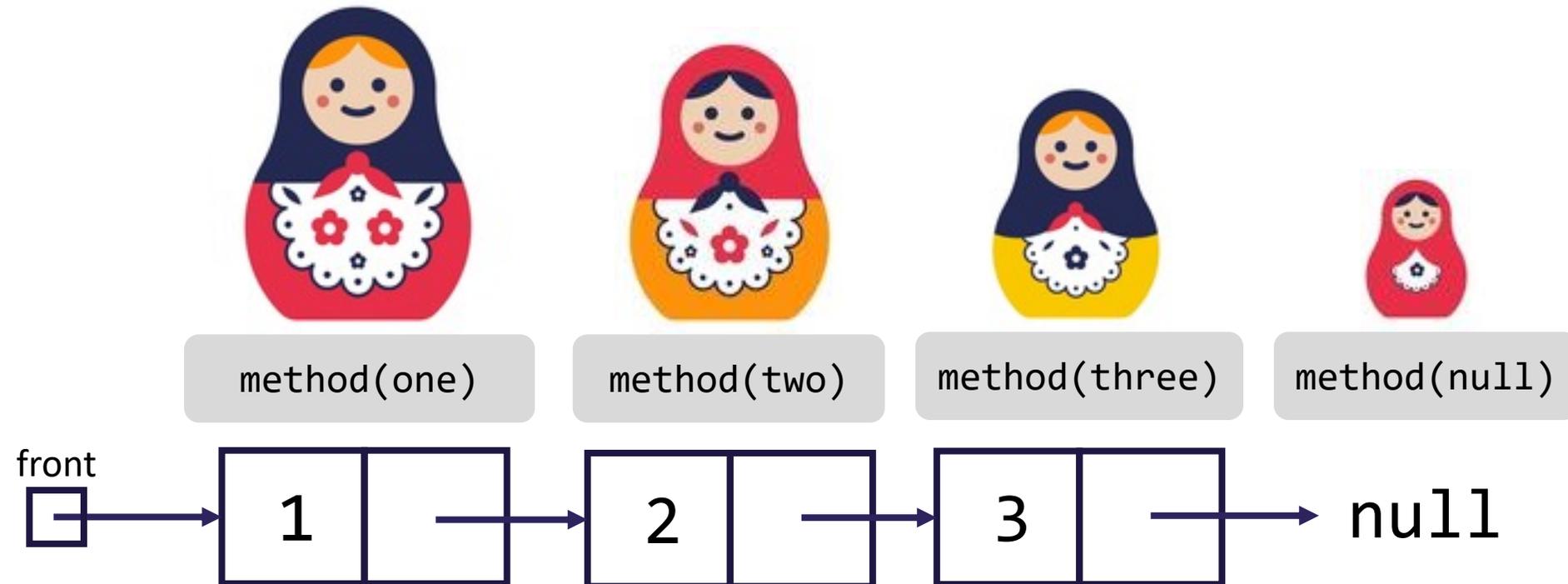
Node w/ another linked list

This is a recursive definition!

A list is either empty or a node with another list!

Recursive Traversals w/ LinkedLists

- Guaranteed base case: empty list
 - Simplest possible input, should immediately know the return
- Guaranteed public / private pair
 - Need to know which sublist you're currently processing (i.e. curr)



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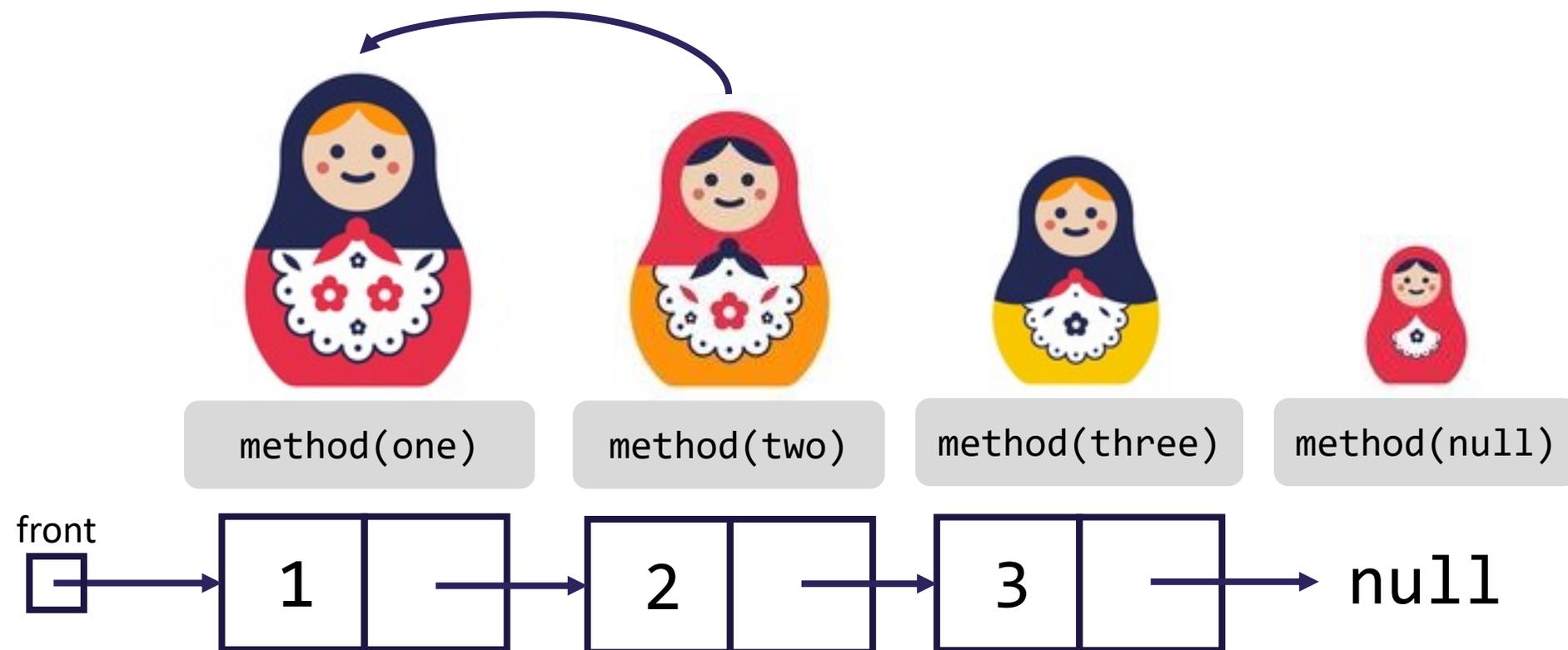
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Modifying LinkedLists [Review]

- Remember: using a `curr` variable to iterate over nodes
- Does changing `curr` actually update our chain?
 - What will? Changing `curr.next`, changing `front`
 - Need to **stop one early** to make changes
- Often a number of cases to watch out for:
 - M(iddle) – Modifying node in the middle of the list (general)
 - F(ront) – Modifying the first node
 - E(mpty) – What if the list is empty?
 - E(nd) – Rare, do we need to do something with the end of the list?

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- How? Return the updated change and catch it!
 - Private pair returns `ListNode` type
 - `curr.next = change(curr.next) / front = change(front)`
 - Resulting solutions much cleaner than iterative cases
- We call this pattern **`x = change(x)`**

removeAll Walkthrough



```
private ListNode removeAll(int value, ListNode node) {
    if (node == null) {
        return node;
    } else if (node.data == value) {
        return removeAll(value, node.next);
    } else {
        // x = change(x)
        node.next = removeAll(value, node.next);
        return node;
    }
}
```