

Section 01: CSE 143 review, design decisions

1. CSE 143 review

These section problems are meant to serve as review of intro programming concepts like those taught in 142/143. Use these problems to review any concepts and data types you feel unsure about, and feel free to come back to them anytime for practice. It is normal to be a little out of practice and to struggle with many of these problems, but it is not something that should not prevent you from succeeding in this course so remember to review early!

1.1. Reference semantics

- (a) What does this program print out? (Note: you should probably try and draw diagrams to help you figure out the answer rather than doing it in your head!)

```
import java.util.Arrays;

public class Mystery {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int x = 1;
        int[] a = new int[2];
        mystery1(x, a);
        System.out.println(x + " " + Arrays.toString(a));

        x -= 1;
        a[1] = a.length;
        mystery1(x, a);
        System.out.println(x + " " + Arrays.toString(a));

        mystery2(x, a);
        System.out.println(x + " " + Arrays.toString(a));
    }

    public static void mystery1(int x, int[] list) {
        list[x] += 1;
        x += 1;
        System.out.println(x + " " + Arrays.toString(list));
    }

    public static void mystery2(int x, int[] list) {
        list = new int[]{x, x};
        System.out.println(x + " " + Arrays.toString(list));
    }
}
```

(b) What is the output of this other program?

```
public class Mystery2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Point p = new Point(11, 22);
        System.out.println(p);

        int n = 5;
        mystery(p, n);
        System.out.println(p);

        p.x = p.y;
        mystery(p, n);
        System.out.println(p);

        Point p2 = new Point(100, 200);
        p = p2;
        mystery(p2, n);
        System.out.println(p + " :: " + p2);
    }

    public static void mystery(Point p, int n) {
        n = 0;
        p.x = p.x + 33;
        System.out.println(p.x + ", " + p.y + " " + n);
    }

    public static class Point {
        public int x;
        public int y;

        public Point(int x, int y) {
            this.x = x;
            this.y = y;
        }

        public String toString() {
            return "(" + this.x + ", " + this.y + ")";
        }
    }
}
```

1.2. Being an implementor of ArrayLists

Note: in this section, you are acting as an *implementor* of the `MyArrayList` data structure. Assume you are adding to the following `MyArrayList` class:

```
public class MyArrayList<T> {
    private T[] data;
    private int size;

    // constructors and other methods omitted for space
}
```

For simplicity, assume the list does not contain any null items.

- (a) Write a method `removeFront` that takes an integer `k` as a parameter and removes the first `k` values. For example, if a variable called `list` stores this sequence of values:

[8, 17, 9, 24, 42, 3, 8]

If we call `list.removeFront(4)`, the list should now store:

[42, 3, 8]

Assume that the parameter value passed is between 0 and the size of the list inclusive.

- (b) Write a method `removeBack` that takes an integer `k` as a parameter and removes the **last** `k` values. For example, if a variable called `list` stores this sequence of values:

[8, 17, 9, 24, 42, 3, 8]

If we call `list.removeBack(4)`, the list should now store:

[8, 17, 9]

Assume that the parameter value passed is between 0 and the size of the list inclusive.

- (c) Write a method `removeAll` that takes in an item of type `T` and removes all occurrences of that value from the list.

For example, if the variable named `list` stores the following values:

["a", "b", "c", "d", "a", "d", "d", "e", "f", "d"]

If we call `list.removeAll("d")`, the list should now store:

["a", "b", "c", "a", "e", "f"]

Assume you have previously implemented a method called `remove` that takes an index as a parameter and removes the value at the given index.

- (d) Write a method `stretch` that takes an integer `k` as a parameter and that increases a list by a factor of `k` by taking each element in the original list and replacing it with `k` copies of that element. For example, if a variable called `list` stores this sequence of values:

[18.2, 7.5, 4.2, 24.9]

If we call `list.stretch(3)`, the list should now store:

[18.2, 18.2, 18.2, 7.5, 7.5, 7.5, 4.2, 4.2, 4.2, 24.9, 24.9, 24.9]

Make sure to implement the logic to resize the array as necessary.

1.3. Being an implementor of LinkedLists

Note: in this section, you are acting as an *implementor* of the `MyLinkedList` data structure. Assume you are adding to the following `MyLinkedList` class:

```
public class MyLinkedList<T> {
    private Node<T> front;
    private static class Node<T> {
        public final T data;
        public Node<T> next;

        // constructors omitted for space
    }
}
```

Do not create any new nodes (unless you are trying to implement stretch). The focus of these problems is to practice manipulating the links of list nodes. For simplicity, assume the list does not contain any null items.

- (a) Try implementing the methods described in questions 1.2.a-1.2.d for `MyLinkedList`.
- (b) Write a method `switchPairs` that switches the order of each pair of elements: your method should switch the first two values, then the next two, and so forth. For example, if a variable called `list` stores this sequence of values:

```
[3, 7, 4, 9, 8, 12]
```

If we call `list.switchPairs()`, the list should now store:

```
[7, 3, 9, 4, 12, 8]
```

If there are an odd number of values, the final element is not moved.

- (c) Write a method `reverse` that reverses the order of elements in a linked list. For example, if a variable called `list` stores this sequence of values:

```
["a", "b", "c", "d", "e"]
```

If we call `list.reverse()`, the list should now store:

```
["e", "d", "c", "b", "a"]
```

- (d) Write a method `transferFrom` that accepts two `MyLinkedList` as parameters and moves values from the second list to the first list (and empties the second list). For example, suppose the two lists store these sequences of values:

```
list1: [8, 17, 2, 4]
```

```
list2: [1, 2, 3]
```

The call of `transferFrom(list1, list2)`, should leave the lists as follows:

```
list1: [8, 17, 2, 4, 1, 2, 3]
```

```
list2: []
```

Note that order matters: doing `transferFrom(list2, list1)` will NOT produce the same output as above. Either list may be empty. Assume, however, that the given lists will not be null.

2. Food For Thought – Design decisions: ArrayLists vs. Linked Lists

Look back at the code you wrote in section 1.2 and 1.3. For each of the methods you wrote for both ArrayLists and Linked Lists, determine the big- \mathcal{O} running time for both versions of the code. In all of the following problems, let n be the length of the list.

- (a) `removeFront(3)`
- (b) `removeFront(n-3)`
- (c) `removeBack(4)`
- (d) Suppose in your application you'll call `removeFront(3)` repeatedly, and it's critical that this be as efficient as possible. Which implementation should you choose? What if it's critical `removeFront(n - 3)` is efficient instead? `removeBack`?

Challenge Problems:

Determine the big- \mathcal{O} running time for both versions of the code. In all of the following problems, let n be the length of the list.

- (a) `removeAll`. For this question, you'll need to think about how `remove` is likely to be implemented.
- (b) `stretch(k)`. For the purposes of this analysis, assume that the ArrayList will need to resize. In doing this problem treat both n and k as variables.

3. Selecting ADTs and data structures

For each of the following scenarios, choose:

- (a) An ADT: Stack or Queue
- (b) A data structure: array list or linked list with front or linked list with front and back

Justify your choice.

- (a) You're designing a tool that checks code to verify all opening brackets, braces, parenthesis, etc... have closing counterparts.
- (b) Disneyland has hired you to find a way to improve the processing efficiency of their long lines at attractions. There is no way to forecast how long the lines will be.
- (c) A sandwich shop wants to serve customers in the order that they arrived, but also wants to look ahead to know what people have ordered and how many times to maximize efficiency in the kitchen.

4. Challenge Problems – Adapting ADTs and data structures

Choose appropriate ADTs, data structures, and algorithms to solve the following problems. You may use any ADT and data structure you can think of, including ones covered in CSE 143. Feel free to be creative!

For your reference, between CSE 143 and 373 we've covered the following ADTs: Lists, Stacks, Queues, Sets, Maps, PriorityQueues. We've also discussed the following data structures: array lists, linked lists, trees, hash maps.

- (a) We want to call all the phone numbers with a particular area code in someone's phone book.

Describe how you would implement this. What is the time complexity of your solution? The space complexity?

- (b) Long long ago, before smartphones were a thing, people who wanted to enter text using phones needed some way of entering arbitrary text using just 9 keys (the digits 1 through 9).

One such system is called "Text on nine keys" (T9). It associates 3 or 4 letters per each digit and lets you type words using just a single keypress per letter. To do this, it takes the sequence of digits entered and looks up all words corresponding to that sequence of keypresses within a fast-access dictionary of words and orders them by frequency of use.

For example, if the user types in '2665', the output could be the words [book, cook, cool]. Describe how you would implement a T9 dictionary for a mobile phone.

(For reference, the number '2' is associated with the letters 'abc', the number '3' is associated with 'def', etc... The number '9' is associated with 'wxyz'. The numbers '1' and '0' are used for other purposes.)

Describe how you would implement this. What is the time complexity of your solution? The space complexity?

- (c) One refinement we could make to our T9 system is to train it so it "gains familiarity" with the words and phrases the current user likes to commonly use. So, if a particular user uses the word "cool" more frequently than the word "book", eventually the T9 system, given the input '2665', will learn to return [cool, book, cook] instead of [book, cook, cool].

Describe how you would implement this. What is the time complexity of your solution? The space complexity?