



Data Structures

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How to Represent Sets?

- Finite dynamic sets, to be more precise.
- Operations on these sets:
 - search,
 - insert,
 - delete,
 - find minimum,
 - find maximum,
 - successor,
 - predecessor...

Efficiently in function of the type of use of the set.



Particular Cases

- If only **insert**, **delete**, and **test membership**, then such a dynamic set is called a **dictionary**.
- Best way to implement a set depends on the needed operations.
- No perfect set for everything.



Examples of Dynamic Sets

- Heaps.
- Stacks, queues, linked lists.
- Hash tables.
- Binary search trees.
- Red-black trees (particular balanced binary search tree).
- In general, they use pointers.



Stacks and Queues

- Specify which element the **delete** operation removes:
 - stacks = LIFO (last-in, first-out)
 - queues = FIFO (first-in, first-out)
- **Insert** operation called **push** or **enqueue**.
- **Delete** operation called **pop** or **dequeue**.
- Can be implemented with an array.
- Insert and delete in $O(1)$.

Stack Operations

```
stack_empty(S): // test emptiness  
return top(S) == 0 // index of last element
```

```
push(S,x):  
top(S) = top(S)+1  
S[top(S)] = x
```

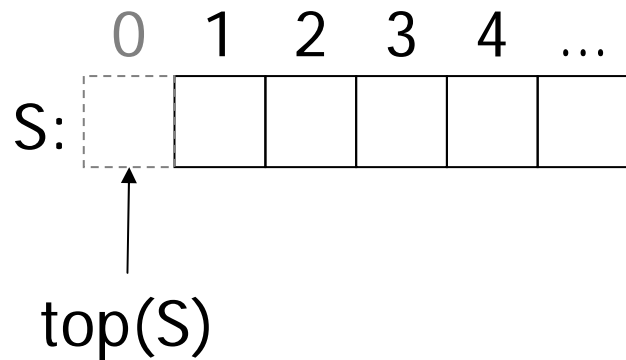
```
pop(S):  
if stack_empty(S) then error  
else  
    top(S) = top(S)-1  
    return S[top(S)+1]  
fi
```



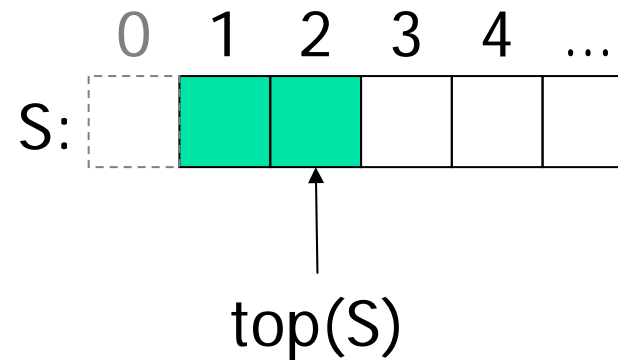
Pseudo-code is abstract and does not address the issue of limited arrays [1..n].

Stack Operations

```
stack_empty(S): // test emptiness  
return top(S) == 0 // index of last element
```



Empty: 0 element.

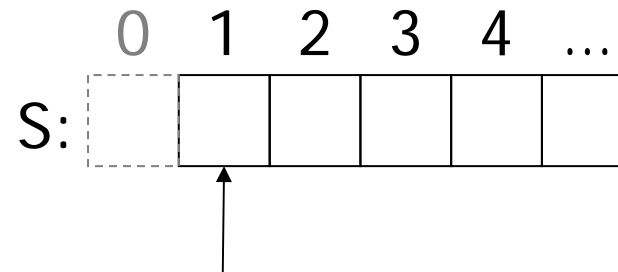
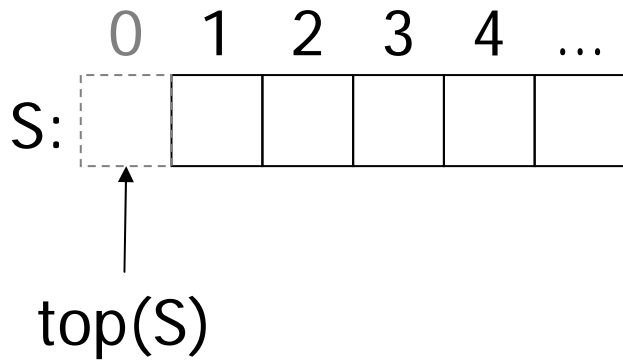


Not empty: 2 elements.

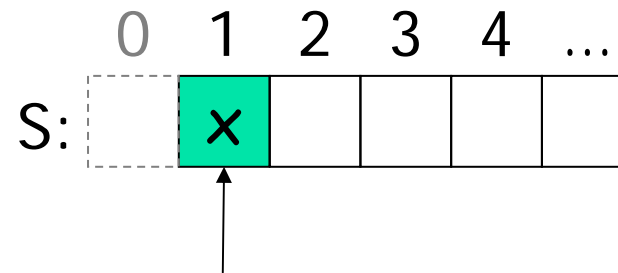
Stack Operations

push(S,x):

- ① $\text{top}(S) = \text{top}(S) + 1$
- ② $S[\text{top}(S)] = x$



① $\text{top}(S)$



② $\text{top}(S)$

Stack Operations

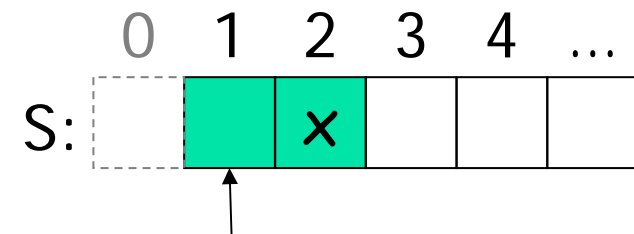
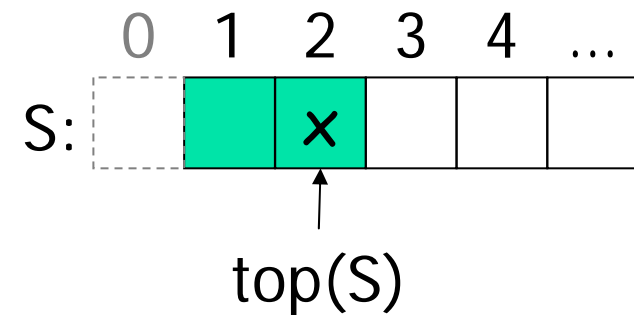
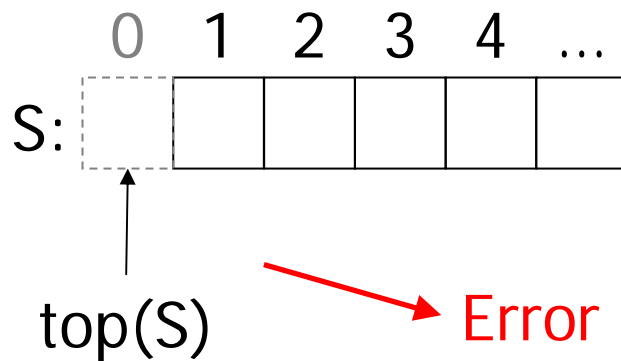
```

pop(S):
if stack_empty(S) then error
else

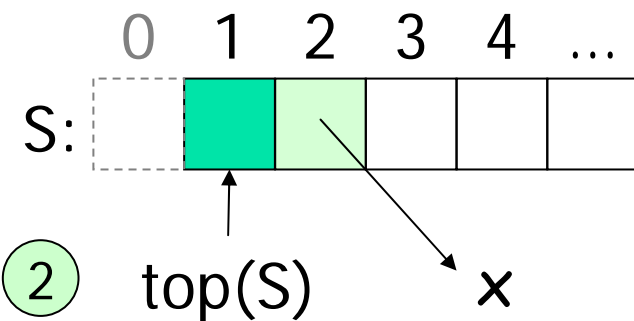
```

- ① $top(S) = top(S) - 1$
- ② $return S[top(S) + 1]$

fi



- ① $top(S)$



- ② $top(S)$

Queue Operations

```
enqueue(Q,x):  
Q[tail(Q)] = x  
tail(Q) = tail(Q)+1
```

Limited array:

```
enqueue(Q,x):  
Q[tail(Q)] = x  
if tail(Q) == length(Q)  
then  
    tail(Q) = 1  
else  
    tail(Q) = tail(Q)+1  
fi
```

```
dequeue(Q):  
x = Q[head(Q)]  
head(Q) = head(Q)+1  
return x
```

```
dequeue(Q):  
x = Q[head(Q)]  
if head(Q) == length(Q)  
then  
    head(Q) = 1  
else  
    head(Q) = head(Q)+1  
fi  
return x
```

Queue Operations

Operations are circular, i.e., modulo the size:

```
enqueue(Q,x):  
Q[tail(Q)] = x  
tail(Q) = (tail(Q)+1)%length(A) + 1
```

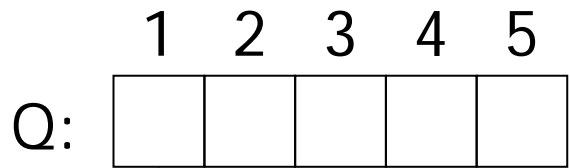
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dequeue(Q):  
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head(Q) = (head(Q)+1)%length(A) + 1  
return x
```



Underflow/overflow not detected.

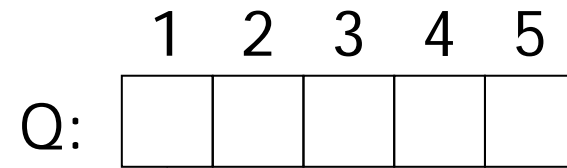
Empty/Full Queues

Choice:

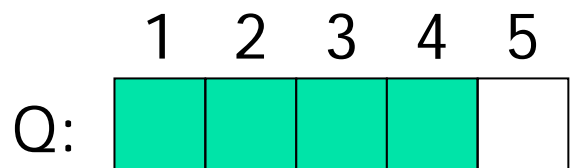


↑
head(Q)
tail(Q)

Empty

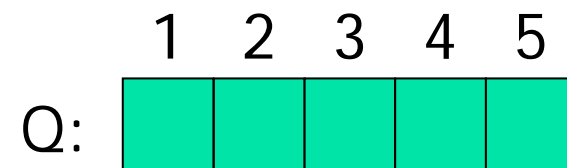


↑
head(Q) full=false/
tail(Q) size=0



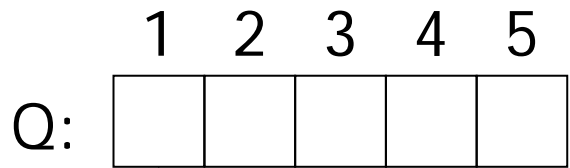
↑ tail(Q) ↑ head(Q)

Full



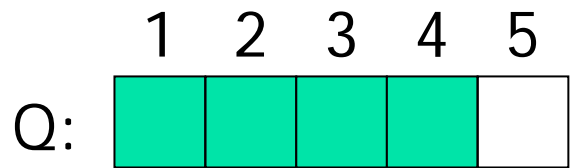
↑ tail(Q) full=true/
head(Q) size=length(Q)

Empty/Full Queue



↑
head(Q)

tail(Q)



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```
queue_empty(Q):  
return head(Q) == tail(Q)
```

```
queue_next(Q,i):  
return (i+1)%length(Q) + 1
```

```
queue_full(Q):  
return  
    queue_next(Q,head(Q)) ==  
    tail(Q)
```



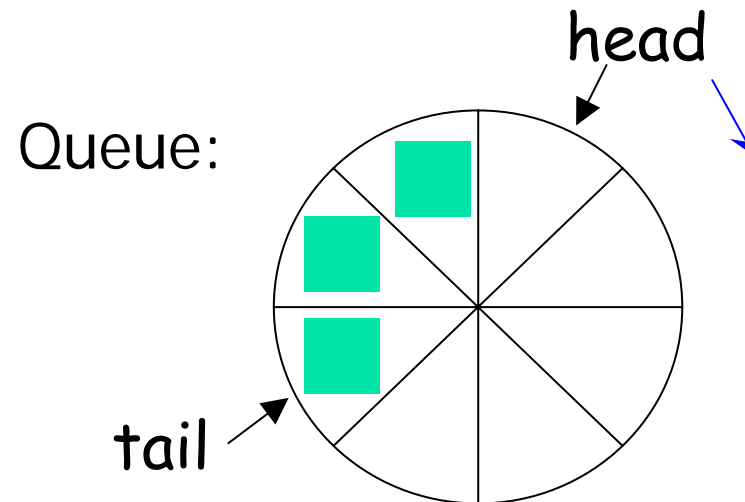
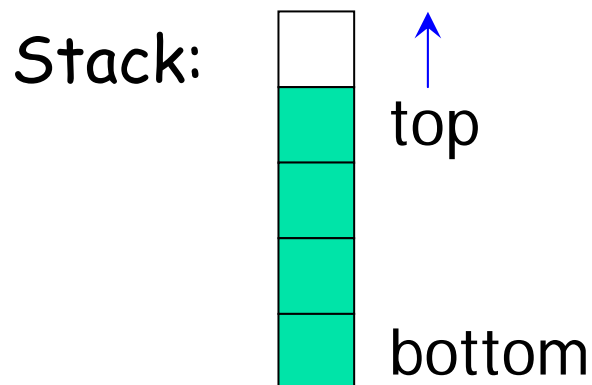
Queue Operations - Revisited

```
enqueue(Q,x):  
if queue_full(Q) then error  
Q[tail(Q)] = x  
tail(Q) = queue_next(Q,tail(Q))
```

```
dequeue(Q):  
if queue_empty(Q) then error  
x = Q[head(Q)]  
head(Q) = queue_next(Q,head)  
return x
```

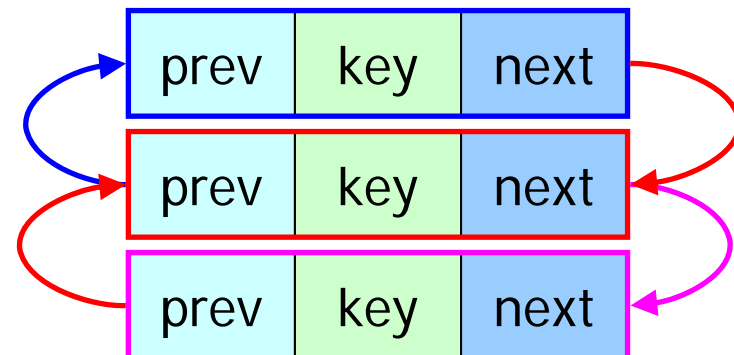
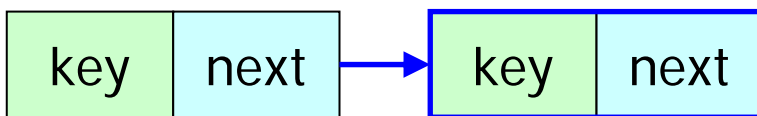
Stacks/Queues

- In practice array $[0..n-1]$, be careful.
- View stacks as bounded stacks and queues as pies.



Linked Lists

- Linear structure, order given by pointers.
- Singly linked & doubly linked lists.
 - Singly linked = uni-directional.
 - Double linked = bi-directional.
- Lists = head + tail + elements of the list (typically called nodes = key + next + previous).





Lists - Search

```
List_search(L,k):  
x = head(L)  
while x != NIL and key(x) != k do  
    x = next(x)  
done  
return x
```

NIL: special
value, i.e.,
NULL pointer.

$O(n)$

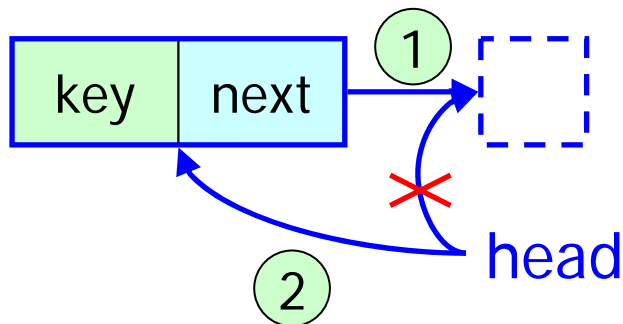
Returns NIL or the element
x of the list s.t. $key(x)=k$.

Make a drawing!

Lists - Insert

List_insert1(L,x):

- 1 next(x) = head(L)
- 2 head(L) = x



Check: 2 updates.

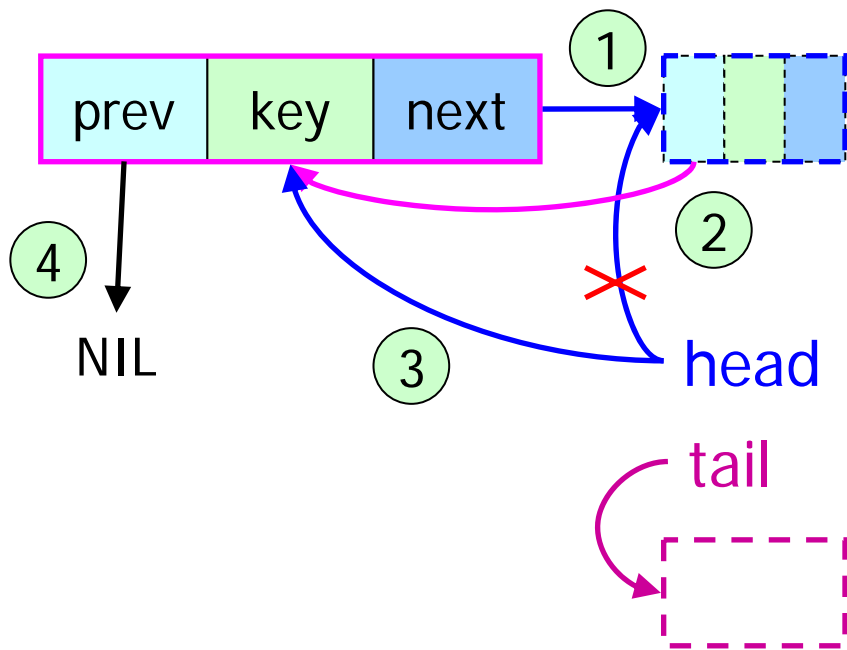
List_insert2(L,x):

```
next(x) = head(L)
if head(L) != NIL then
    prev(head(L)) = x
fi
head(L) = x
prev(x) = NIL
```

$O(1)$

Make a drawing!

Lists - Insert



```
List_insert2(L,x):
1 next(x) = head(L)
2 if head(L) != NIL then
   prev(head(L)) = x
fi
3 head(L) = x
4 prev(x) = NIL
```

Check: 4 updates.

$O(1)$

The **tail** is not used here. It can be equal to **head**, not a problem.

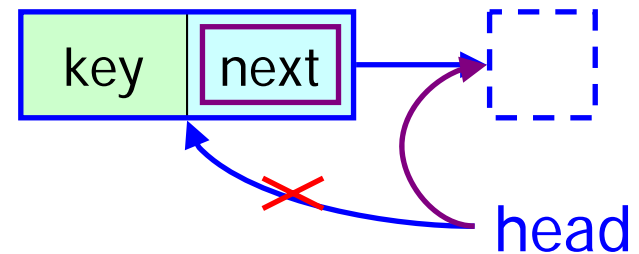
Lists – Delete

Singly Linked List

Problem: You need to know where a node is referenced.

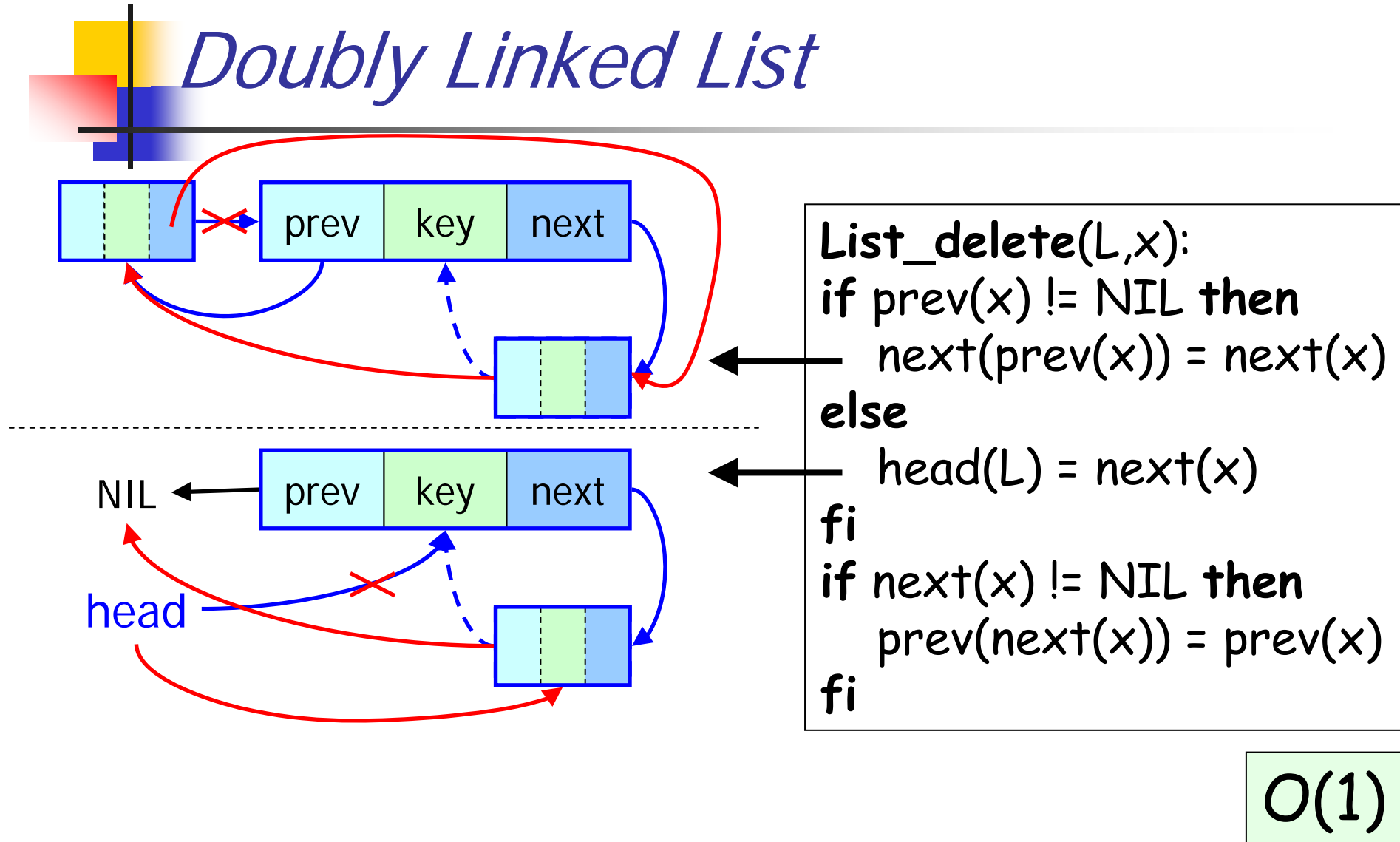
```
List_delete_first(L)
if head(L) == NIL then error
next = next(head(L))
delete(head(L))
head(L) = next
```

$O(1)$



List Delete

Doubly Linked List





Linked Lists with Sentinels

- Sentinel=special element to avoid tests.
 - $\text{next}(\mathbf{nil}) = \text{head}(L)$, $\text{prev}(\mathbf{nil}) = \text{tail}(L)$
 - empty list: $\text{next}(\mathbf{nil}) = \text{prev}(\mathbf{nil}) = \mathbf{nil}$
 - **nil** is the special element, it is not NIL.
 - Every list has its own **nil** sentinel.
 - The list is now circular.
- Simplified algorithms.
 - Good for tight loops.
 - Bad if many small lists (memory overhead).



List Search with Sentinels

```
List_search(L,k):  
  x = next(nil)  
  while x != nil and key(x) != k do  
    x = next(x)  
  done  
  return x
```

head(L)

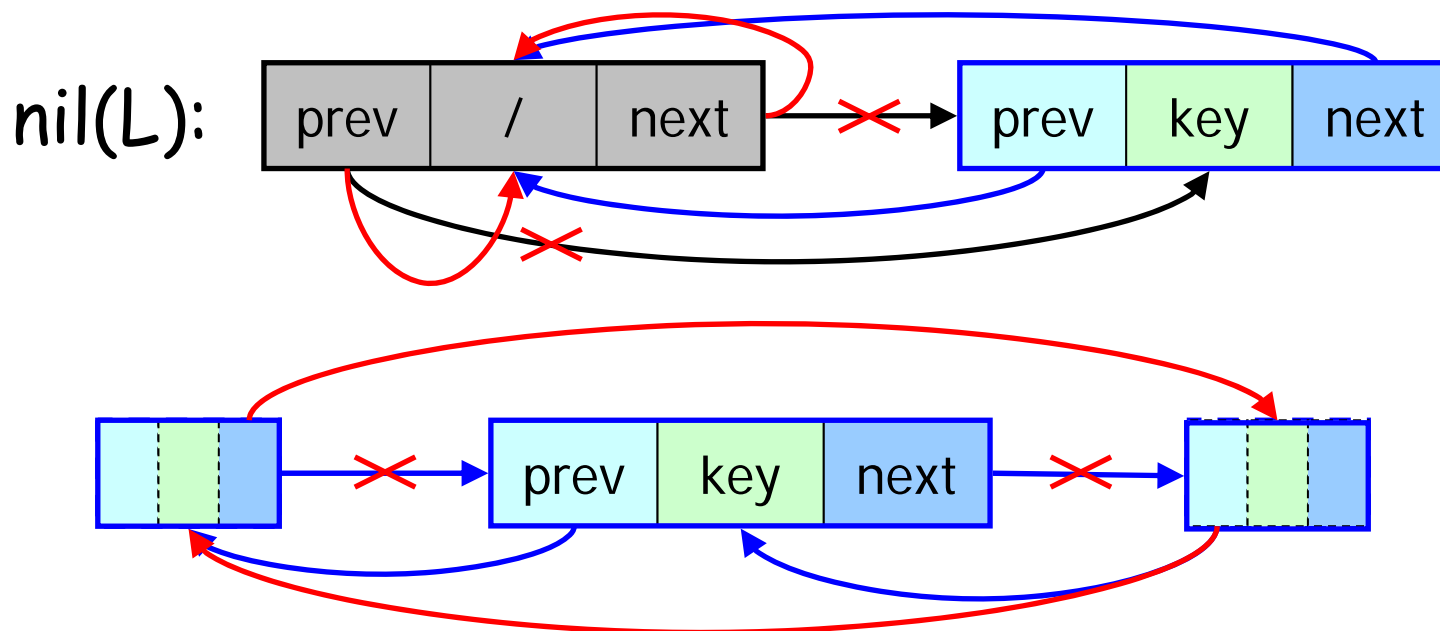
NIL

Not much difference here.

List Delete with Sentinels

```
List_delete(L,x):  
next(prev(x)) = next(x)  
prev(next(x)) = prev(x)
```

No if-statement.

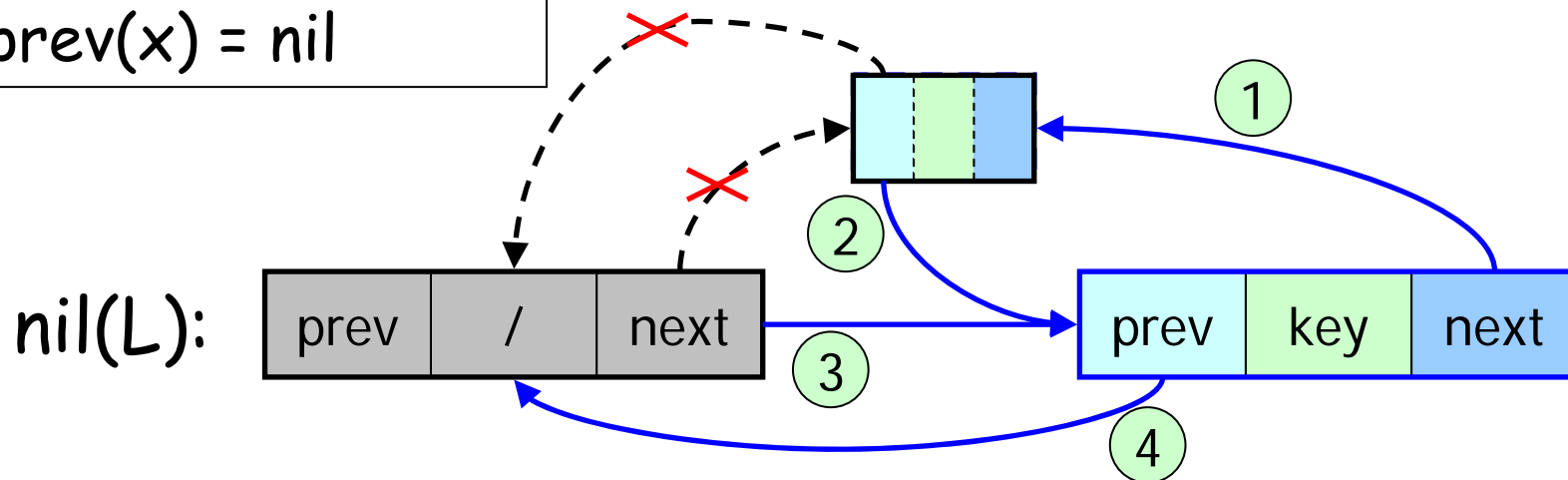


List Insertion with Sentinels

List_insert(L,x):

- ① $\text{next}(x) = \text{next}(\text{nil})$
- ② $\text{prev}(\text{next}(\text{nil})) = x$
- ③ $\text{next}(\text{nil}) = x$
- ④ $\text{prev}(x) = \text{nil}$

No if-statement.





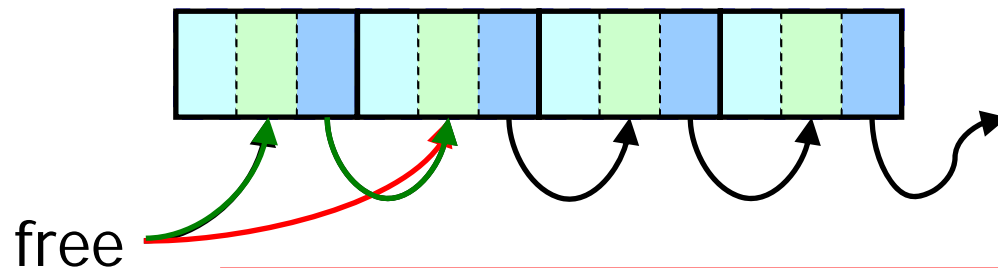
Coding with Arrays

- If you have no pointer, it is possible to use arrays and indices:
 - pointer (memory) \Leftrightarrow index (array).
- Used for specialized memory management:
 - one list of *used* elements,
 - one list of *free* elements.

Specialized Memory Management

■ Useful **if**

- many elements are allocated/de-allocated very often,
- you want to de-allocate everything and re-allocate again etc...



Of course, initialize the list at the beginning!

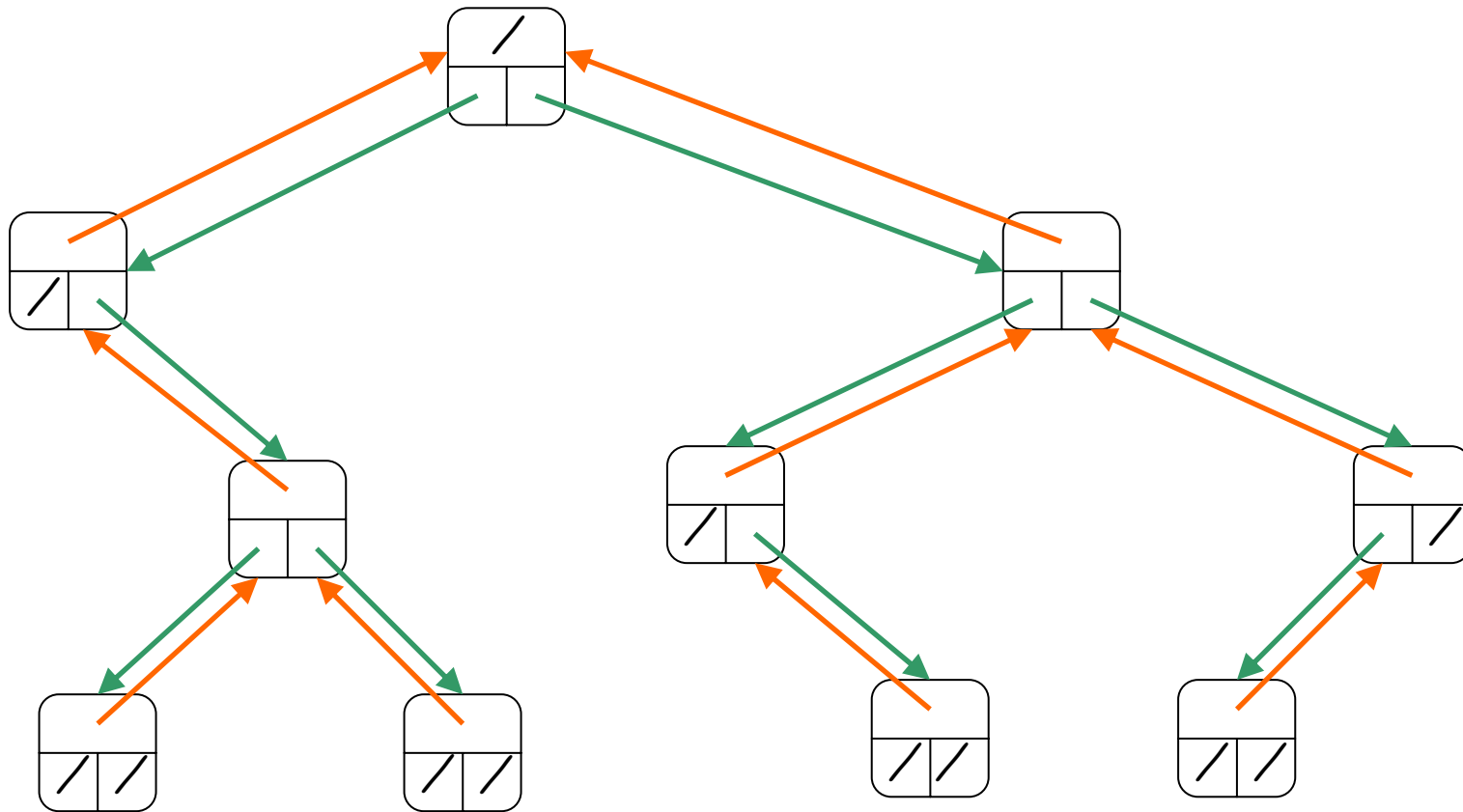
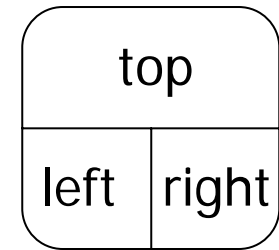
Allocate/de-allocate:
update free and
next(free).
Commonly referred as
"pool" – see C++
(Stroustrup).



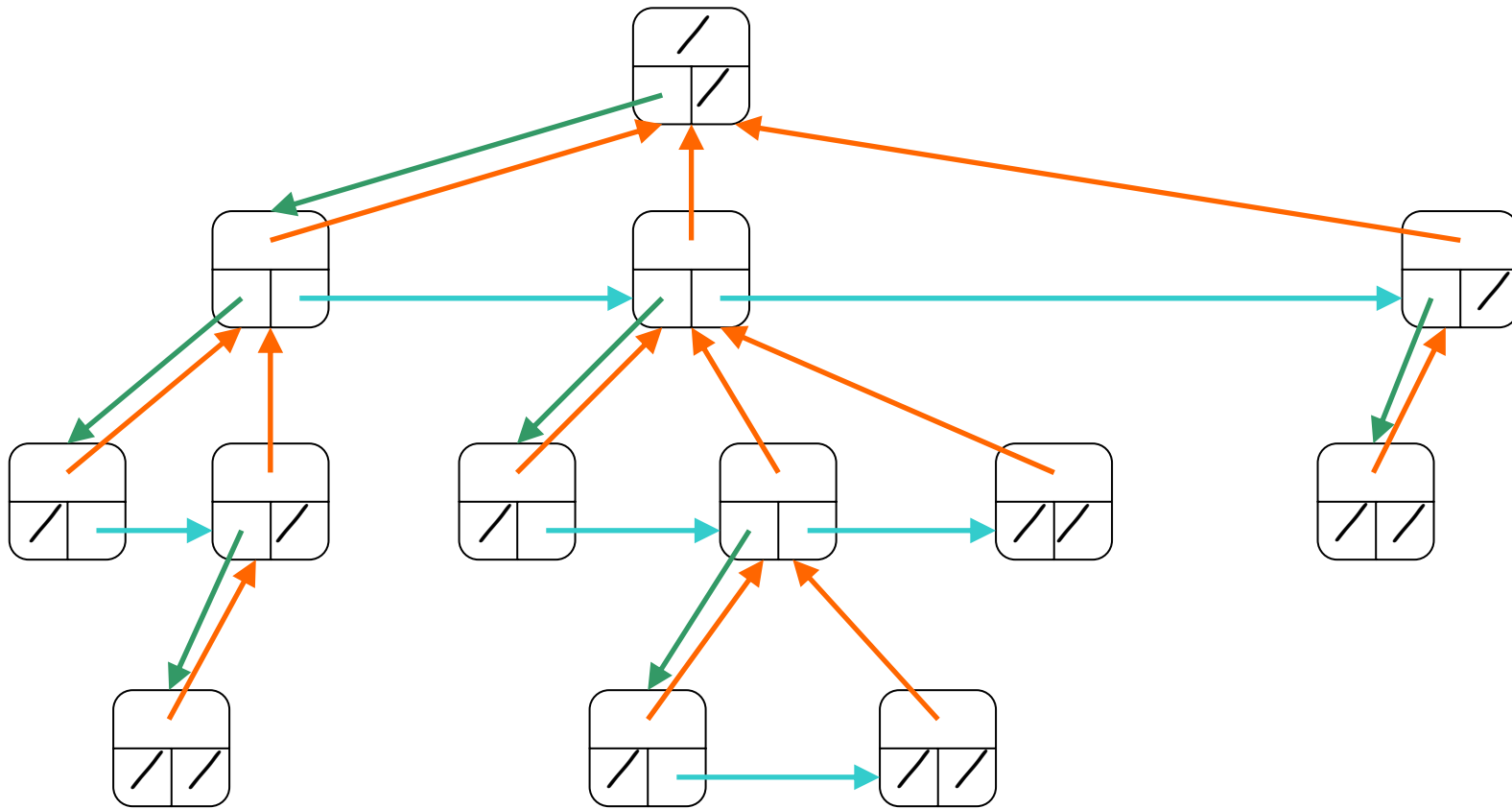
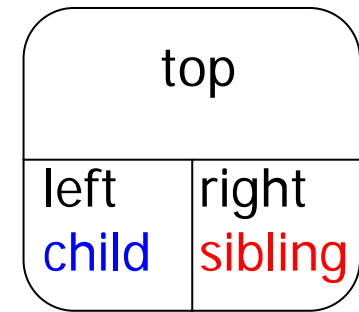
Rooted Trees

- Trees represented by linked data structures.
 - Binary trees.
 - Trees with unbounded/dynamic branching.
 - Best representation depends on the application.
 - Heap: Intrinsic tree, no list.

Binary Trees



N-ary Trees



Doubly Linked Lists in C

```
typedef struct elem_s {
    struct elem_s *prev;
    struct elem_s *next;
    data_t key;
} elem_t;
typedef struct {
    elem_t *head;
} dlist_t;
or
typedef struct {
    elem_t nil;
} dlist_t;
```

```
void list_delete(dlist_t *l,
                elem_t *x)
{
    if (x->prev != NULL)
        x->prev->next = x->next;
    else
        l->head = x->next;
    if (x->next != NULL)
        x->next->prev = x->prev;
}
```

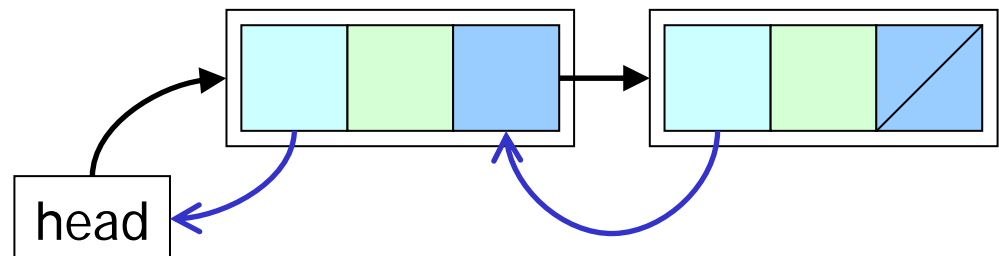
Special case for the head.

Variant of Doubly Linked Lists

```
typedef struct elem_s {  
    struct elem_s **prev;  
    struct elem_s *next;  
    data_t key;  
} elem_t;
```

```
typedef struct {  
    elem_t *head;  
} dlist_t;
```

```
void list_delete(elem_t *x)  
{  
    *x->prev = x->next;  
    if (x->next != NULL)  
        x->next->prev = x->prev;  
}
```



No special case for the head.