BBM 201 DATA STRUCTURES

Lecture 7:

Introduction to the Lists (Array-based linked lists)









Lists

- We used successive data structures up to now:
 - If a_{ij} in the memory location L_{ij} , then a_{ij+1} is in $L_{ij}+c$ (c: constant)
 - In a circular queue, if the ith item is in L_i , (i+1)st item is in (L_i +c)%n.
 - In a stack, if the top item is in L_T , the below item is in L_T -c.



(ascending or descending)

Example 1:

Alphabetically ordered lists:



(ascending or descending)

Example 1:

• Delete 'Ape'

tO	Аре	Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse
t1		Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse
t2	Butterfly		Cat	Dog	Mouse
t3	Butterfly	Cat		Dog	Mouse
t4	Butterfly	Cat	Dog		Mouse
t5	Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse	

(ascending or descending)

Example 1:

Add 'Ant'

tO	Аре	Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse	
t1	Аре	Butterfly	Cat	Dog		Mouse
t2	Аре	Butterfly	Cat		Dog	Mouse
t3	Аре	Butterfly		Cat	Dog	Mouse
t4	Аре		Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse
t5		Ape	Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse
t6	Ant	Аре	Butterfly	Cat	Dog	Mouse

• What if array is full?

(ascending or descending)

Example 2:

- The result of the multiplication of two polynomials
 - $(x^7 + 5x^4 3x^2 + 4)(3x^5 2x^3 + x^2 + 1)$

3	-2	1	1	15	-10	5	5	-9	6	-3	12	
12	10	9	7	9	7	6	4	7	5	4	5	

 Powers are not ordered. So either we need to sort or shift in order to solve this problem.

Sorted items

- We want to keep the items sorted, and we want to avoid the sorting cost.
 - We may need to sort after each insertion of a new item.
 - Or we need to do shifting.

What is the solution?

Towards the Linked List

- Idea :
 - Each data item has a link (index) to the next data item
 - Each free item slot has a link to the next free item slot
 - We remember the locations of the first item and the first free slot



Initialisation



free_ = ?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define MAX_LIST 6
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0
#define NULL -1
```

```
typedef struct{
    char name[5];
    //other fields
    int link;
} item;
item linkedlist[MAX_LIST];
int first;
int free_;
```

Initialisation



first = NULL free_ = 0

```
void initialise()
{
    first = NULL;
    free_ = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX_LIST; i++)
        linkedlist[i].link = i + 1;
    linkedlist[MAX_LIST - 1].link = NULL;
}</pre>
```





first = 0free_ = 4



find item



 $free_ = 4$

```
int find_item(char name[]) {
    if (first == NULL) // list is empty
        return NULL;
    else { // iterate over items
        for (int next = first; next != NULL; next = linkedlist[next].link)
            if (strcmp(linkedlist[next].name, name) == 0)
                return next;
        }
    return NULL;
}
```

insert an item



first = 0 free_ = 3

insert("d")



first = 0free_ = 4

insert an item



first = 0 free_ = 4

insert("bb")



insert an item



insert("_a")



first = 5 free_ = NULL

```
int insert item(char name[]) {
    int free slot;
   if (get free slot(&free slot)) { // get free slot successful
        strcpy(linkedlist[free slot].name, name);
       free = linkedlist[free slot].link;
       int next = first;
       int prev = NULL;
       while (next != NULL && strcmp(linkedlist[next].name, name) < 0) {</pre>
            prev = next;
            next = linkedlist[next].link;
        if (prev == NULL) { // Insert as the first item
            linkedlist[free slot].link = first;
            first = free slot;
        } else {
            linkedlist[free slot].link = next;
            linkedlist[prev].link = free slot;
        printf("Item %s inserted. \n", name);
        return TRUE;
    else {
       // No free slot exists
        printf("No free slot exists.\n");
       return FALSE;
```

delete an item



delete("e")

NOT FOUND!

delete an item



delete("c")



delete an item



delete("a")



```
int delete_item(char name[]) {
    int next = first;
    int prev = NULL;
    while (next != NULL && strcmp(linkedlist[next].name, name) != 0) {
        prev = next;
        next = linkedlist[next].link;
    }
    if (prev == NULL) // Deleting the first item
        first = linkedlist[first].link;
    else if (next != NULL) // Deleting normal item
        linkedlist[prev].link = linkedlist[next].link;
    else
        return FALSE;
    linkedlist[next].link = free_;
    free = next;
    return TRUE;
```

Example Code

<u>https://onlinegdb.com/rJk3gW76B</u>

References

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