

CSCI 232:

Data Structures and Algorithms

Java Review

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We are going to write a program where a user can keep track of their online shopping cart.

Users can add items, remove items, search for items, get the total price of cart, and apply coupons to items



```

public class Item {

    private String name;
    private double price;
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        this.name = n;
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Java Class: Blueprint for an object (i.e. a “thing”)

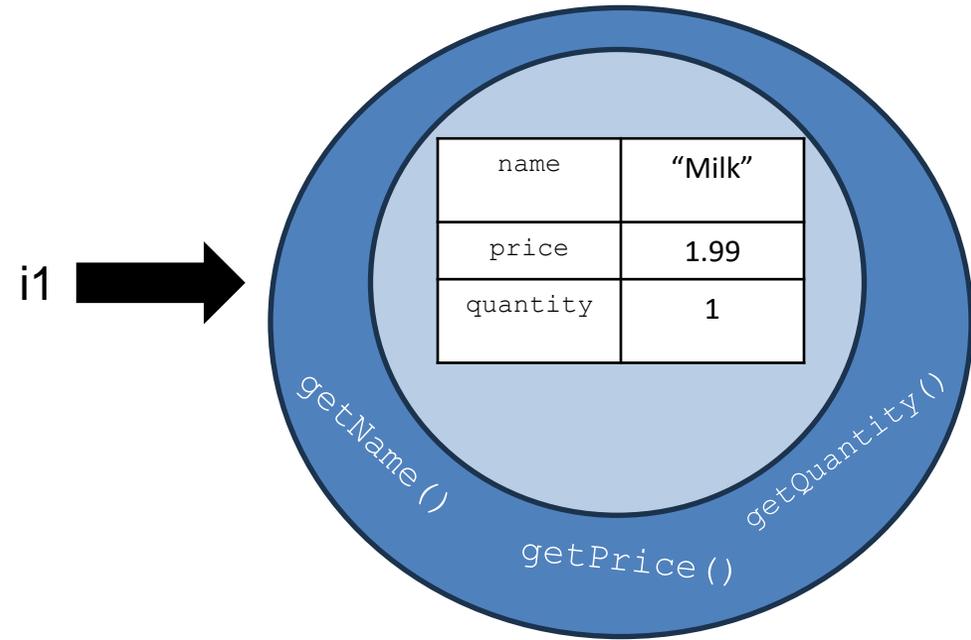
- Instance Field/Attributes
- Methods

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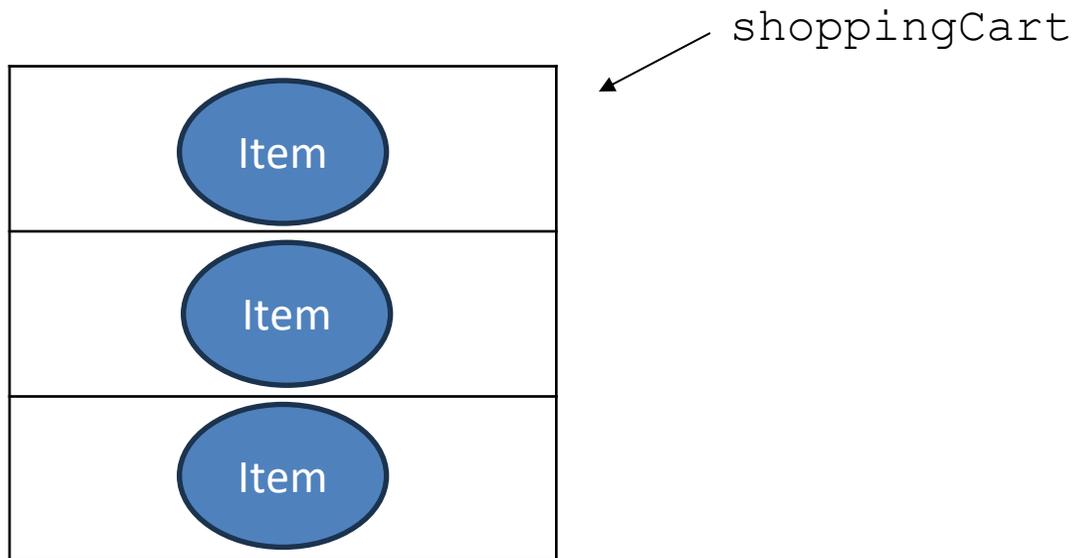
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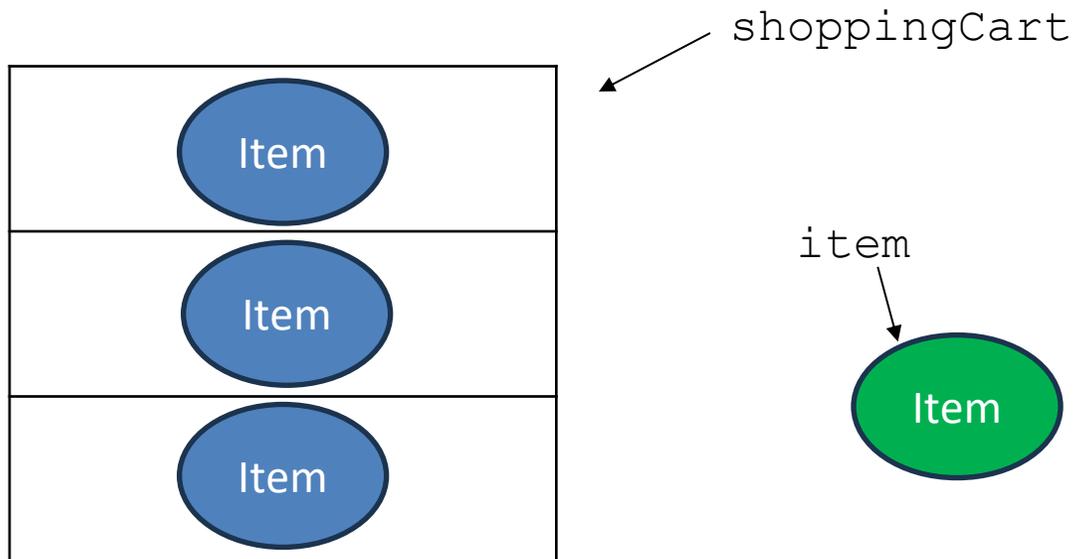


Java Objects: **Instances** of classes.
Program entities

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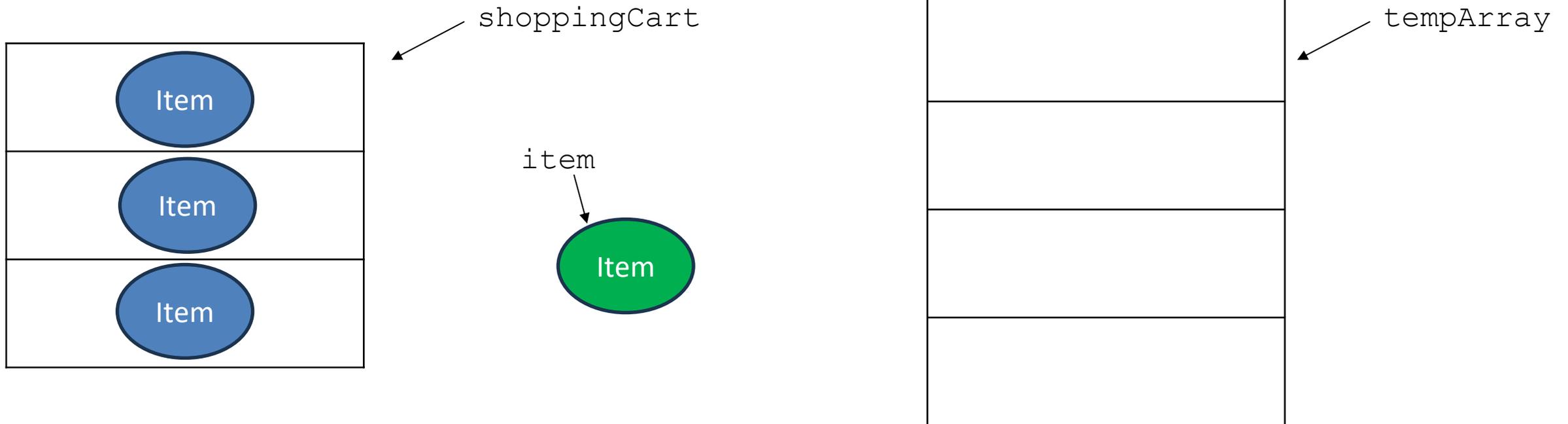
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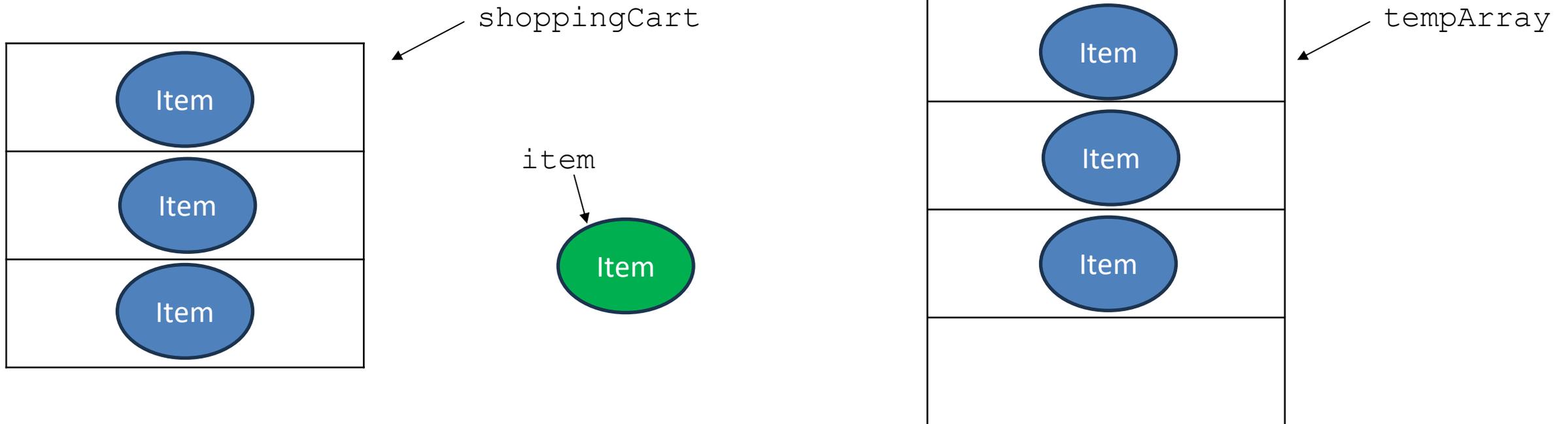
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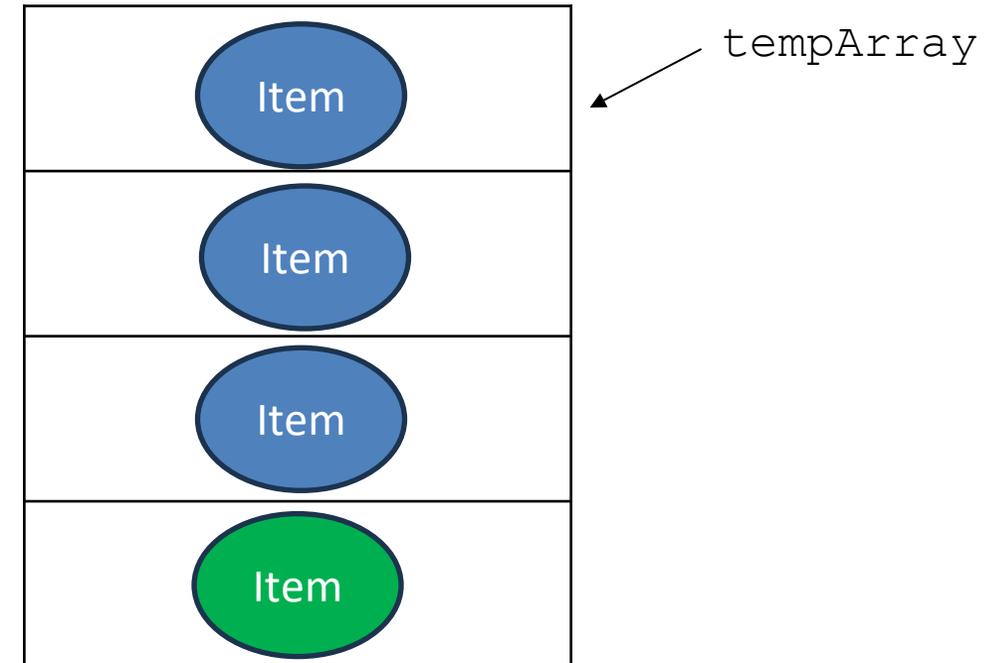
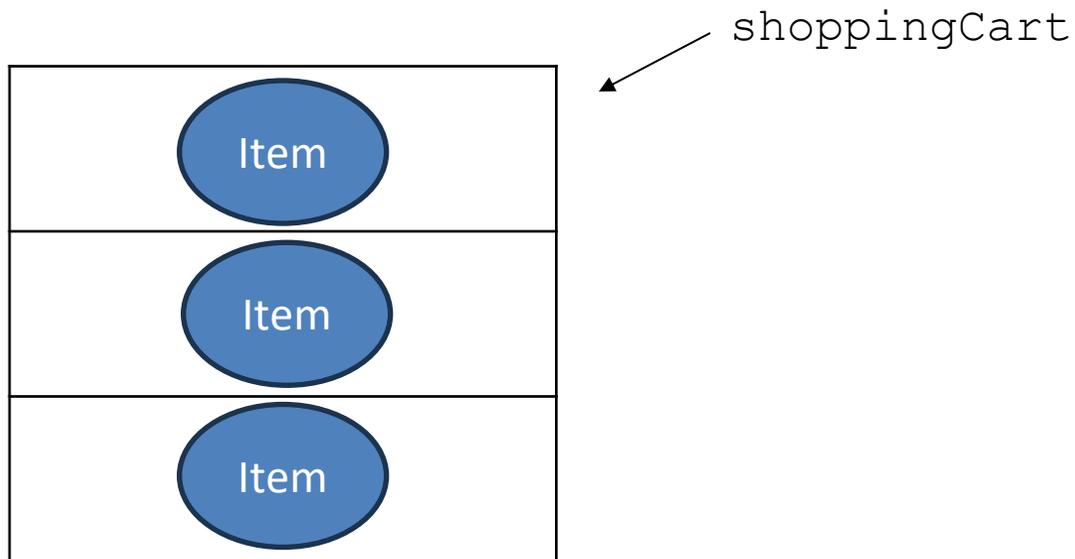
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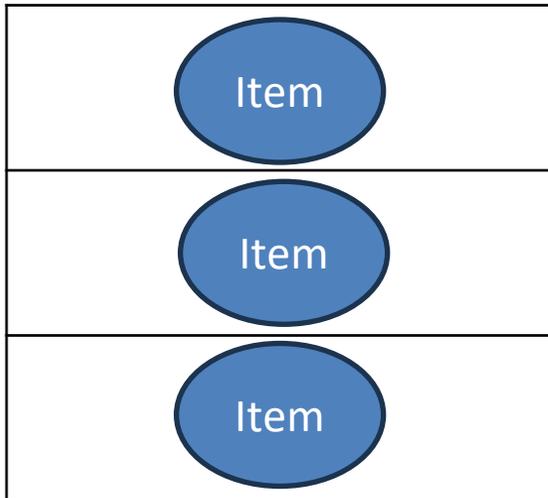
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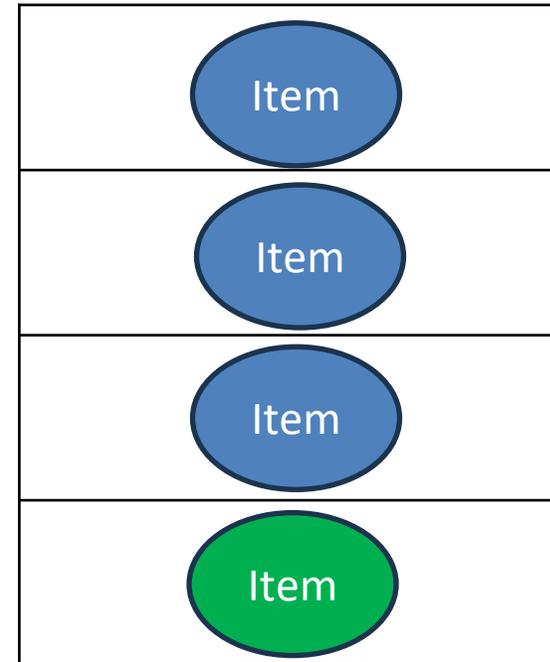
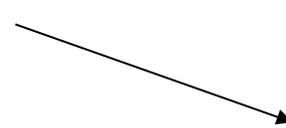
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Big O Notation measures the number of steps needed to complete an algorithm under the worst-case scenario

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O(n) **Let n = array.length**

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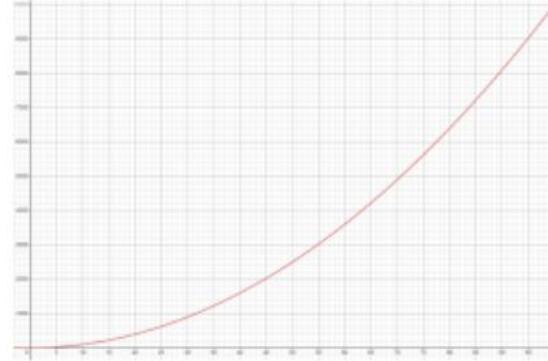
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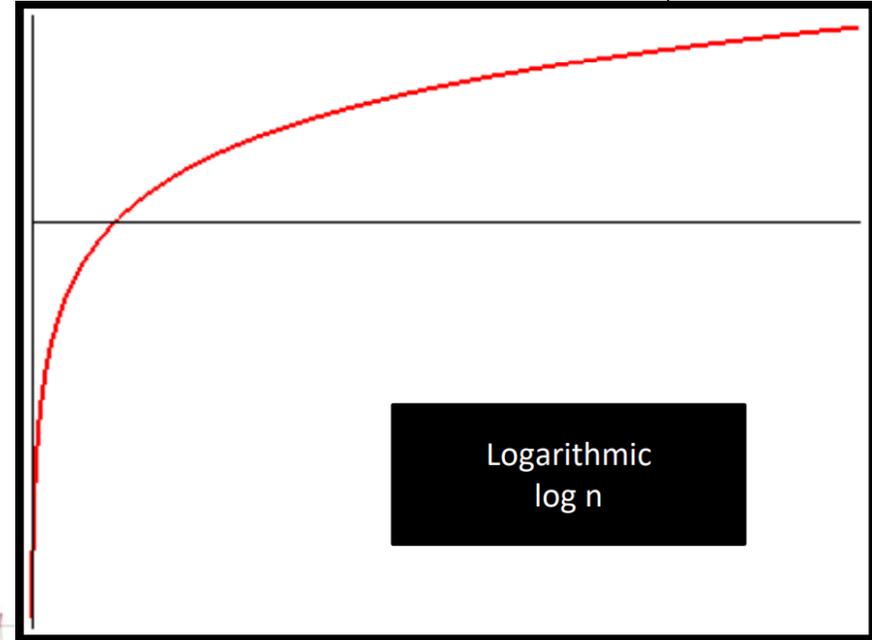
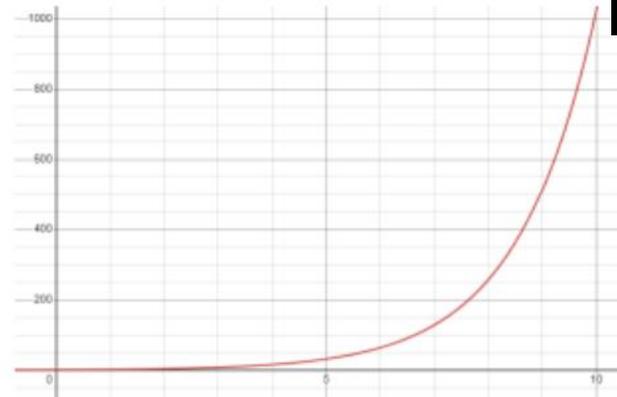


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Linear



Exponential



Logarithmic
log n

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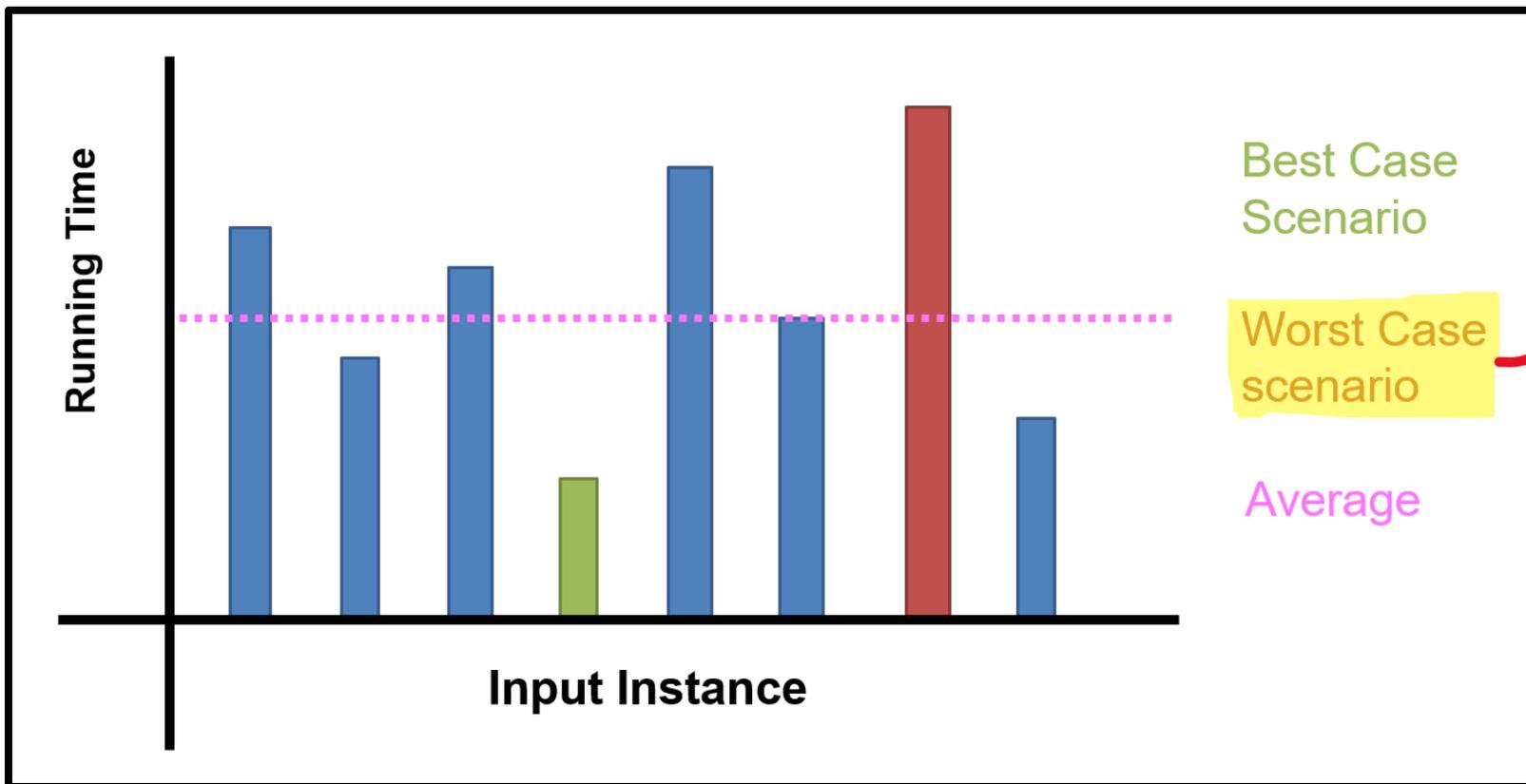
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$O(n^2)$ Where n = # of caves



big-O

In computer science (and this class in particular), we will be focusing on stating running time in terms of **worst-case scenario**

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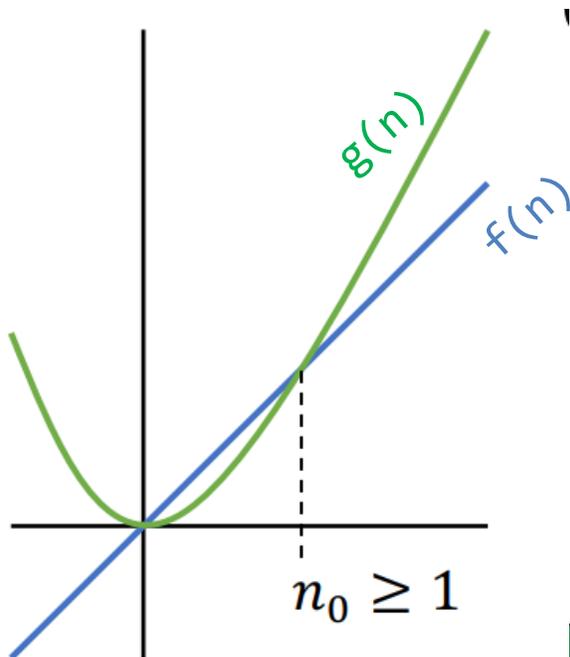
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$$\forall n \geq 1, n^2 \geq n \\ \Rightarrow n \in O(n^2)$$

O -notation provides an upper bound on some function $f(n)$

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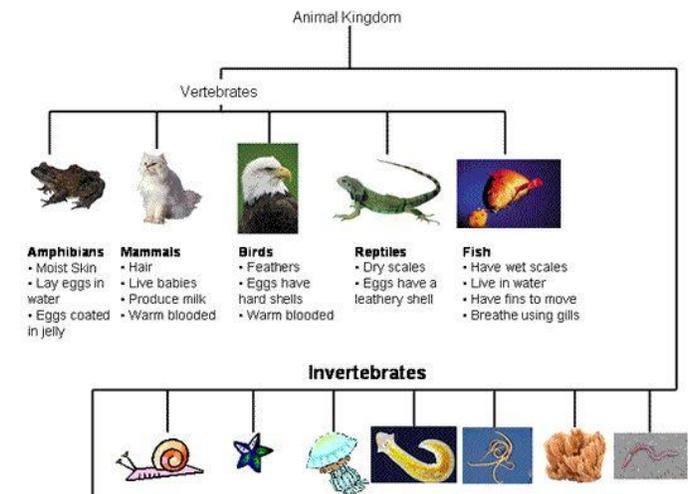
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Takeaway: Adding to a full array takes $O(n)$ time

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    int high = array.length - 1;
    while(low <= high) {
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;
        if(n == array[mid]) {
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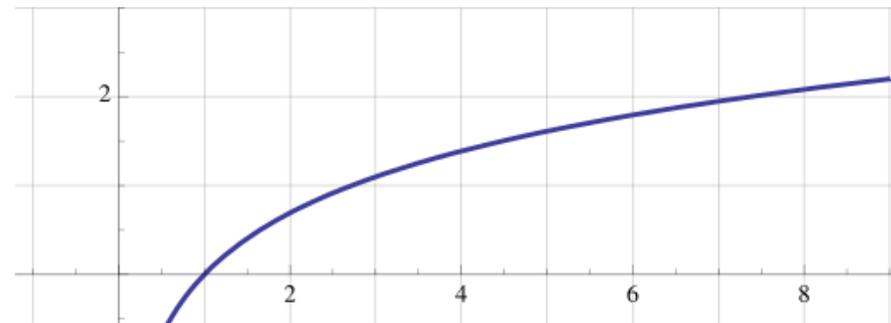
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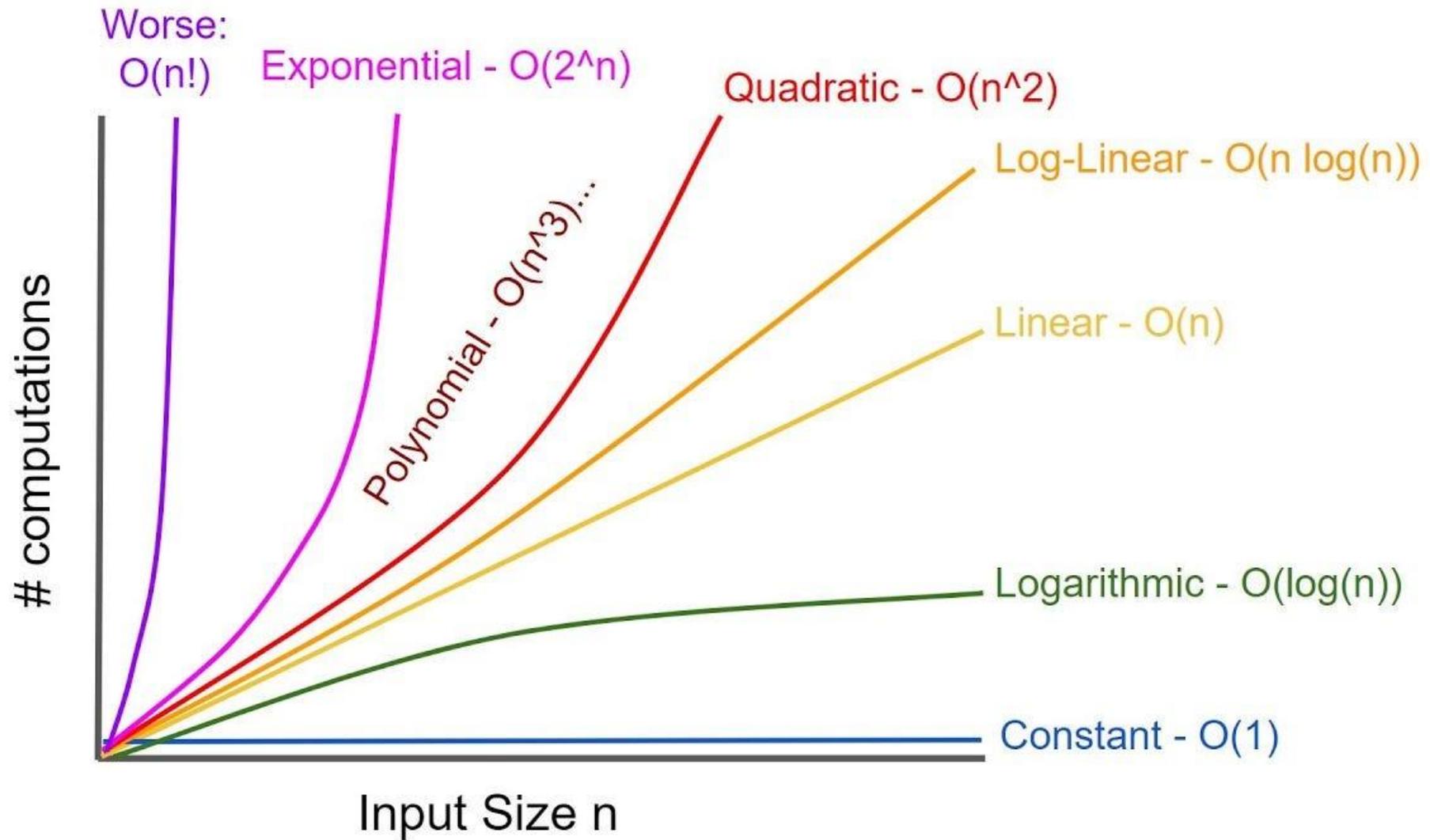
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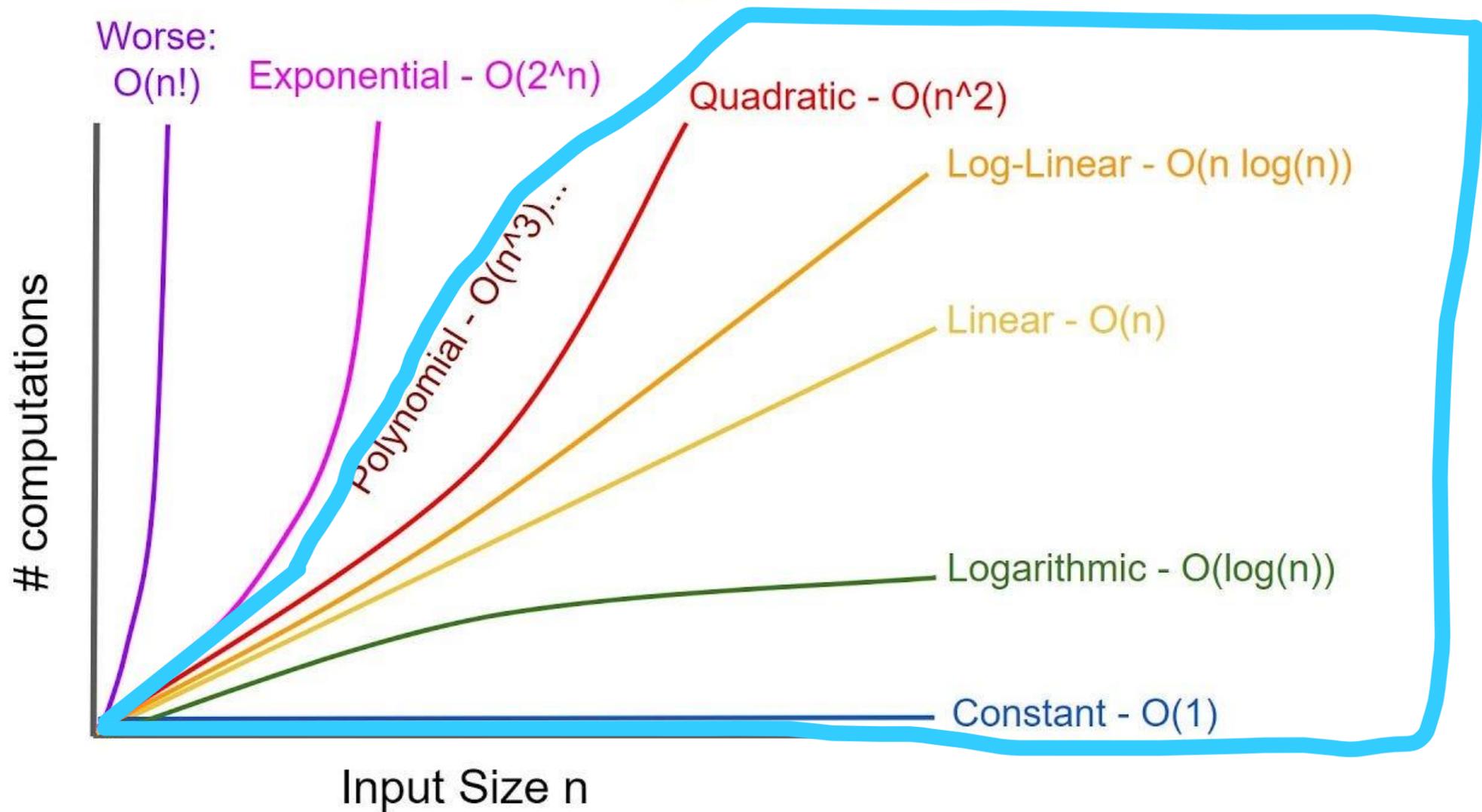
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Array Size (N)	# of array spots checked
10	4
20	5
50	6
100	7
200	8
10000	14

Logarithmic Growth (logn)







Polynomial Time → “Acceptable”

An **array** is a fixed-sized, linear collection of elements

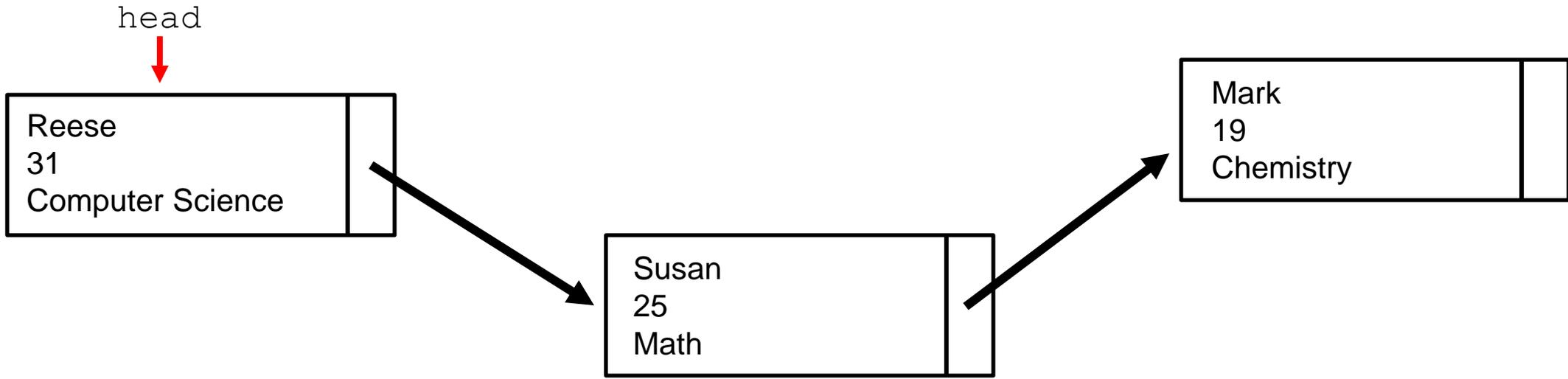
You can use the built-in Java array

A **list** is a dynamic, linear collection of elements

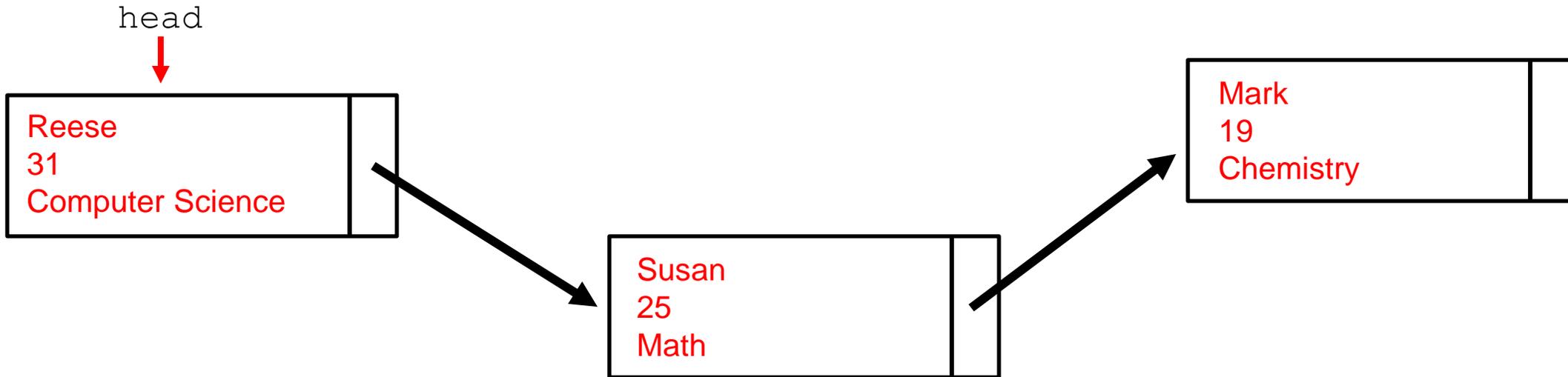
`ArrayList<E>`

`LinkedList<E>`

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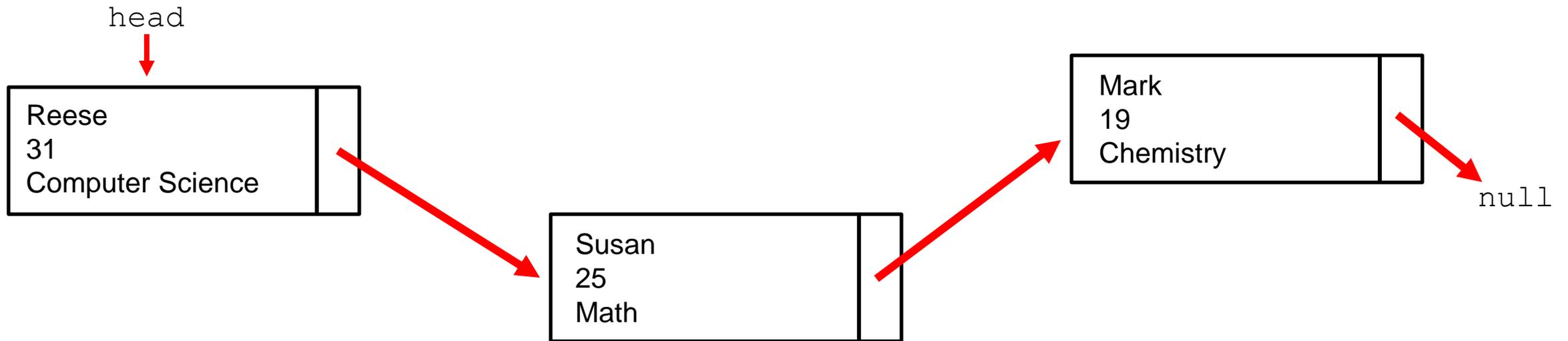
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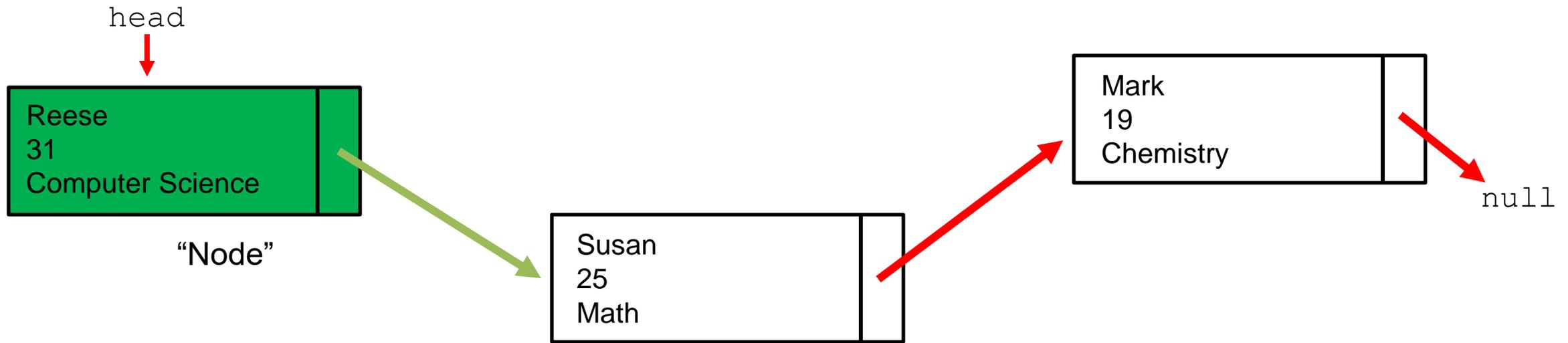
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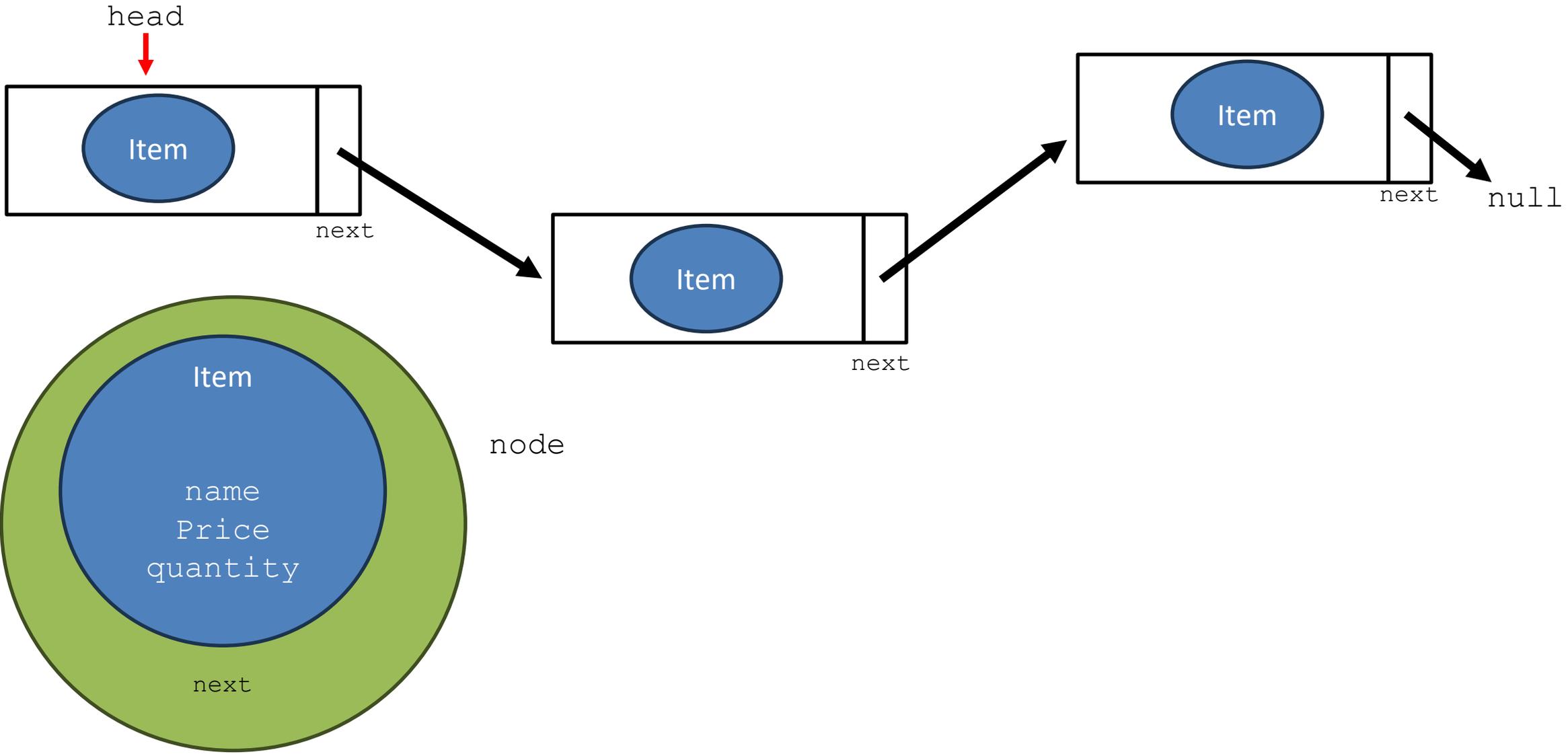
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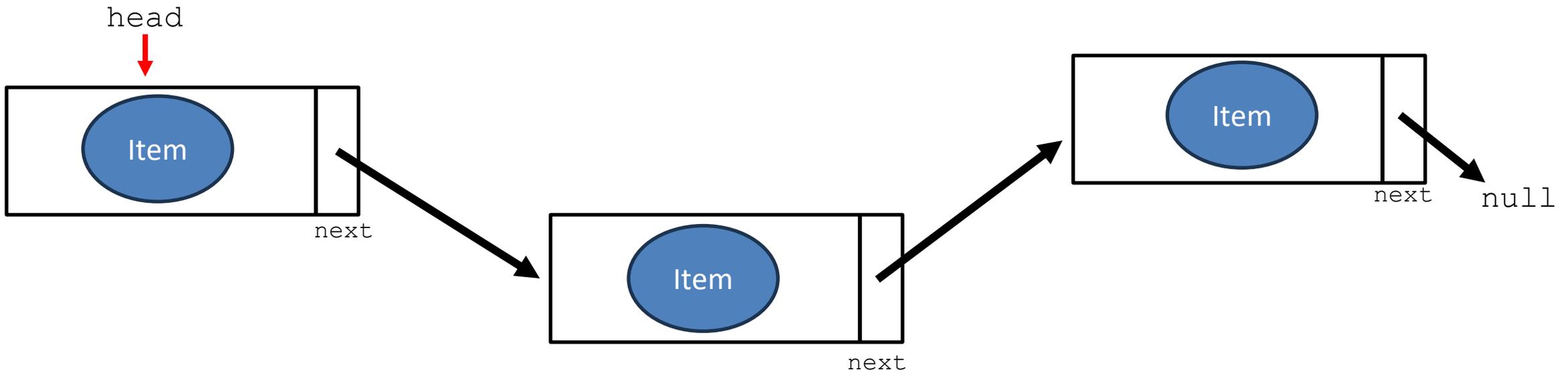
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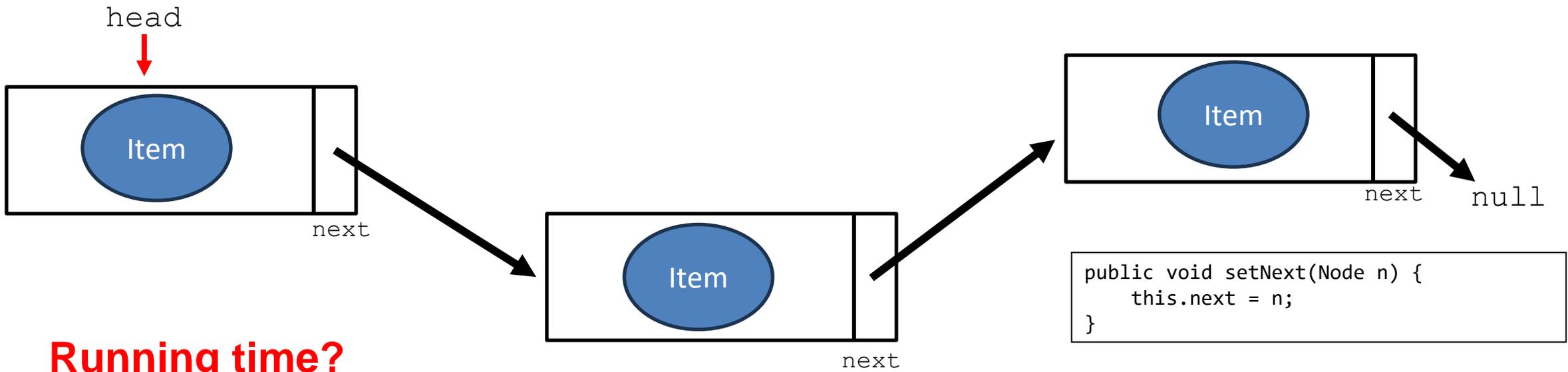


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public void addToFront(Node newNode) {  
    if(head == null) {  
        head = newNode;  
    }  
    else {  
        newNode.setNext(head);  
        head = newNode;  
    }  
}
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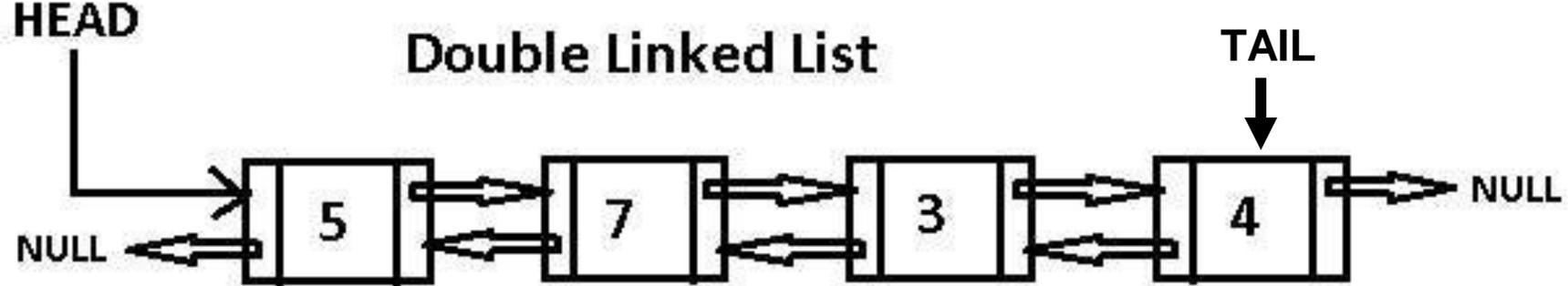
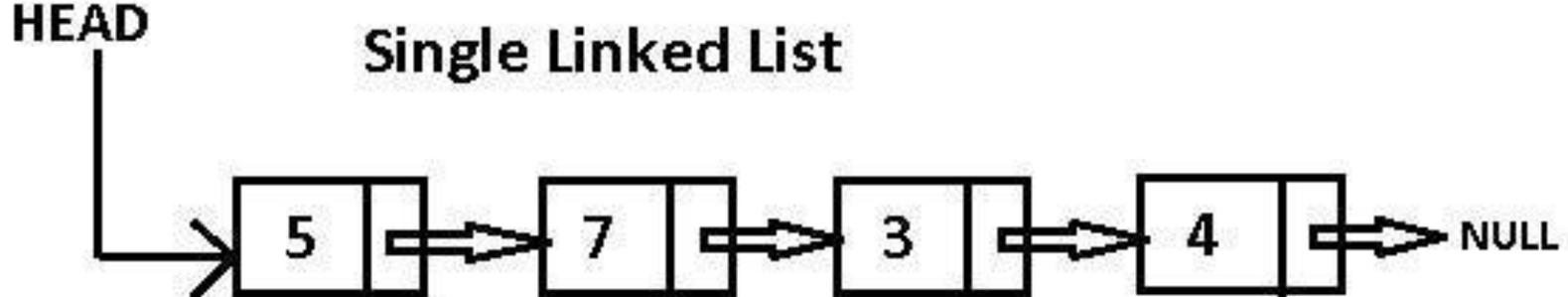


Running time?

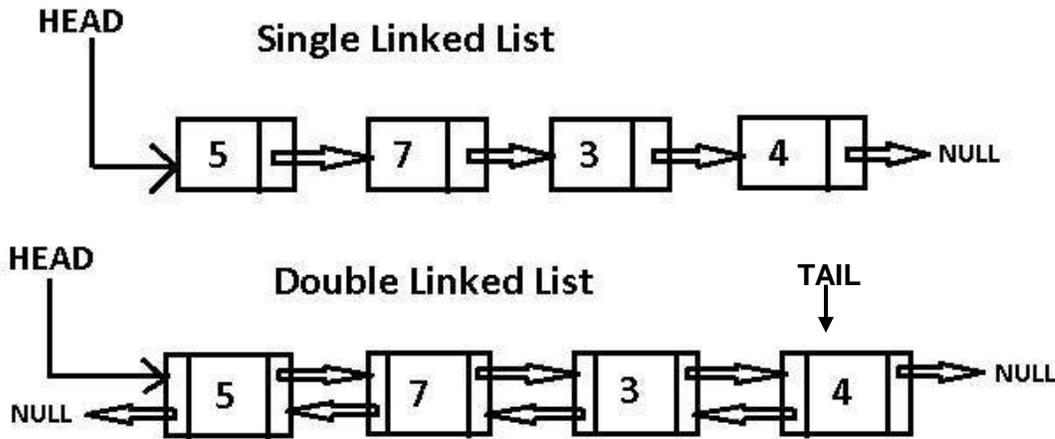
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public void setNext(Node n) {  
    this.next = n;  
}
```

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    if(head == null) { O(1)  
        head = newNode; O(1)  
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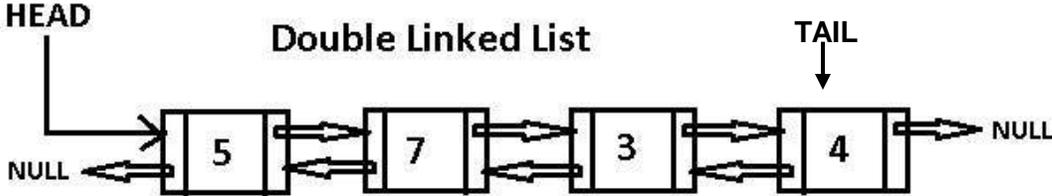
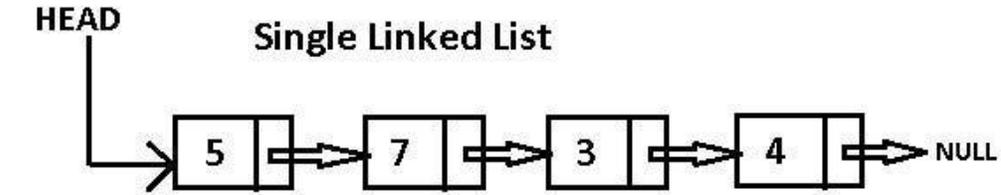


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Delete / Add first node	$O(1)$
Delete / Add tail node	$O(1)$
General Add/Delete node	$O(n)$
Linear Search	$O(n)$
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Linked Lists

- Do not have indices
- Less memory efficient compared to arrays

Takeaway: Adding/Deleting to LL is $O(1)$ work
(if adding to front or back)

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We will never write our own Linked List class, instead we will always import the Linked List Java Library!

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
```

Method Summary	
Methods	
Modifier and Type	Method and Description
boolean	add(E e) Appends the specified element to the end of this list.
void	add(int index, E element) Inserts the specified element at the specified position in this list.
boolean	addAll(Collection<? extends E> c) Appends all of the elements in the specified collection to the end of this list, in the order that they are returned by the specified
boolean	addAll(int index, Collection<? extends E> c) Inserts all of the elements in the specified collection into this list, starting at the specified position.
void	addFirst(E e) Inserts the specified element at the beginning of this list.
void	addLast(E e) Appends the specified element to the end of this list.
void	clear() Removes all of the elements from this list.
Object	clone() Returns a shallow copy of this LinkedList.
boolean	contains(Object o) Returns true if this list contains the specified element.
Iterator<E>	descendingIterator() Returns an iterator over the elements in this deque in reverse sequential order.
E	element() Retrieves, but does not remove, the head (first element) of this list.
E	get(int index) Returns the element at the specified position in this list.

```
import java.util.LinkedList;

public class march20demo {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        LinkedList<String> names = new LinkedList<String>();

        names.add("Reese");
        names.add("Spencer");
        names.add("Susan");

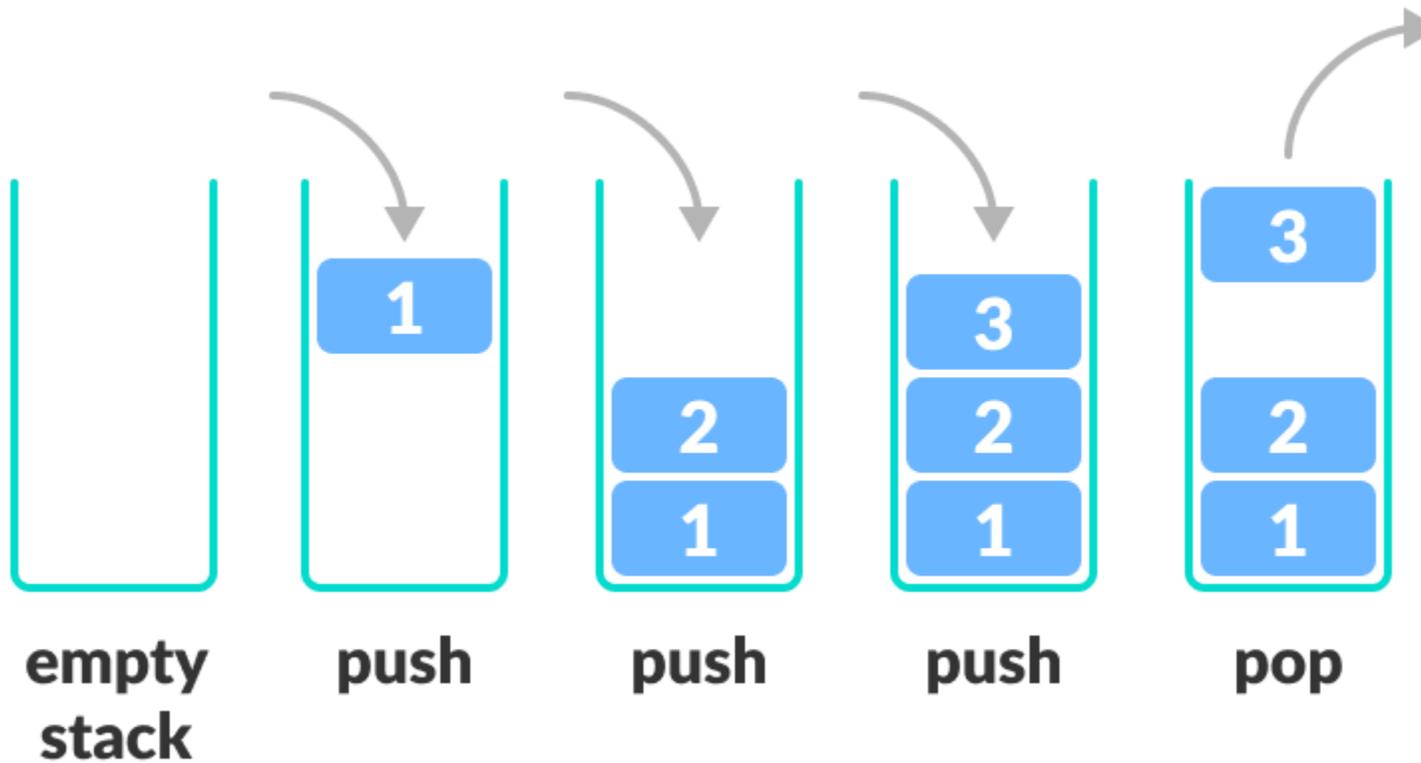
        System.out.println(names);

    }
}
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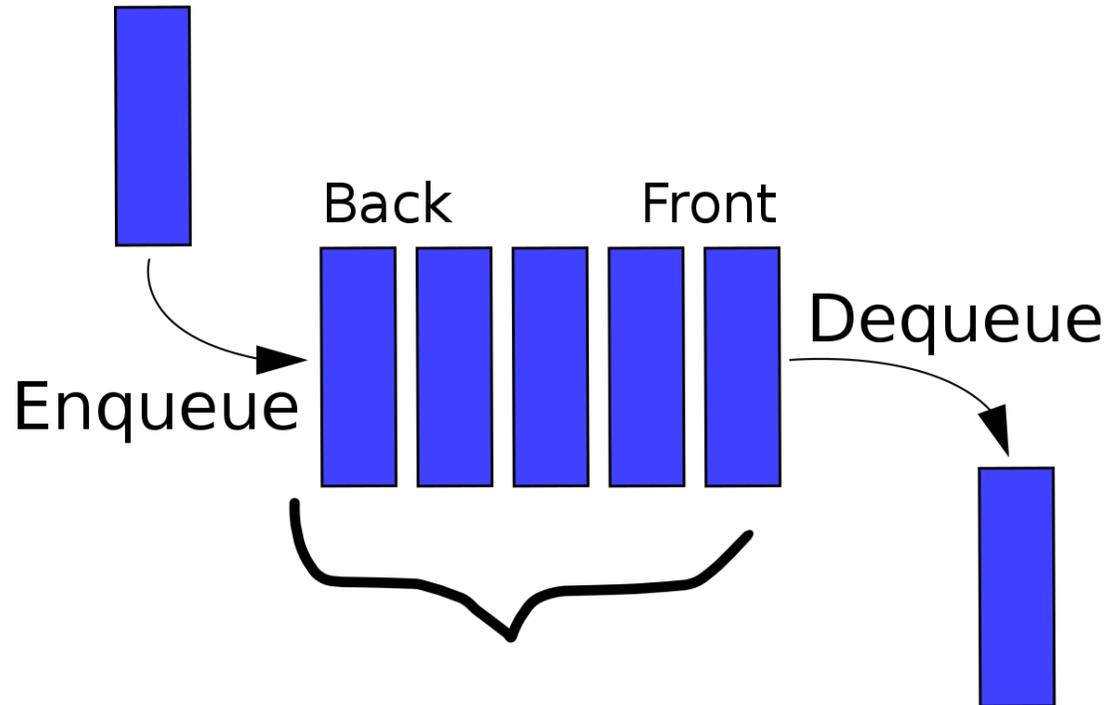
A **stack** is a data structure that can hold data, and follows the **last in first out (LIFO)** principle

We can:

- Add an element to the top of the stack (push)
- Remove the top element (pop)



A **Queue** is a data structure that holds data, but operates in a First-in First-out (**FIFO**) fashion



Elements get added to the **Back** of the Queue.

Elements get removed from the **Front** of the queue



Queue Runtime Analysis

Applications of Queue Data Structures

- Online waiting rooms
- Operating System task scheduling
- Web Server Request Handlers
- Network Communication
- CSCI 232 Algorithms

	Linked List	Array
Creation	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Enqueue	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Dequeue	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Peek	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Print Queue	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

Takeaway: Adding to stack or queue is $O(1)$ work

Stack Runtime Analysis

Applications of Stack Data Structures

- Tracking function calls in programming
- Web browser history
- Undo/Redo buttons
- Recursion/Backtracking
- CSCI 232 Algorithms

	w/ Array	w/ Linked List
Creation	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
Push()	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Pop()	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
peek()	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Print()	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

In CSCI 232, if we ever need to use a stack or queue, we will import the Java library!

```
import.java.util.Stack
```

`java.util.Queue` is an interface. We cannot create a Queue object.

Instead, we create an instance of an object *that implements* this interface

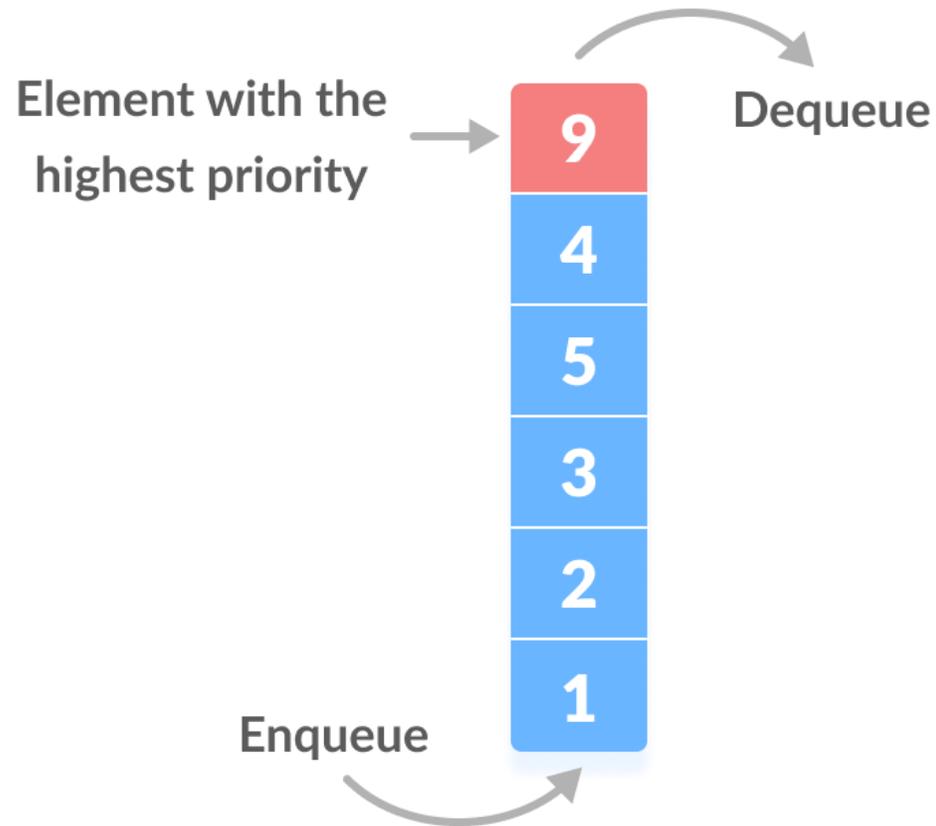
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Some of the Classes that implement the Queue interface:

1. PriorityQueue (`java.util.PriorityQueue`)
2. Linked List (`java.util.LinkedList`)

(If you need a FIFO queue, Linked List is the way to go...)

Most of the time, queues will operate in a FIFO fashion, however there may be times we want to dequeue the item with the **highest priority**



Priority queue in a data structure is an extension of a linear queue that possesses the following properties: Every element has a certain priority assigned to it

When we enqueue something, we might need to “shuffle” that item into the correct spot of the priority queue

Sorting

Bubble Sort	$O(n^2)$
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$
Merge Sort	$O(n \log n)$
Quick Sort	$O(n \log n)$ (on average)

Takeaway: the fastest sorting algorithm known (currently) is $O(n \log n)$

(Why don't you think there are any $O(1)$ or $O(\log n)$ sorting algorithms?)