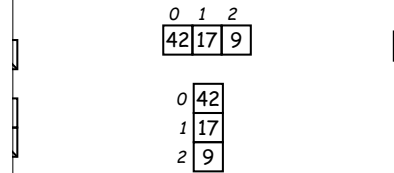


Lecture #4: Values and Containers

...ally due at midnight Friday.
 ...ple classes. Scheme-like lists. Destructive vs. non-
 ...operations. Models of memory.

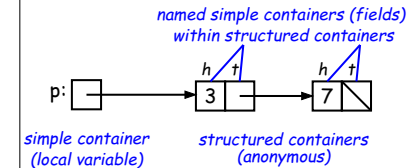
Structured Containers

...ainers contain (0 or more) other containers:
 ...ject Array Object Empty Object



Containers in Java

...ay be *named* or *anonymous*.
 ...simple containers are named, *all* structured contain-
 ...ymous, and pointers point only to structured containers.
 ...structured containers contain only simple containers).



...gnment copies values into simple containers.
 ...Scheme and Python!
 ...has slice assignment, as in `x[3:7]=...`, which is short-
 ...ething else entirely.)

Public-Service Announcement

...al League will be hosting their First General Meet-
 ...ay, September 5th at 8 pm in [TBD] and Actuarial
 ...on Thursday, September 7th at 8 pm in [TBD]. See
 ...r location updates. Free food and refreshments will

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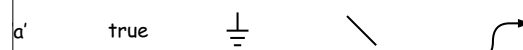
Recreation

...hat $\lfloor (2 + \sqrt{3})^n \rfloor$ is odd for all integer $n \geq 0$.

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Values and Containers

...umbers, booleans, and pointers. Values never change.



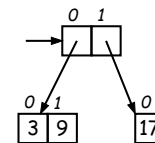
...ainers contain values:



...riables, fields, individual array elements, parameters.

Pointers

...references) are values that *reference* (point to) con-
 ...ar pointer, called **null**, points to nothing.
 ...uctured containers contain only simple containers, but
 ...w us to build arbitrarily big or complex structures any-

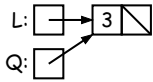


Primitive Operations

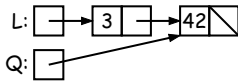
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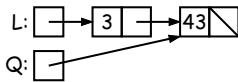
```
set(3, null);
```



```
set(42, null);
```



```
head = 1;
head == 43
head == 43
```



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Defining New Types of Object

Operations introduce new types of objects.

Operations of integers:

```
class IntList {
    constructor function (used to initialize new object)
    cell containing (HEAD, TAIL). */
    IntList(int head, IntList tail) {
        head = head; this.tail = tail;
    }
}
```

Operations of simple containers (*fields*)

```
public instance variables usually bad style!
IntList head;
IntList tail;
```

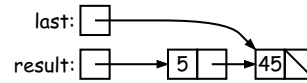
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Another Way to View Pointers (II)

Assigning a pointer to a variable looks just like assigning an integer.

Executing "last = last.tail;" we have



Alternative view:



In an alternative view, you might be less inclined to think that we should change object #7 itself, rather than just "last".

Ultimately, pointers really are just numbers, but Java is more than that: they have *types*, and you can't just convert numbers into pointers.

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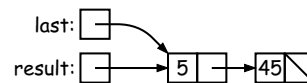
Recursion: Another Way to View Pointers

Find the idea of "copying an arrow" somewhat odd.

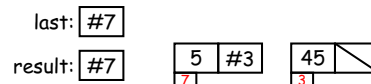
Alternative view: think of a pointer as a *label*, like a street address.

Each pointer has a permanent label on it, like the address plaque on a house.

A pointerable containing a pointer is like a scrap of paper with an address written on it.



Alternative view:



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Non-destructive IncrList: Recursive

```
Increment all items in P incremented by n. */
List incrList(IntList P, int n) {
    if (P == null)
        return new IntList(P.head+n, incrList(P.tail, n));
}
```

incrList have to return its result, rather than just setting.

incrList(P, 2), where P contains 3 and 43, which IntList created first?

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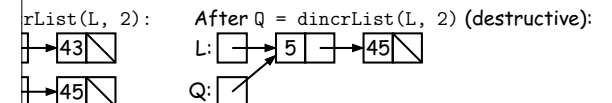
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Destructive vs. Non-destructive

Operations on a (pointer to a) list of integers, L, and an integer increment n: increment a list created by incrementing all elements of the list.

```
Increment all items in P incremented by n. Does not modify original IntLists. */
List incrList(IntList P, int n) {
    return new IntList(P.head+n, incrList(P.tail, n));
}
```

incrList is *non-destructive*, because it leaves the input objects unchanged shown on the left. A *destructive* method may modify the objects so that the original data is no longer available, as shown on the right.



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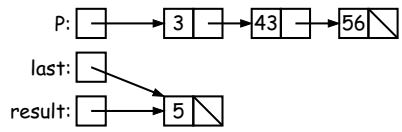
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An Iterative Version

recrList is tricky, because it is *not* tail recursive.
Things first-to-last, unlike recursive version:

```
recrList(IntList P, int n) {
```

```
    last;  
    <<<  
    list(P.head+n, null);  
    != null) {  
  
    list(P.head+n, null);  
    tail;
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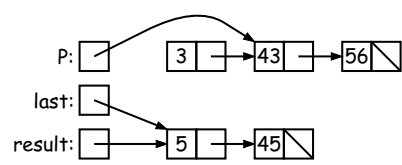


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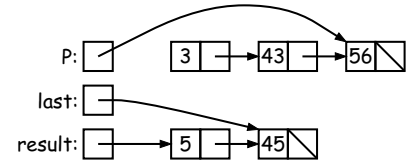


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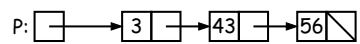


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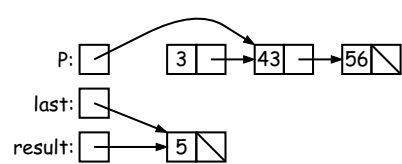


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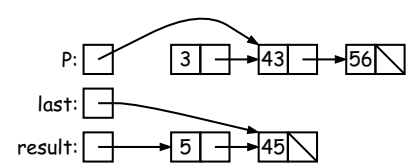


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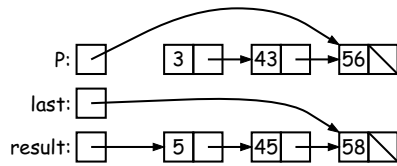
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```
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```

```
        list(P.head+n, null);  
        tail; <<<
```



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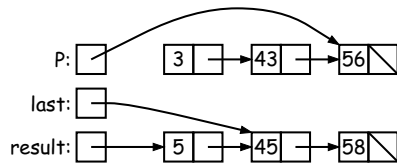
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