

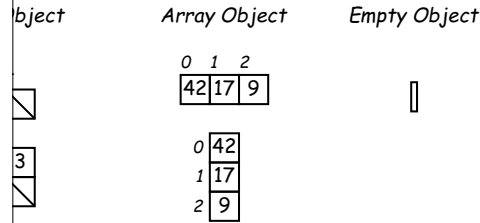
Lecture #3: Values and Containers

Originally due at midnight Friday. Last week's lab, however, is now being assigned Friday at midnight.

Simple classes. Scheme-like lists. Destructive vs. non-destructive operations. Models of memory.

Structured Containers

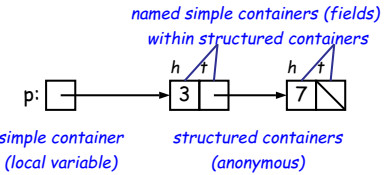
Containers contain (0 or more) other containers:



Containers in Java

Containers may be *named* or *anonymous*.

Simple containers are named, *all* structured containers are anonymous, and pointers point only to structured containers. Structured containers contain only simple containers.



Argument copies values into simple containers.

Scheme and Python!

Java has slice assignment, as in `x[3:7]=...`, which is shorthand for something else entirely.)

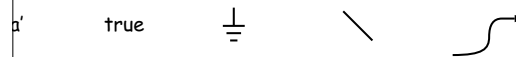
Recreation

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

Problem 1000, by Nikolai N. Chentzov, I. M. Yaglom, *The USSR Olympiad Problem Book* (1963), from the W. H. Freeman edition, 1962.]

Values and Containers

Numbers, booleans, and pointers. *Values never change.* For example, the assignment `3 = 2` would be invalid.)



Containers contain values:



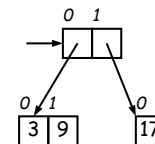
Variables, fields, individual array elements, parameters. *Values of containers can change.*

Pointers

References are values that *reference* (point to) containers.

A special pointer, called *null*, points to nothing.

Structured containers contain only simple containers, but we use pointers to build arbitrarily big or complex structures any-

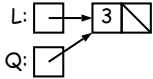


Primitive Operations

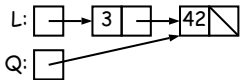
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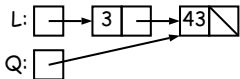
```
incrList(3, null);
```



```
incrList(42, null);
```



```
incrList(1, null);
// head == 43
```



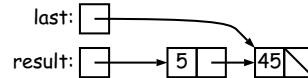
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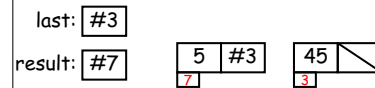
Another Way to View Pointers (II)

pointer to a variable looks just like assigning an integer

Executing "last = last.tail;" we have



view:



Alternative view, you might be less inclined to think that as-ld change object #7 itself, rather than just "last".

Internally, pointers really are just numbers, but Java as more than that: they have *types*, and you can't just ers into pointers.

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Nondestructive IncrList: Recursive

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

incrList have to return its result, rather than just set-

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

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Defining New Types of Object

Classes introduce new types of objects.

Class 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;
    }
}
```

Simple containers (fields)

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

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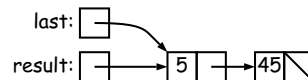
Recursion: Another Way to View Pointers

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

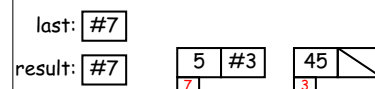
view: think of a pointer as a *label*, like a street address.

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

Each box containing a pointer is like a scrap of paper with a message written on it.



view:



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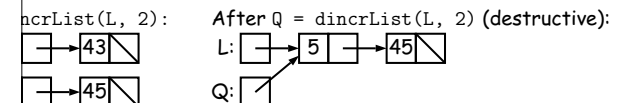
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Destructive vs. Non-destructive

Given a (pointer to a) list of integers, L, and an integer increment, n, return a list created by incrementing all elements of the list

```
/* all items in P incremented by n. Does not modify original IntLists. */
List dincrList(IntList P, int n) {
    /* (P, with each element incremented by n) */
}
```

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



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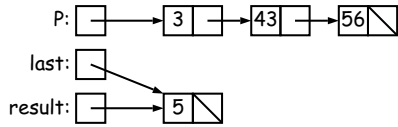
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An Iterative Version

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Things first-to-last, unlike recursive version:

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```

```
    last;  
    <<<  
    list(P.head+n, null);  
    != null) {
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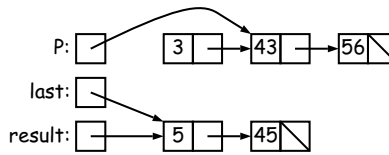
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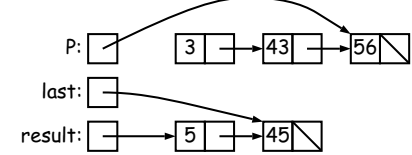
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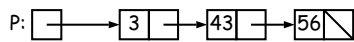
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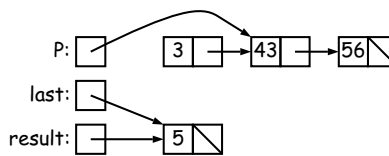
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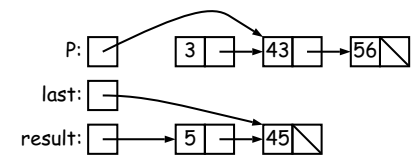
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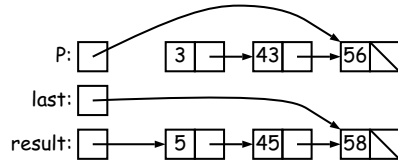
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crList is tricky, because it is *not* tail recursive.
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```
crList(IntList P, int n) {
```

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

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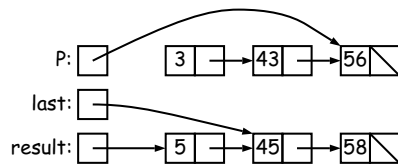
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    tail;
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