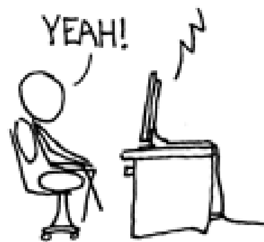

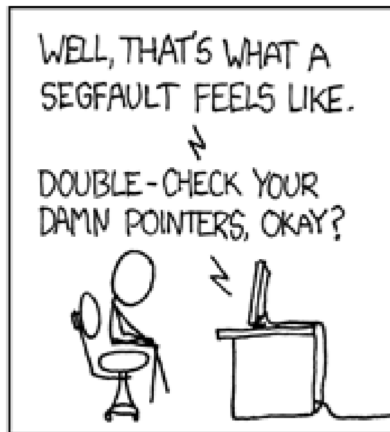

YEAH 5: Patient Queue!

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YEAH Hours Agenda

- Pointers Crash Course
- Intro to Priority Queues
- Overview of the Assignment
- How to Get Started
- Tips for Parts I, II, and III
- Questions

Pointers Crash Course

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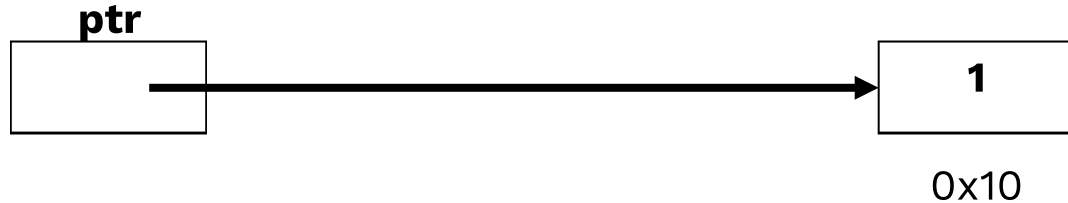
Pointers Crash Course



Linked List

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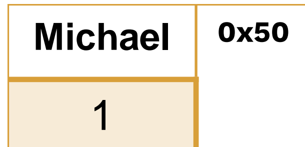

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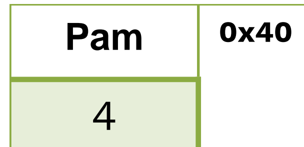

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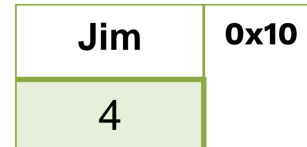

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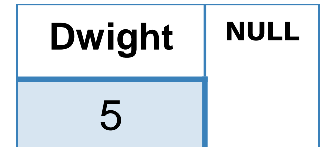

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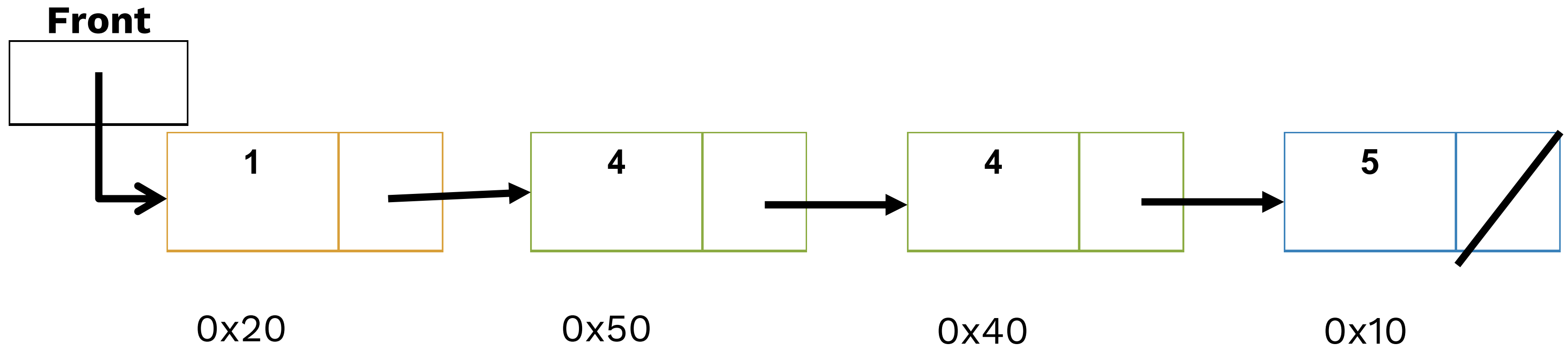

Manipulating Linked List

- Loop through list using a pointer variable (“curr”).
- Check when you’re at or close to the end of the list.
- Manipulate the list by changing “next” fields.

Double List (Section Problem)

- Write a function that takes a pointer to the front of a linked list of integers and appends a copy of the original sequence to the end of the list.

{1, 3, 2, 7} -> {1, 3, 2, 7, 1, 3, 2, 7}

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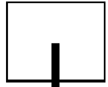

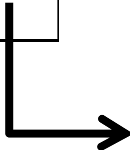

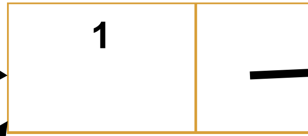

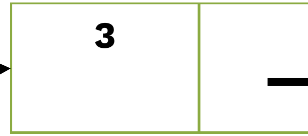

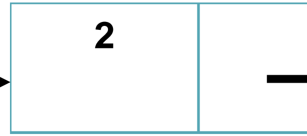

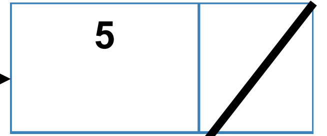

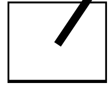

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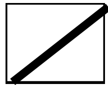

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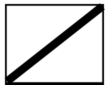

Front2

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void doubleList(ListNode *front){
        if (front == nullptr) return;
        ListNode *curr = front;



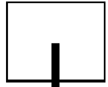


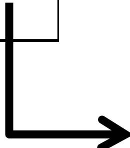


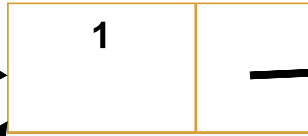
}
```

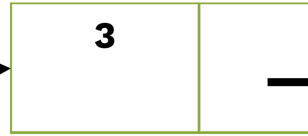
Check if list is empty!
Set up "curr1"

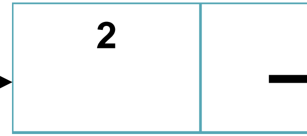
Front

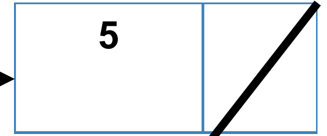


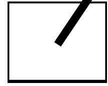












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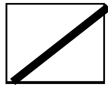

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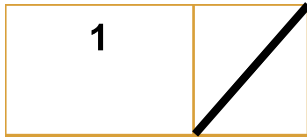

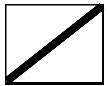

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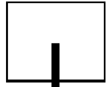
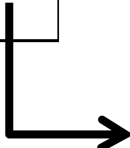
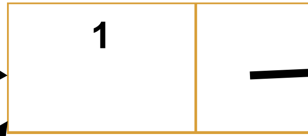

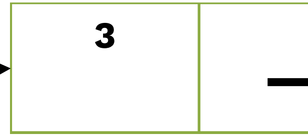

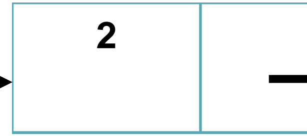

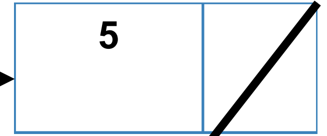
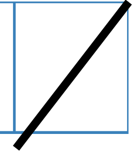
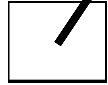
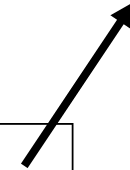
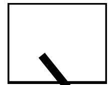
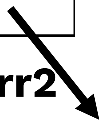

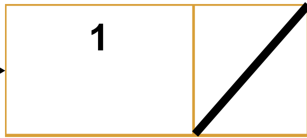
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Front2

```
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        if (front == nullptr) return;
        ListNode *curr = front;
        ListNode *curr2 = new ListNode(curr->data);
        ListNode *front2 = curr2;




}
```

Deal with first node separately

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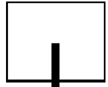

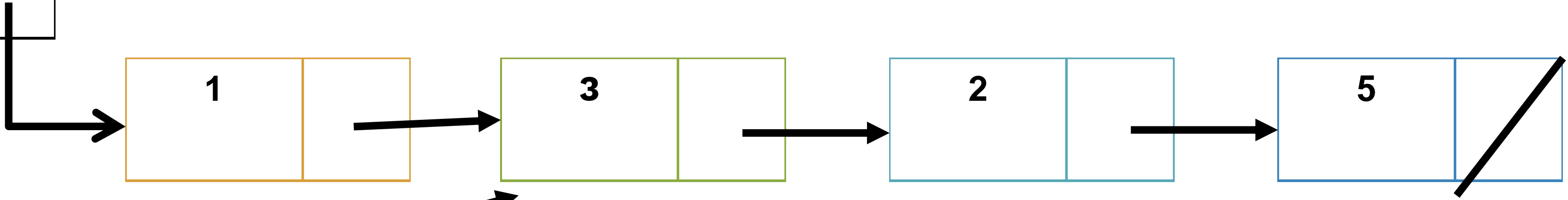

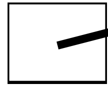

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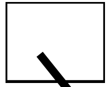

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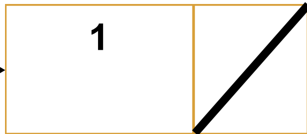

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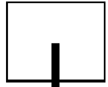

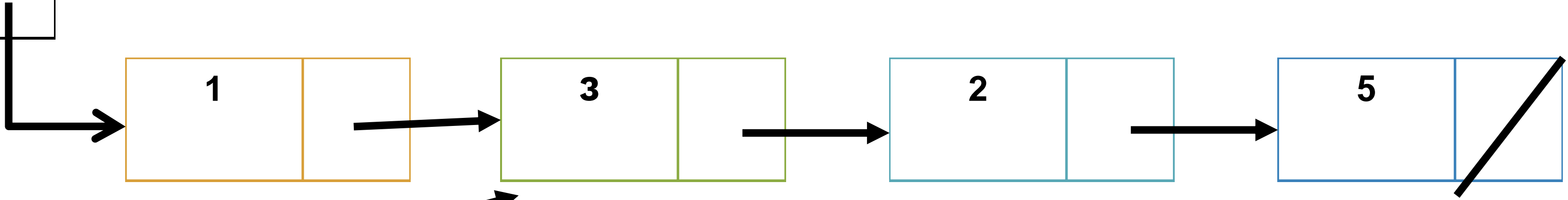

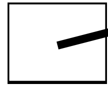

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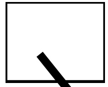

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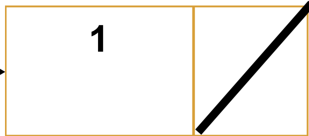

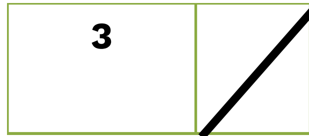

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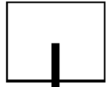
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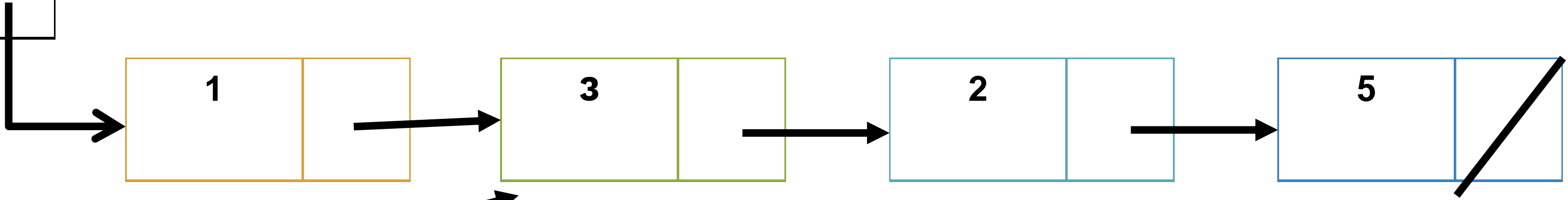
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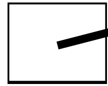
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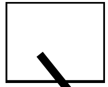
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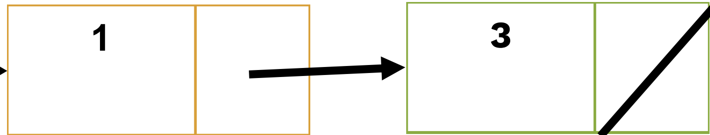
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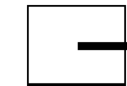
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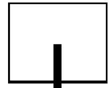

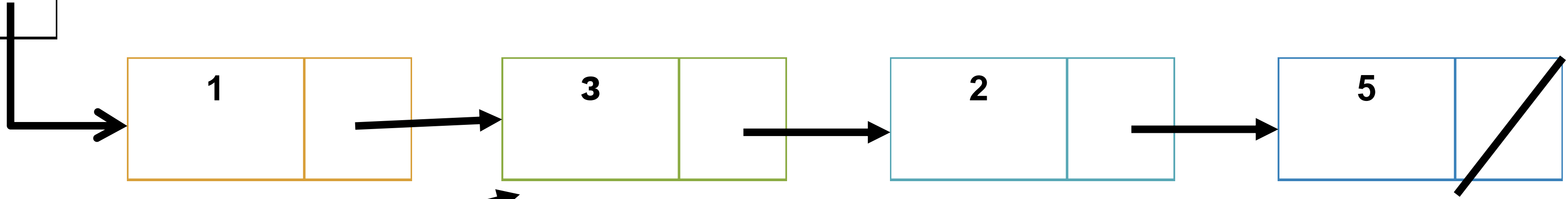

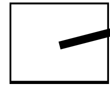

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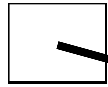

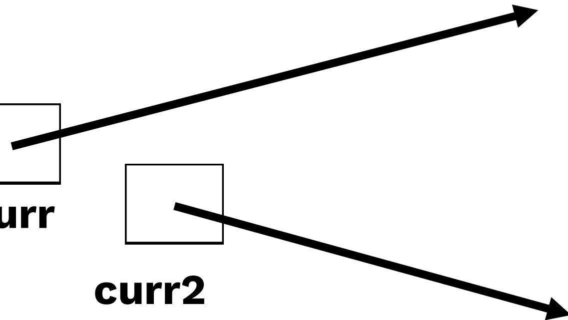

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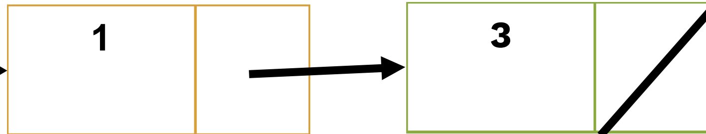

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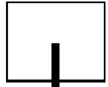

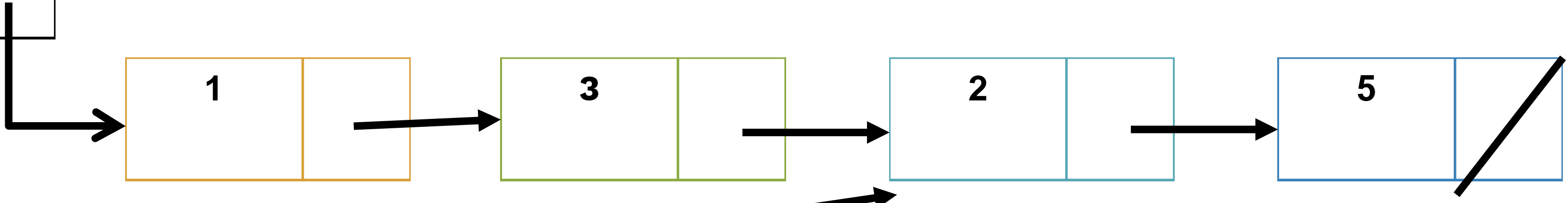

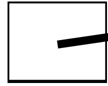

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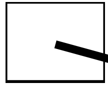

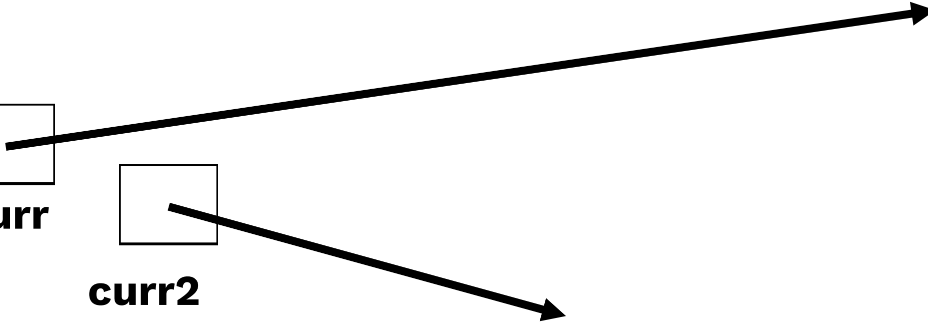

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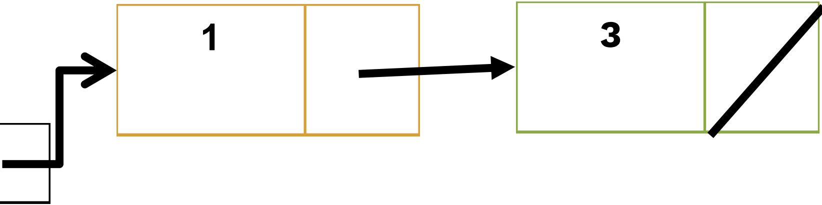
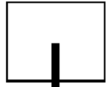


Front2

```
void doubleList(ListNode *front){
        if (front == nullptr) return;
        ListNode *curr = front;
        ListNode *curr2 = new ListNode(curr->data);
        ListNode *front2 = curr2;
        while (                          ){
                curr = curr->next;
                curr2->next = new ListNode(curr->data);
                curr2 = curr2->next;
        }
}
```

Create new node,
Adjust all pointers.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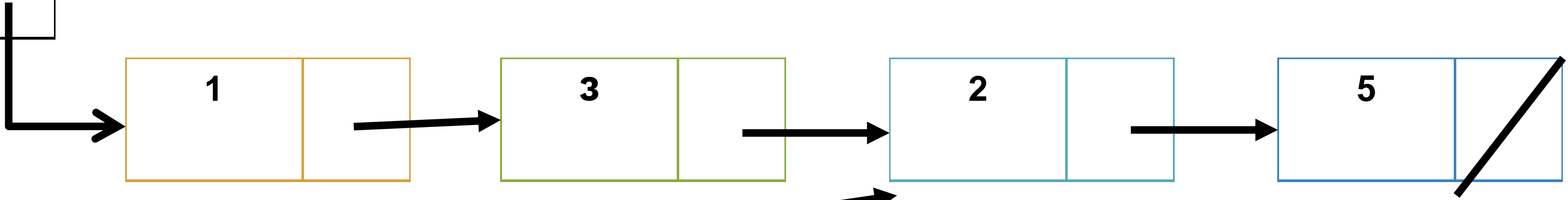
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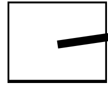
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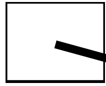
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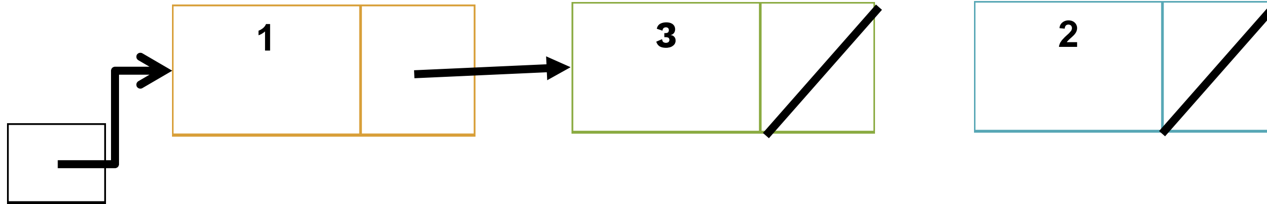
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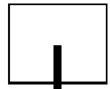
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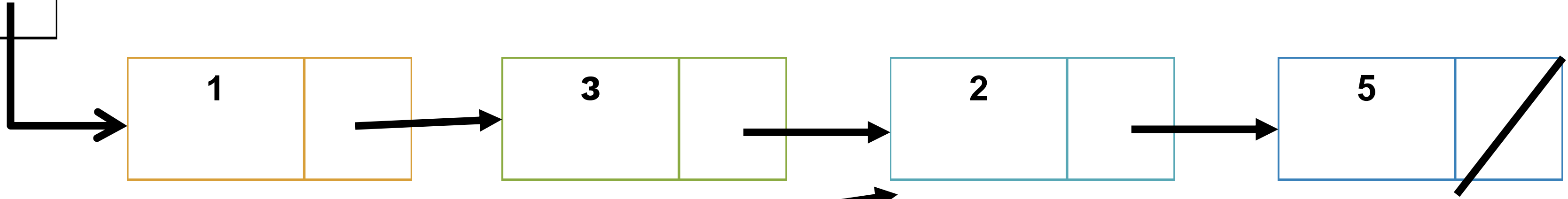
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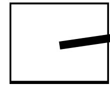
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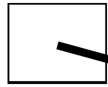
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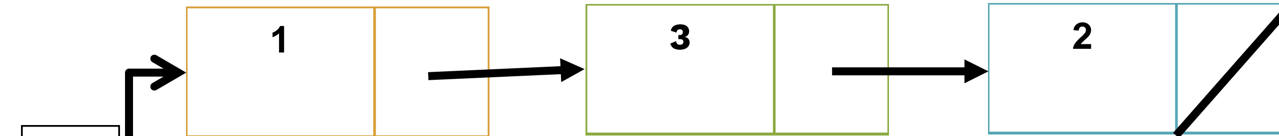
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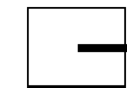
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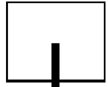
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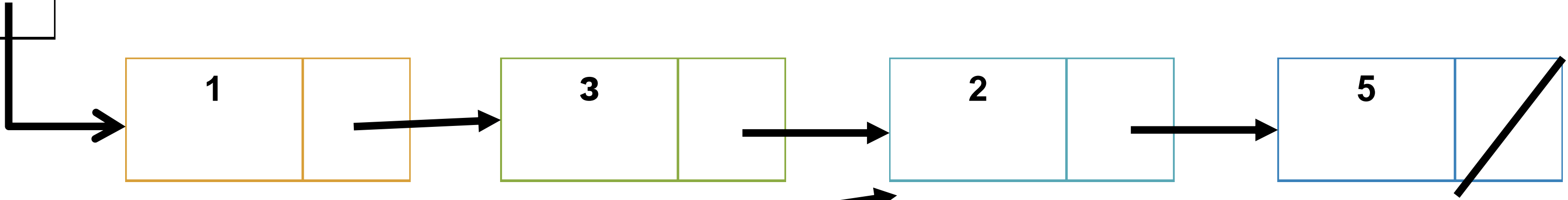
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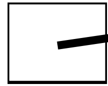
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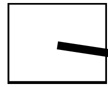
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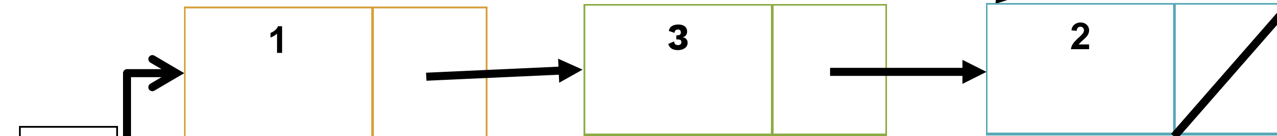
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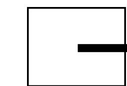
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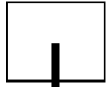

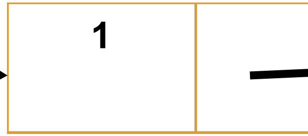

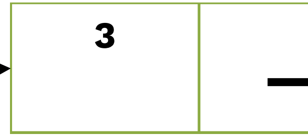

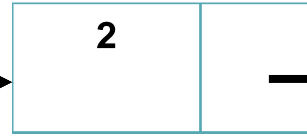

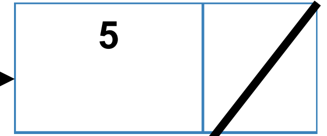

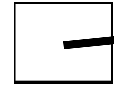

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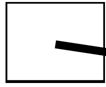

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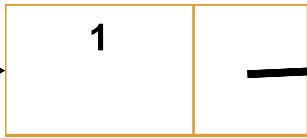

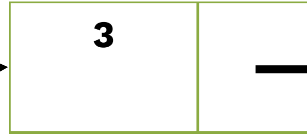

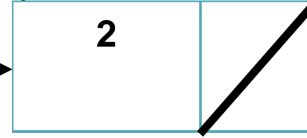

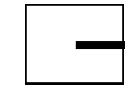

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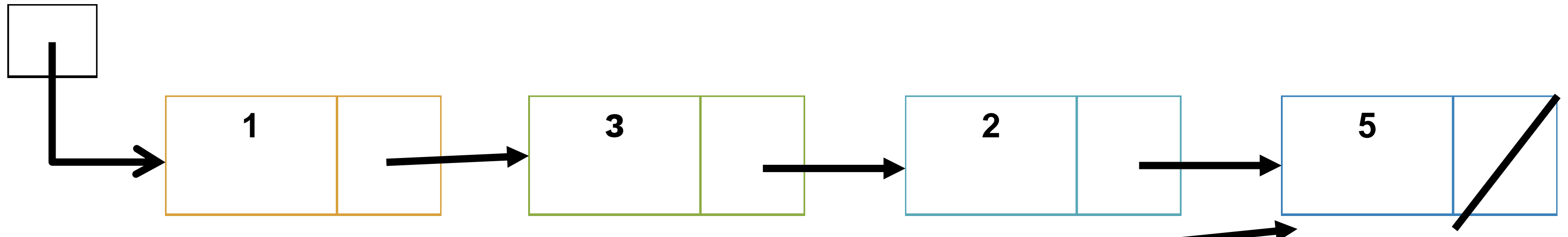

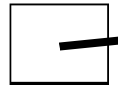

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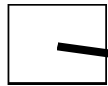

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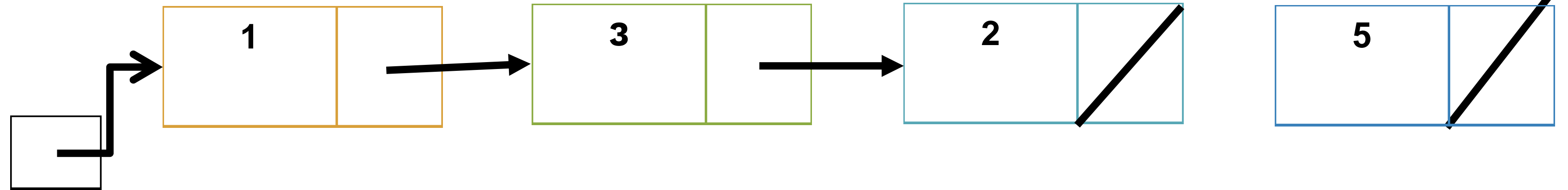

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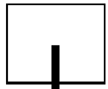

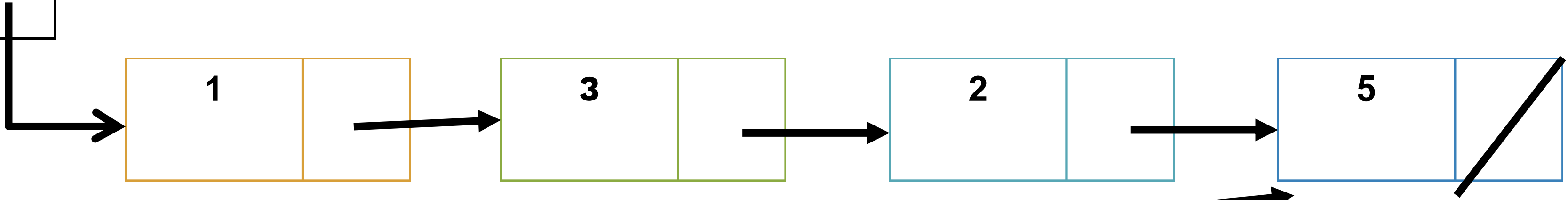

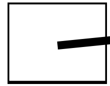

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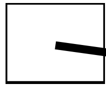

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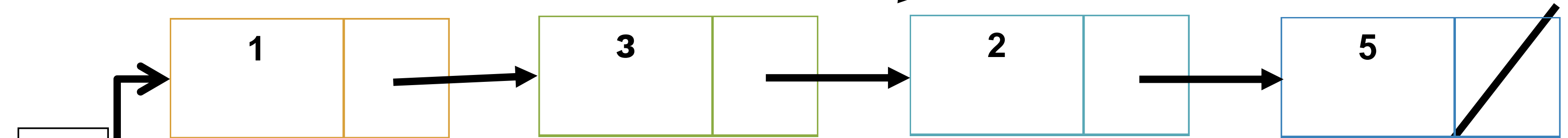


Front2

```
void doubleList(ListNode *front){
        if (front == nullptr) return;
        ListNode *curr = front;
        ListNode *curr2 = new ListNode(curr->data);
        ListNode *front2 = curr2;
        while (curr->next != nullptr){
                curr = curr->next;
                curr2->next = new ListNode(curr->data);
                curr2 = curr2->next;
        }

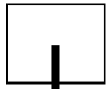
}
```

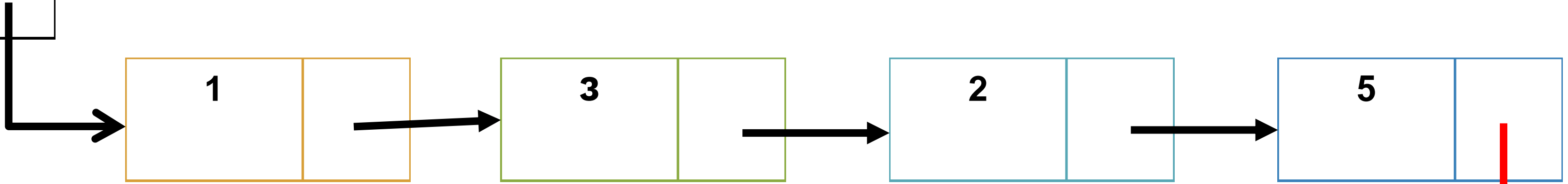
Stop when we're at end.

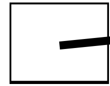
```
void doubleList(ListNode *front){
	if (front == nullptr) return;
	ListNode *curr = front;
	ListNode *curr2 = new ListNode(curr->data);
	ListNode *front2 = curr2;
	while (curr->next != nullptr){
		curr = curr->next;
		curr2->next = new ListNode(curr->data);
		curr2 = curr2->next;
	}
}
```

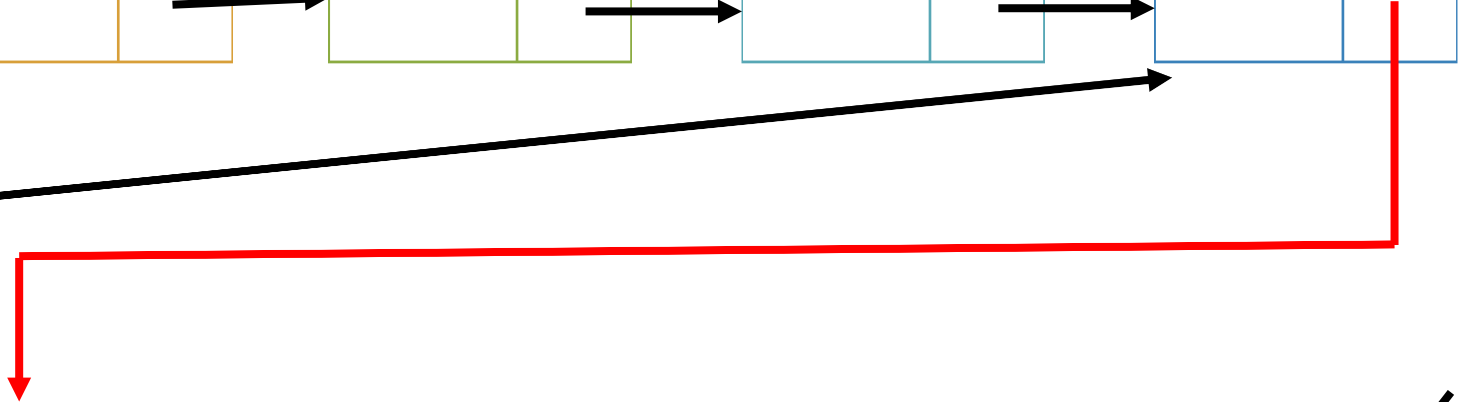
Why not
`curr1 != nullptr?`

Front









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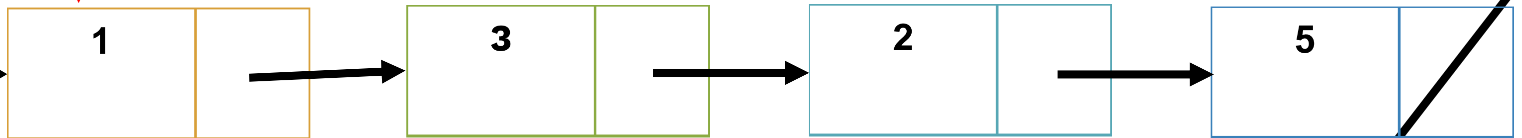

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        ListNode *curr = front;
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        ListNode *front2 = curr2;
        while (curr->next != nullptr){
                curr = curr->next;
                curr2->next = new ListNode(curr->data);
                curr2 = curr2->next;
        }
        curr1->next = front2
}
```

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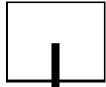

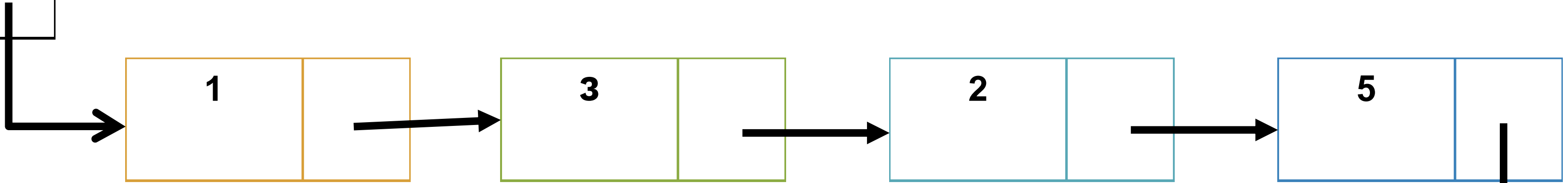

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        while (curr->next != nullptr){
                curr = curr->next;
                curr2->next = new ListNode(curr->data);
                curr2 = curr2->next;
        }
        curr1->next = front2
}
```

Lexicon

HashMap

Queue

Stack

Vector

Priority Queue

Map

Deque

DawgLexicon

Set

HashSet

Graph

Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

Focus on functions and behavior, not how they are implemented.

Implementing ADTs

- Wed: implementing Vector

- Stored data in an array.
- Managed dynamic memory.
- Many other ways to implement, as long as it behaves like a Vector.

Implementing ADTs

EXTERNALLY

- All three implementations have identical behavior.
- Exact same methods.

INTERNALLY

- Store data in completely different ways.
- Different Big-O runtimes (!)

Queue

- First In, First Out (FIFO)

```
Queue<Stack<string> > wordLadders;
```

Key Methods

`enqueue`
`dequeue`

`front`

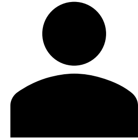
`isEmpty`
`clear`
`toString`

Queue

```
q.enqueue("Pam")
q.enqueue("Dwight")
q.enqueue("Jim")
q.enqueue("Michael")

q.dequeue()  // returns "Pam"
q.dequeue()  // returns "Dwight"
q.dequeue()  // returns "Jim"
q.dequeue()  // returns "Michael"
```

FRONT



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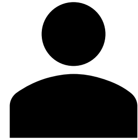

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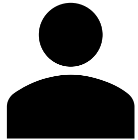

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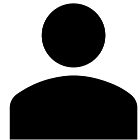


Michael

Priority Queue

- **Most urgent** priority item is dequeued.

Key Methods

`enqueue`
`dequeue`

`front`

`isEmpty`
`clear`
`toString`

Priority Queue

```
pq.enqueue("Pam", 4)
pq.enqueue("Dwight", 5)
pq.enqueue("Jim", 4)
pq.enqueue("Michael", 1)

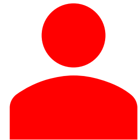
pq.dequeue() // returns "Michael"
pq.dequeue() // returns "Pam"
pq.dequeue() // returns "Jim"
pq.dequeue() // returns "Dwight"
```

FRONT

Pam (4)

Dwight (5)

Jim (4)



Michael (1)

Processing Order

Arrivals

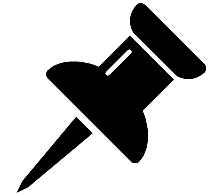
Waiting Line

Service

Exit

System

Number	Name	Colour	Max time
1	Immediate resuscitation	Red	0 minutes
2	Very urgent	Orange	10 minutes
3	Urgent	Yellow	60 minutes
4	Standard	Green	120 minutes
5	Non-urgent	Blue	240 minutes



Patient Queue

- **Most urgent** priority patient is dequeued.

Key Methods

`addPatient`
`processPatient`
`upgradePatient`

`frontPatient`
`frontPriority`

`isEmpty`
`clear`
`toString`

Demo!

Priority Queue

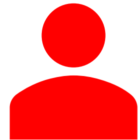
```
pq.addPatient("Pam", 4)
pq.addPatient("Dwight", 5)
pq.addPatient("Jim", 4)
pq.addPatient("Michael", 1)
pq.processPatient() // returns "Michael"
pq.processPatient() // returns "Pam"
pq.upgradePatient("Dwight", 3)
pq.dequeue() // returns "Dwight"
pq.dequeue() // returns "Jim"
```

FRONT

Pam (4)

Dwight (5)

Jim (4)

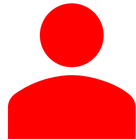


Michael (1)

Priorities

- Most urgent = lowest priority number

MOST URGENT



Michael (1)

Pam (4)

Dwight (5)

LEAST URGENT

Tiebreaker and Duplicates

`upgradePatient`

- Vector: find patient, most urgent priority, break ties by earlier timestamp.
- Linked List: find patient, most urgent priority, break ties by order of linked list.
- Heap: find patient, most urgent priority, break ties by lexicographical order (use string comparison).

PatientQueue Constructor

```
// Constructor
PatientQueue()


// Destructor
~PatientQueue()
```

PatientQueue Member Methods

```
// adds new patient to queue
void newPatient(string name, int priority)

// returns and removes highest priority patient
string processPatient()

// updates patient to higher priority
void upgradePatient(string name, int newPriority)
```

PatientQueue Member Methods

```
// returns name of highest-priority patient
string frontName()

// returns priority of highest-priority patient
int frontPriority()

// removes all patients
void clear()

// returns the PatientQueue as a string
string toString()
```

```
PatientQueue()

~PatientQueue()

void newPatient(string name, int priority)

string processPatient()

void upgradePatient(string name, int newPriority)

string frontName()

int frontPriority()

void clear()

string toString()
```

Don’t Change the Header or Add Public Methods!

The Assignment

Implement a Priority Queue in three **different** ways.

Unsorted Vector | Sorted Linked List | Binary Min-Heap

Getting Started

Tip: complete Vector implementation by tonight!

Files

Header Files	CPP Files	Don't Edit (unless extensions)
VectorPatientQueue.h	VectorPatientQueue.cpp	patientnode.h
LinkedListPatientQueue.h	LinkedListPatientQueue.cpp	patientqueue.h
HeapPatientQueue.h	HeapPatientQueue.cpp	hospital.cpp
		patientnode.cpp

CPP Files

- All three are nearly identical.
- Same public methods to implement.
- **Do not change method headers!**

```
VectorPatientQueue::VectorPatientQueue() {
    // TODO: write this constructor
}

VectorPatientQueue::~VectorPatientQueue() {
    // TODO: write this destructor
}

void VectorPatientQueue::clear() {
    // TODO: write this function
}

string VectorPatientQueue::frontName() {
    // TODO: write this function
    return "";    // this is only here so it will compile
}

int VectorPatientQueue::frontPriority() {
    // TODO: write this function
    return 0;    // this is only here so it will compile
}

bool VectorPatientQueue::isEmpty() {
    // TODO: write this function
    return false;    // this is only here so it will compile
}

void VectorPatientQueue::newPatient(string name, int priority) {
    // TODO: write this function
}

string VectorPatientQueue::processPatient() {
    // TODO: write this function
    return "";    // this is only here so it will compile
}

void VectorPatientQueue::upgradePatient(string name, int newPriority) {
    // TODO: write this function
}

string VectorPatientQueue::toString() {
    // TODO: write this function
    return ""; // this is only here so it will compile
}
```

Header Files

- Add your instance variables.
- Add your private member methods.
- Add your structs (if necessary).
- **Don't change public methods!**

```
#pragma once

#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include "patientqueue.h"
using namespace std;

class VectorPatientQueue : public PatientQueue {
public:
    VectorPatientQueue();
    ~VectorPatientQueue();
    string frontName();
    void clear();
    int frontPriority();
    bool isEmpty();
    void newPatient(string name, int priority);
    string processPatient();
    void upgradePatient(string name, int newPriority);
    string toString();

private:
    // TODO: add specified member variable(s)
    // TODO: add any member functions necessary

};
```

Summary of Assignment

For Vector, Linked List, and Heap:

- Add instance variables.
- Implement constructor and destructor.
- Implement all 7 member methods.
- Test, test, test!

Summary of Assignment

Unsorted Vector

Create your own struct.

Store elements in **unsorted** order in a Vector of structs.

Maintain Vector.

Sorted Linked List

Use provided struct.

Store elements in sorted order using a linked list.

Maintain “front” pointer.

Binary Heap

Create your own struct.

Organized in a **heap** (stored as an array of structs).

Maintain array.

v[0]	v[1]	v[2]	v[3]
Pam 4	**Dwight** 5	**Jim** 4	**Michael** 1

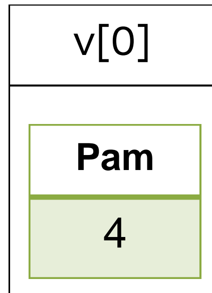
Unsorted Vector

Simple but slow implementation.

Vector Implementation

Empty Vector

Vector Implementation



Add patient Pam, priority 4

Vector Implementation

v[0]	v[1]
Pam 4	Dwight 5

Add patient Dwight, priority 5

Vector Implementation

v[0]	v[1]	v[2]
Pam 4	Dwight 5	Jim 4

Add patient Jim, priority 4

Vector Implementation

v[0]	v[1]	v[2]	v[3]
Pam 4	**Dwight** 5	**Jim** 4	**Michael** 1

Add patient Michael, priority 1

Vector Implementation

v[0]	v[1]	v[2]	v[3]
Pam 4	Dwight 5	Jim 1	Michael 1

Upgrade Jim to priority 1

Vector Implementation

v[0]	v[1]	v[2]	v[3]
Pam 4	**Dwight** 5	**Jim** 1	**Michael** 1

Now we process a patient.
Do we process Jim or Michael?

Vector Implementation

v[0]	v[1]	v[2]	v[3]
Pam 4	**Dwight** 5	**Jim** 1	**Michael** 1

Michael - he had priority 1 first

Vector Implementation

- You may use an **int** for a **timestamp** in your struct.
- You have to determine how to track that!

Name	Pam
Priority	4
Timestamp	1

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Use the Big-O as a hint as to how to implement.

Don't overthink it!

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Vector is unsorted!

Must loop over entire vector to find patient with minimum priority.

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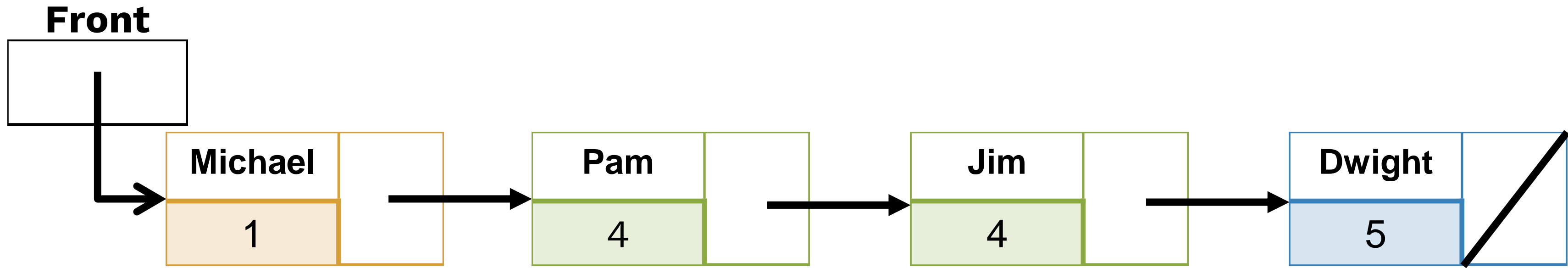
CONSOLE

"{4:Pam, 5:Dwight, 1:Jim, 1:Michael}"

For Vector, order of printing is not important

Questions?

I’m being a little vague so you have some design choices as well!



Linked List

Show off your new shiny pointer skills!

Struct Given to You

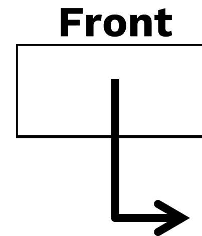
```
struct PatientNode {
        string name;
        int priority;
        PatientNode* next;
};
```

name	next
priority	

Michael	
1	

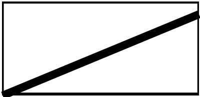
Instance Variables

```
class VectorPatientQueue : public PatientQueue {
	public:
		…
	private:
		PatientNode* front;
		// nothing else is allowed!!!
};
```



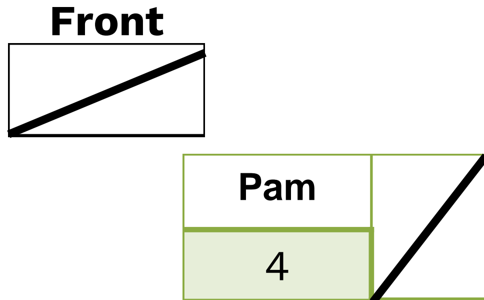
Linked List

- Maintain a **front** pointer to a linked list.
- Initially **`nullptr`**.



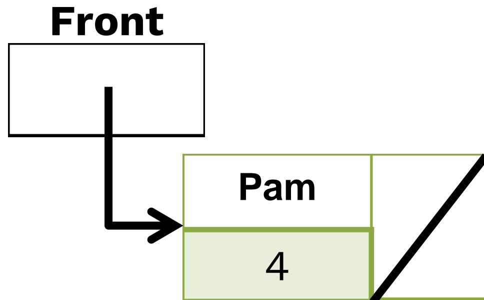
Linked List

- As patients added, keep them **sorted** in priority.



Linked List

- As patients added, keep them **sorted** in priority.
- Last patient has next pointer of **`nullptr`**.



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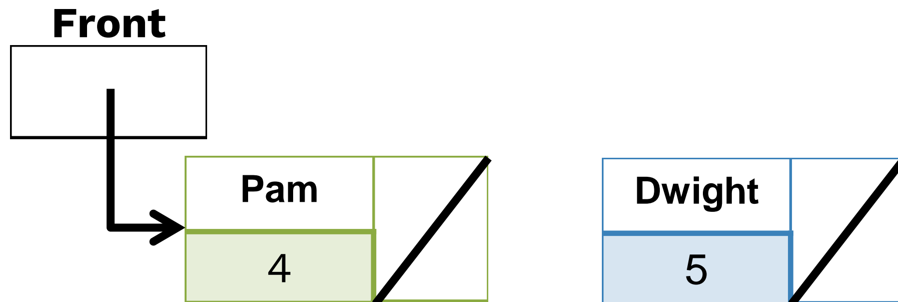
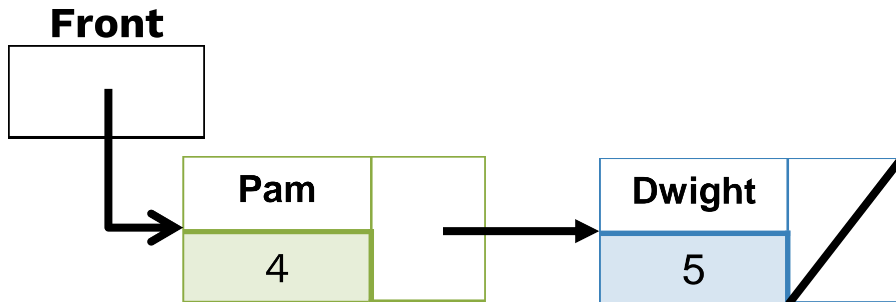


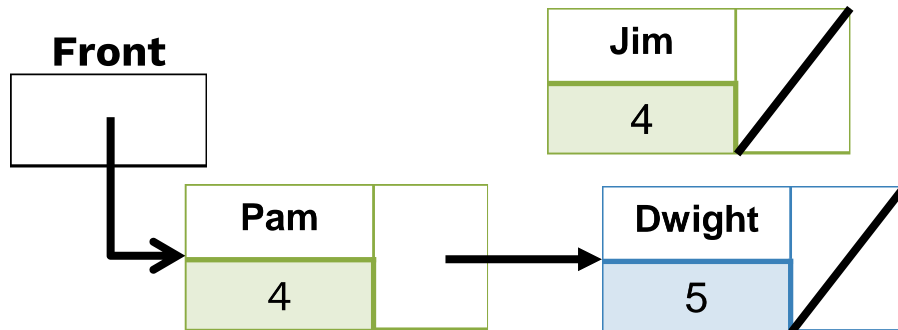
Linked List

- Keep how adding to different parts of the list require different pointer gymnastics.



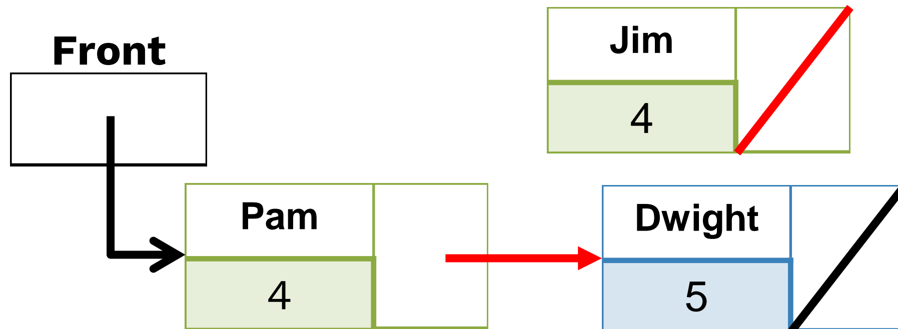
Linked List

- What happens if we try to insert between two existing patients?



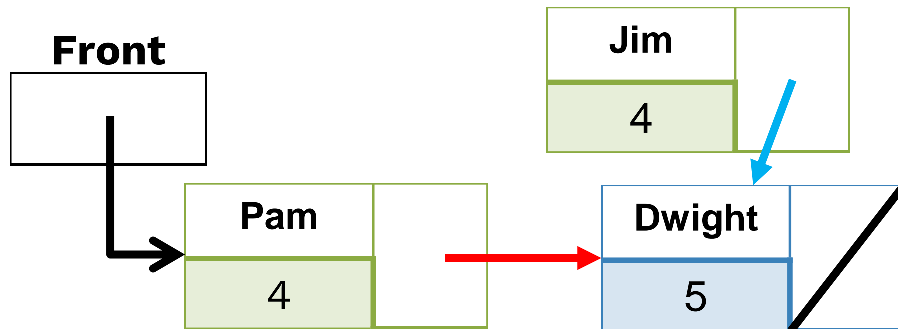
Linked List

- Which pointers need to be modified?



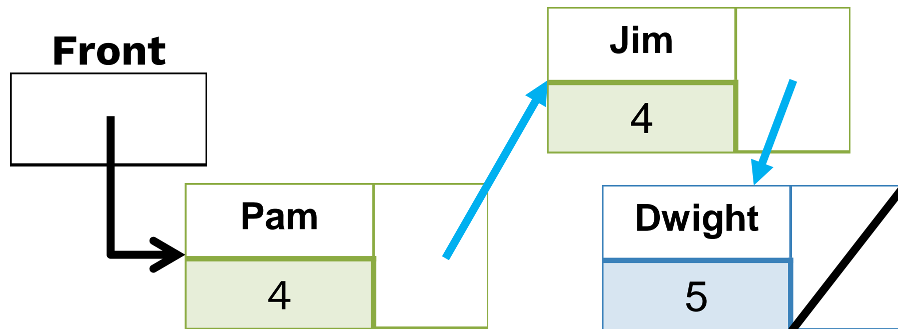
Linked List

- We deal with this pointer first. Why?



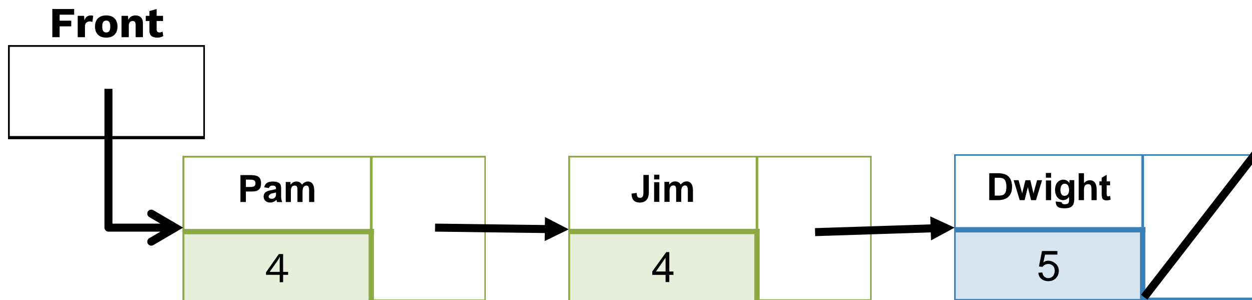
Linked List

- Order matters! Don’t lose the rest of your list!



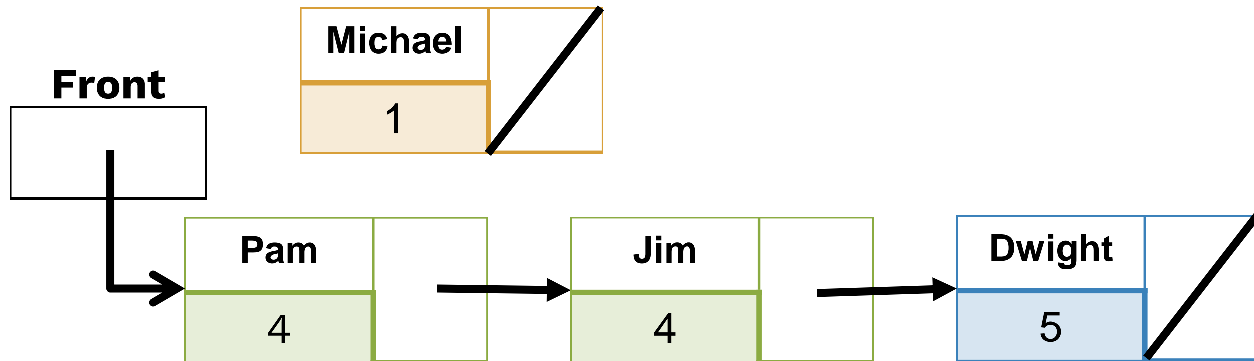
Linked List

- And here's our new list.



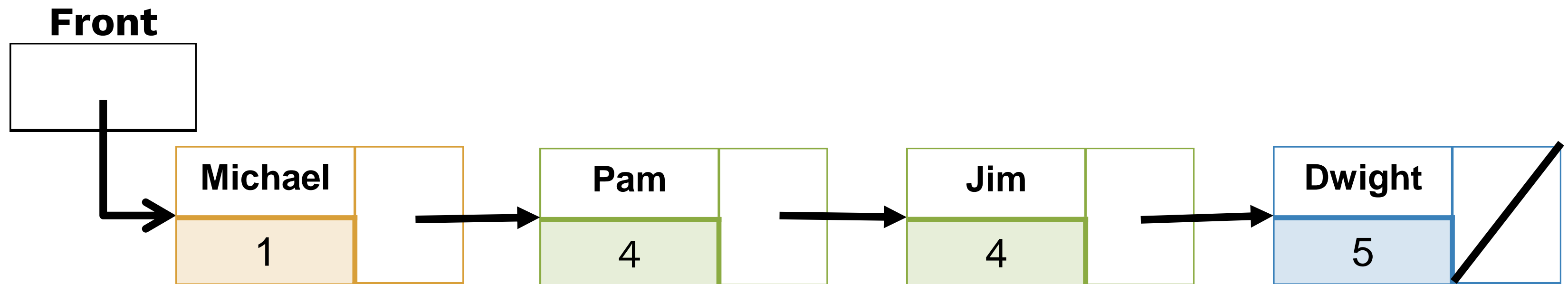
Linked List

- Let’s add one more.



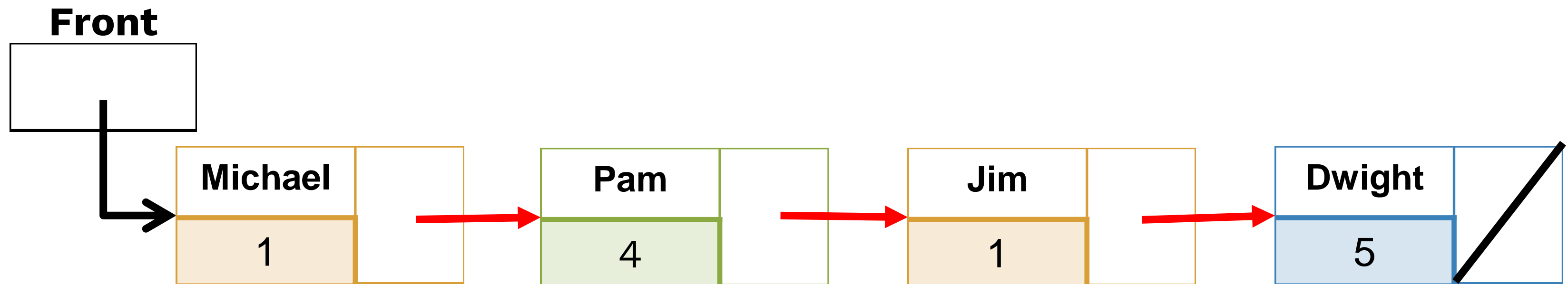
Linked List

- Notice that different pointers were being moved depending on where the patient is added.



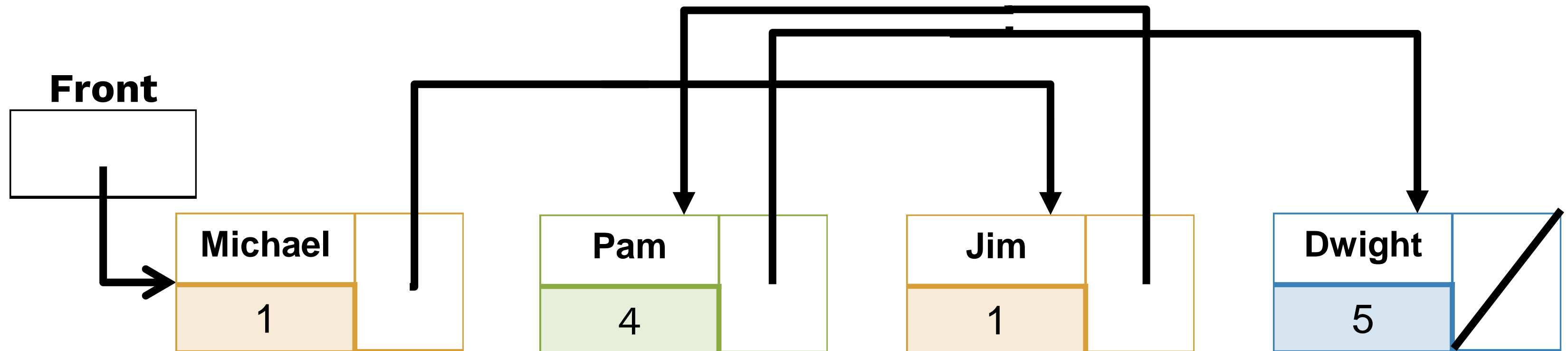
Linked List

- Same deal with upgrading Jim to priority 1.



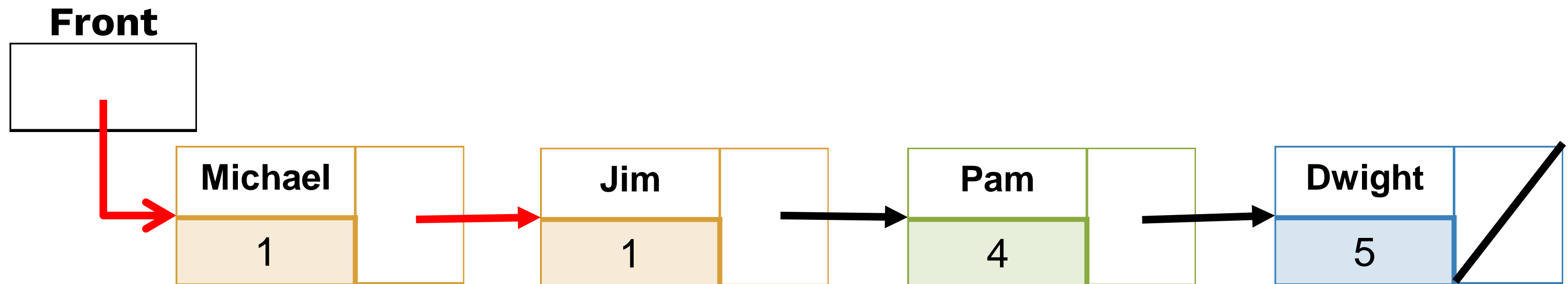
Linked List

- Same deal with upgrade and removing.



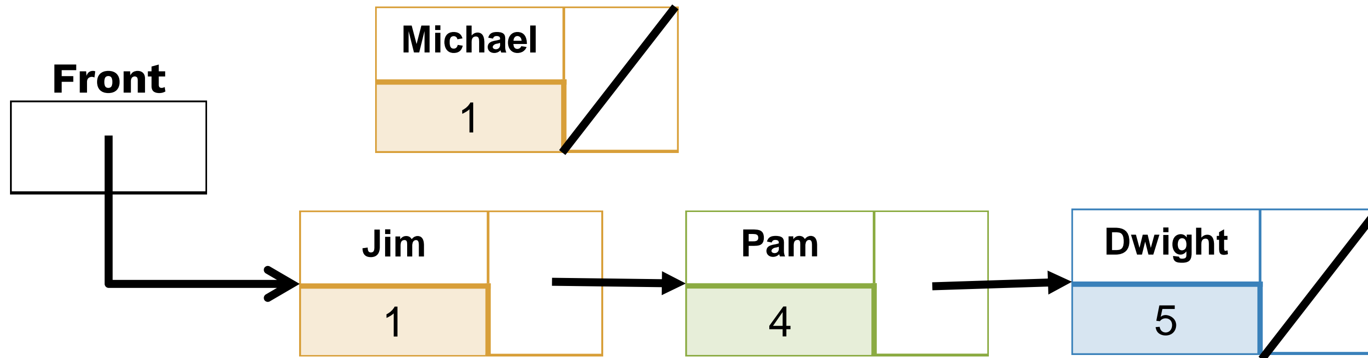
Linked List

- And processing patient?



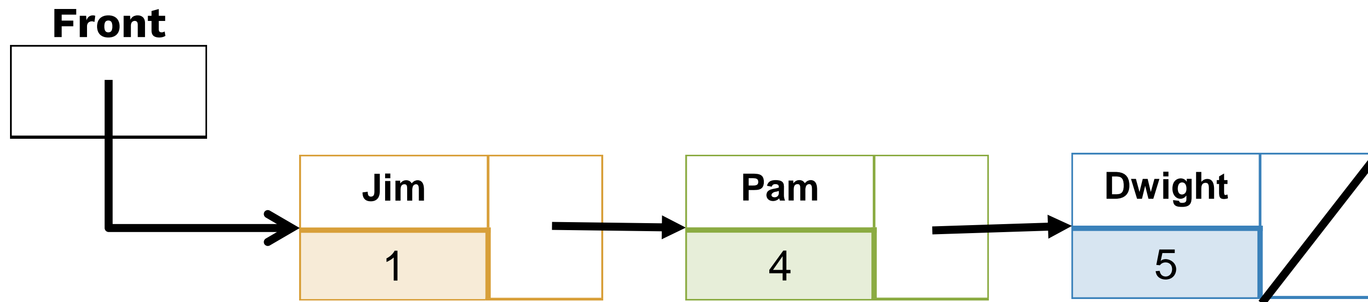
Linked List

- What happens to Michael?



Linked List

- Michael gets deleted. **Don’t forget to free memory!**



```
p = s1;
s1 = s1 → next ;

(s1 → data = = x)

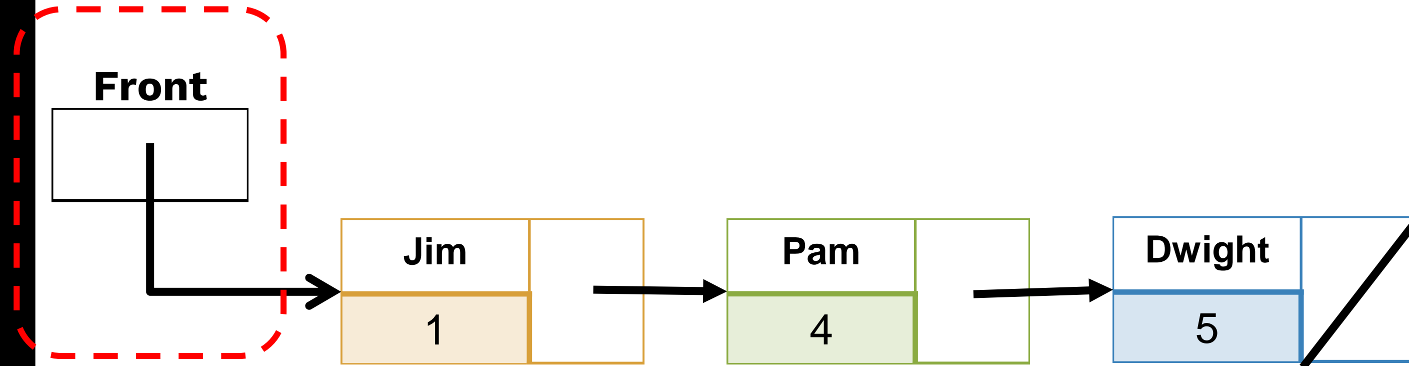
p → next = s1 → next;
free (s1);
s1 = null ;
```

```
p = S1 ;
S1 = S1 → next
```

Draw as you code!

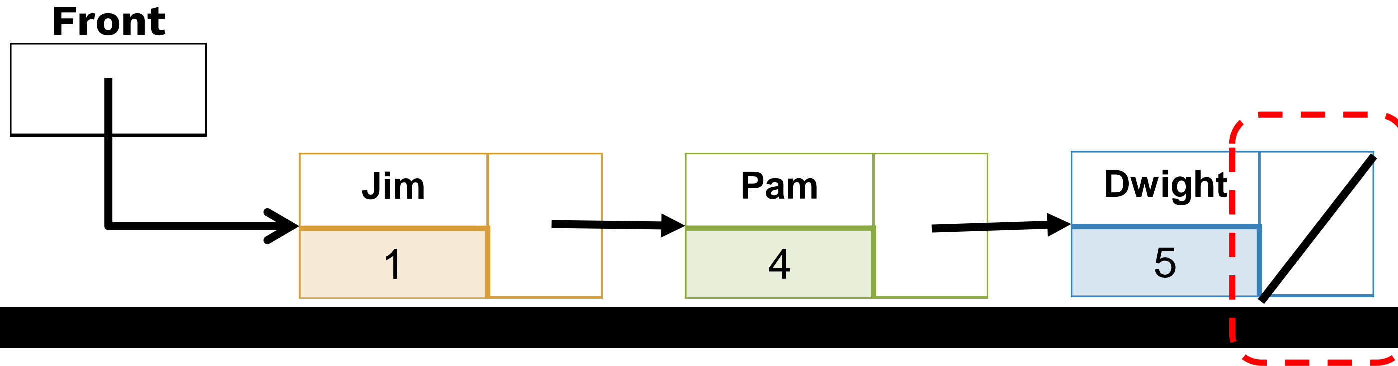
Reminders

- The class should **only** maintain your **front** pointer.



Reminders

- Last node should always be a **nullptr**!



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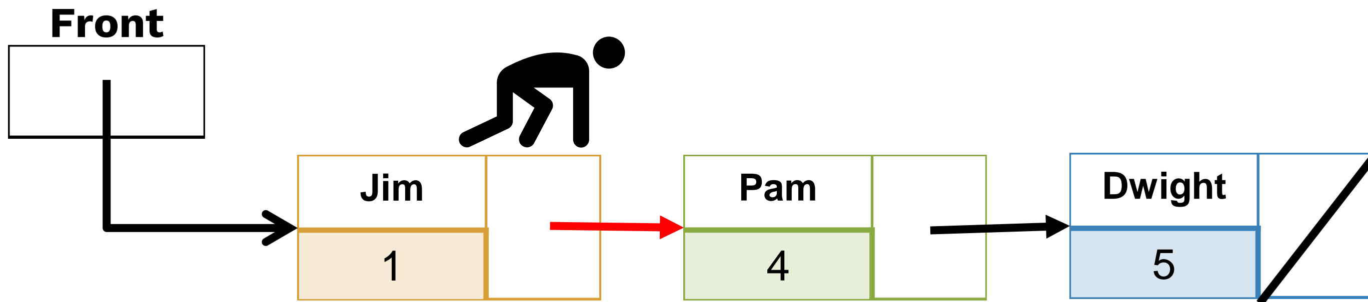

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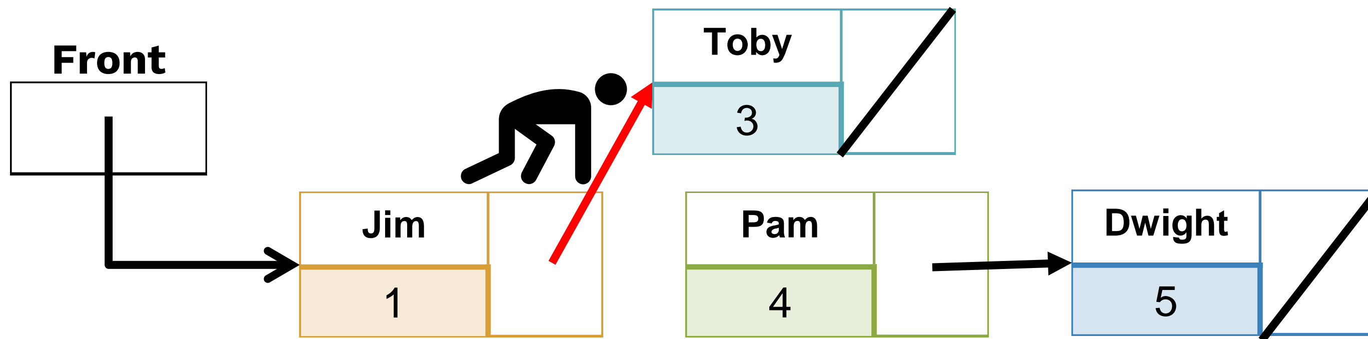
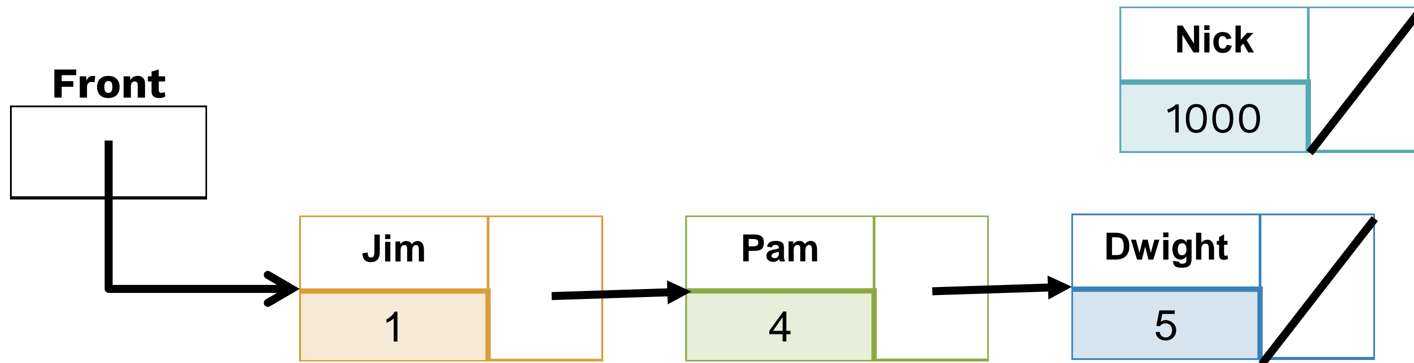


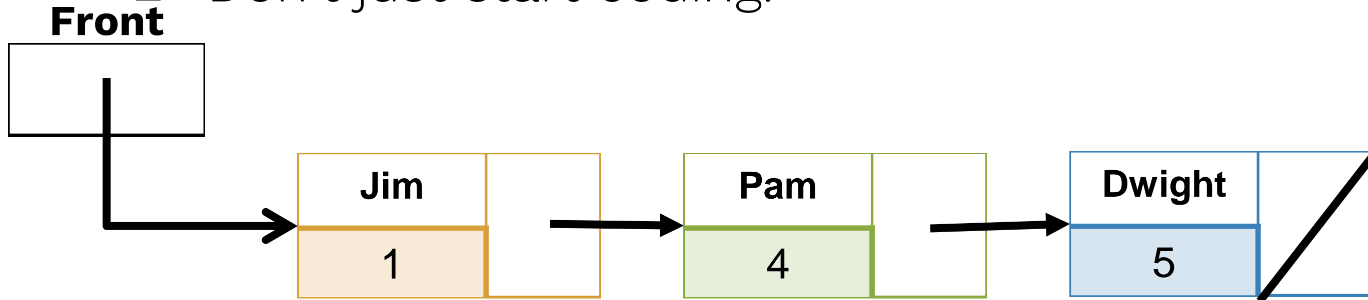
Reminders

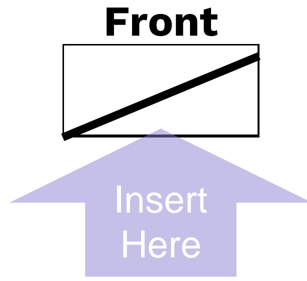
- Don’t create extra (or dummy) nodes.



More Tips

- After you've come up with your logic, draw baby examples (like this one) to see if it works.
- Don't just start coding!

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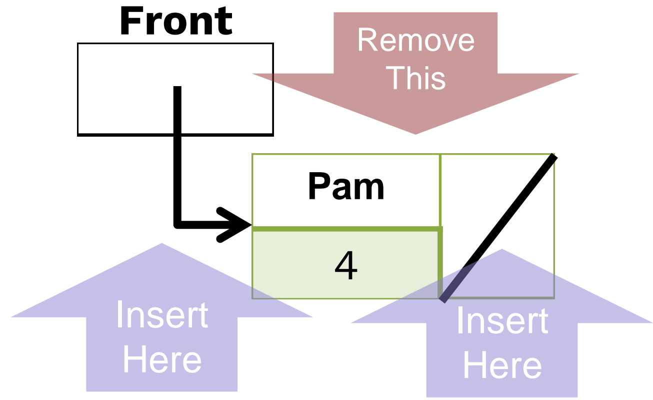
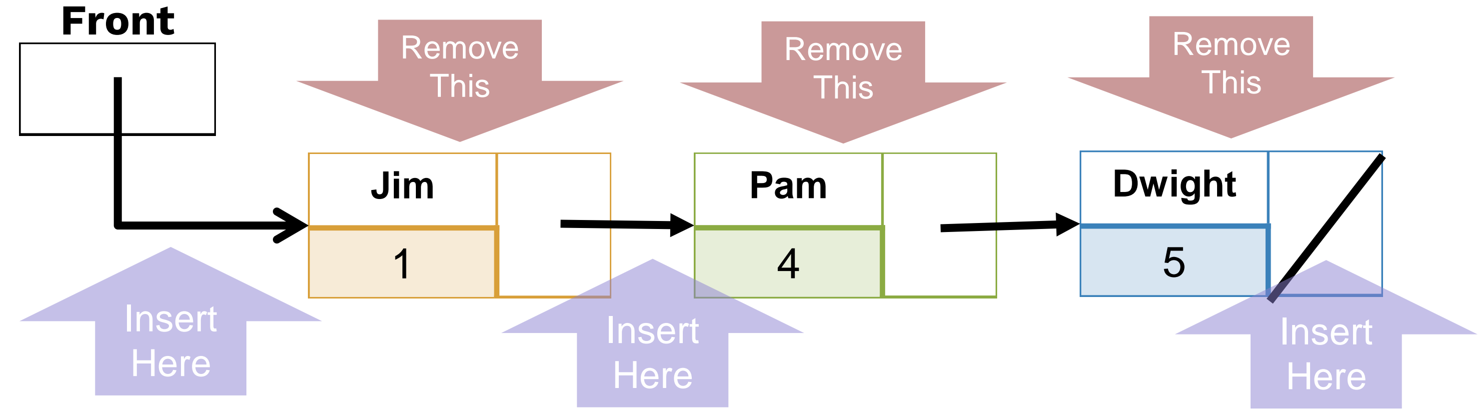
Insert Here


Front
Remove This
Pam
4
Insert Here
Insert Here


Front
Remove This
Remove This
Remove This
Jim
1
Pam
4
Dwight
5
Insert Here
Insert Here
Insert Here

Questions

- Why don’t we need a timestamp?
- Is enqueuing or dequeuing faster?
- We don’t know the size. How do we know we’re at the end of a list?

KEEP
CALM
THEN
...
SEGFAULT

How to deal with seg faults?

- Did you do necessary checks `if (ptr == nullptr)`?
- Is a pointer still pointing to deleted garbage?
- Draw pictures! Stray arrows will speak for themselves.
- Come to LaIR, and we'll struggle together ☺

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Use it to see if you are implementing it correctly!

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Does my code take care of all cases (front, middle, back)?

What if this is the first patient?

Does my code take care of duplicates? Ties?

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What if this is the last patient?

What if there are no patients left?

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Does my code handle duplicates?

Is my code breaking ties correctly?

Do I make unnecessary passes (loops)?

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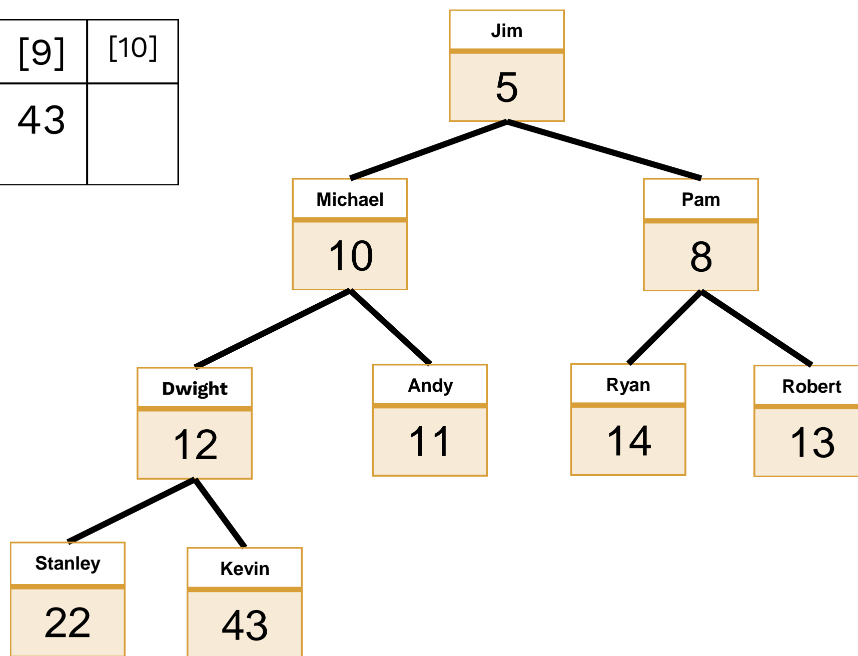
Am I freeing memory correctly?

Questions?

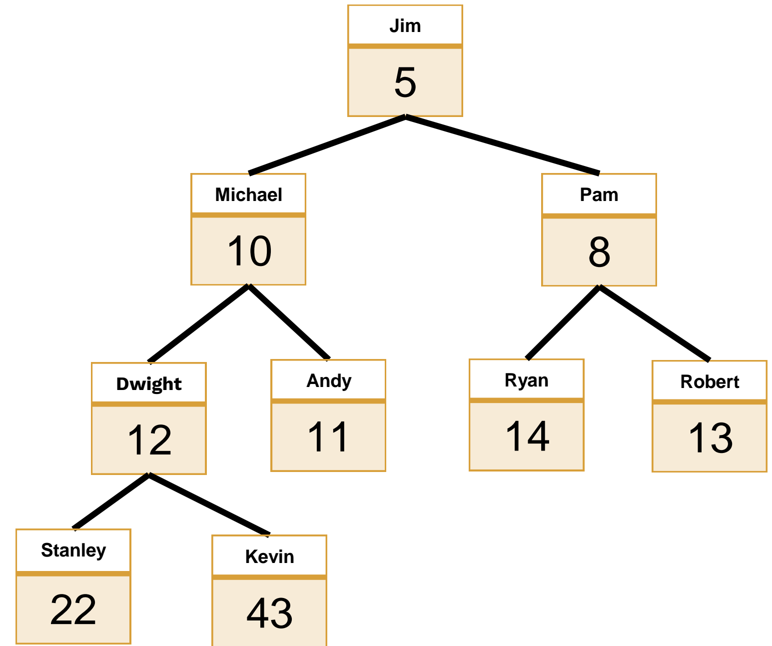
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
	5	10	8	12	11	14	13	22	43	



Binary Heap

Fun with arrays and heaps!

What is a Heap?



- Tree-based structure
- Parents have higher priority than any of their children
- No implied ordering with sibilings

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Can you figure it out?

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- Only instance variable is size, capacity, and a **pointer to an internal array of elements**.
- Do not use a Vector!

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- When array is full, resize to larger array.
- See Wed lecture.

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- Are you bubbling up or down correctly?
- The log N runtime is very important!

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- When ties occur, use comparative operations (<, >, ==, !=).
- Only applies for the Heap!

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- Only time when you need to loop through the entire heap.

Questions?

Thanks!

Any questions?