



CSC212

Data Structure

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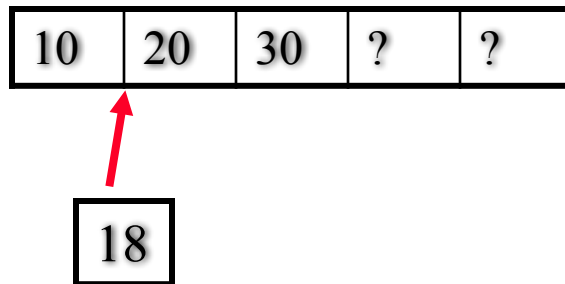
Lecture 9

Linked Lists

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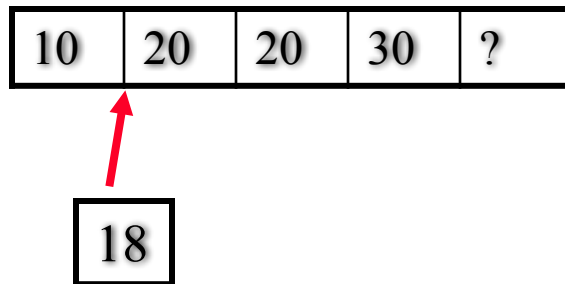
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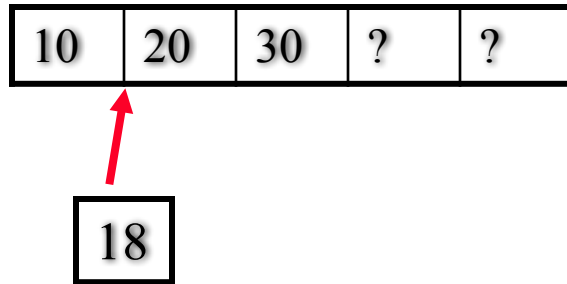
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- So the Big-O of the insert is $O(n)$

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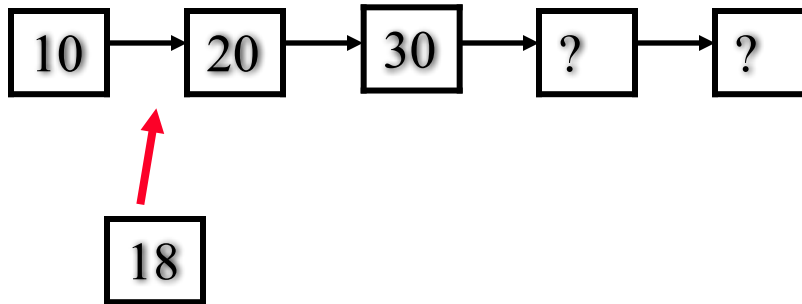
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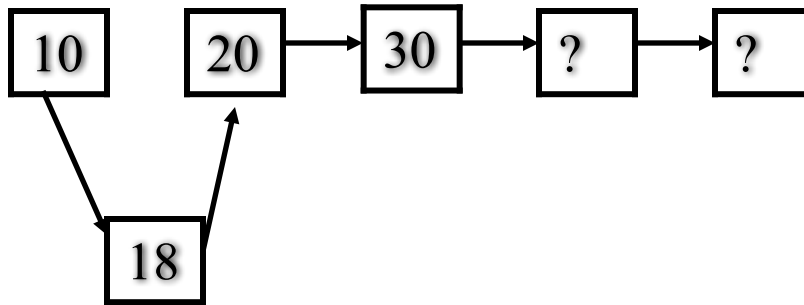
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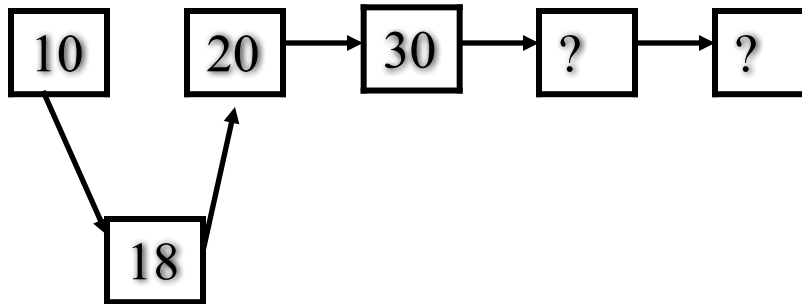
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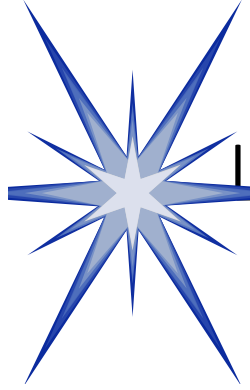
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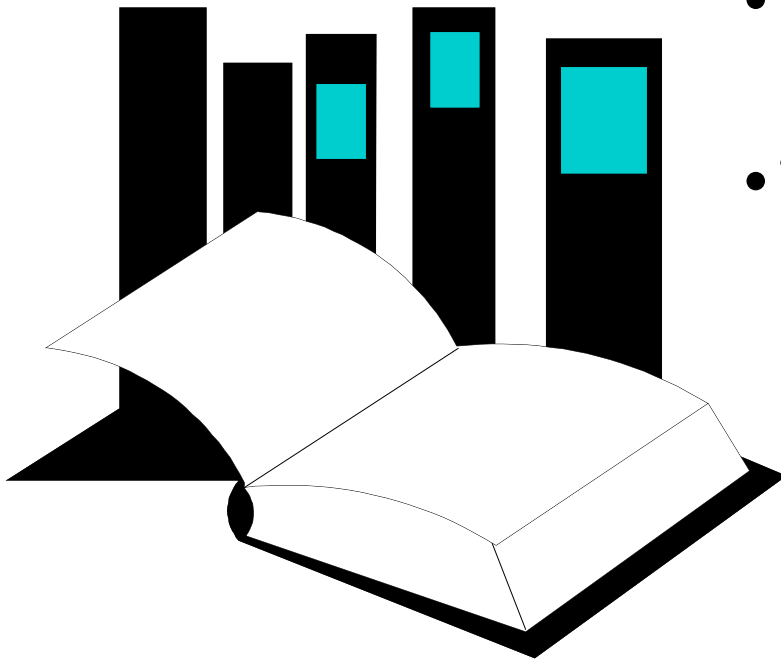
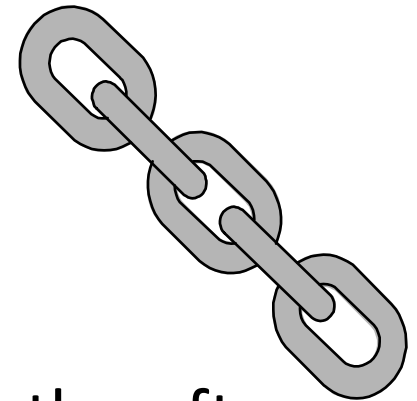
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But the links (->) need some way to build up



Linked Lists in Action



- Chapter 5 introduces the often-used data structure of linked lists.
- This presentation shows how to implement the most common operations on linked lists.

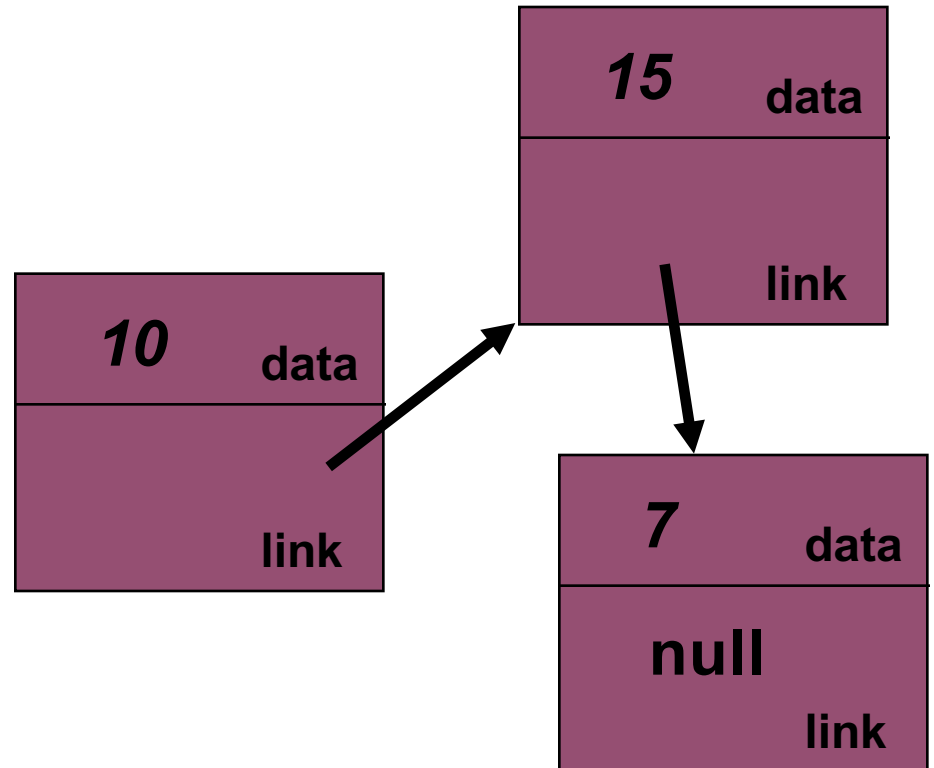
CHAPTER 5

Data Structures and Other Objects

Declarations for Linked Lists

- Each node in the linked list is a class, as shown here.

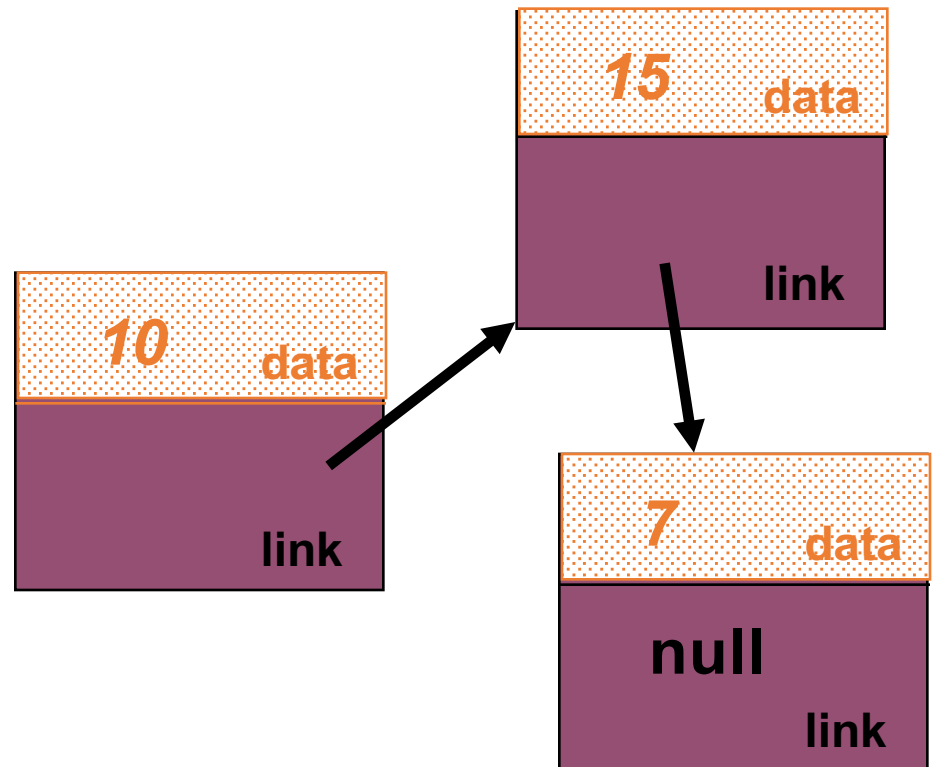
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{
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    typedef int value_type;
    ...
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};
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Declarations for Linked Lists

- The data portion of each node is a type called value_type, defined by a typedef.

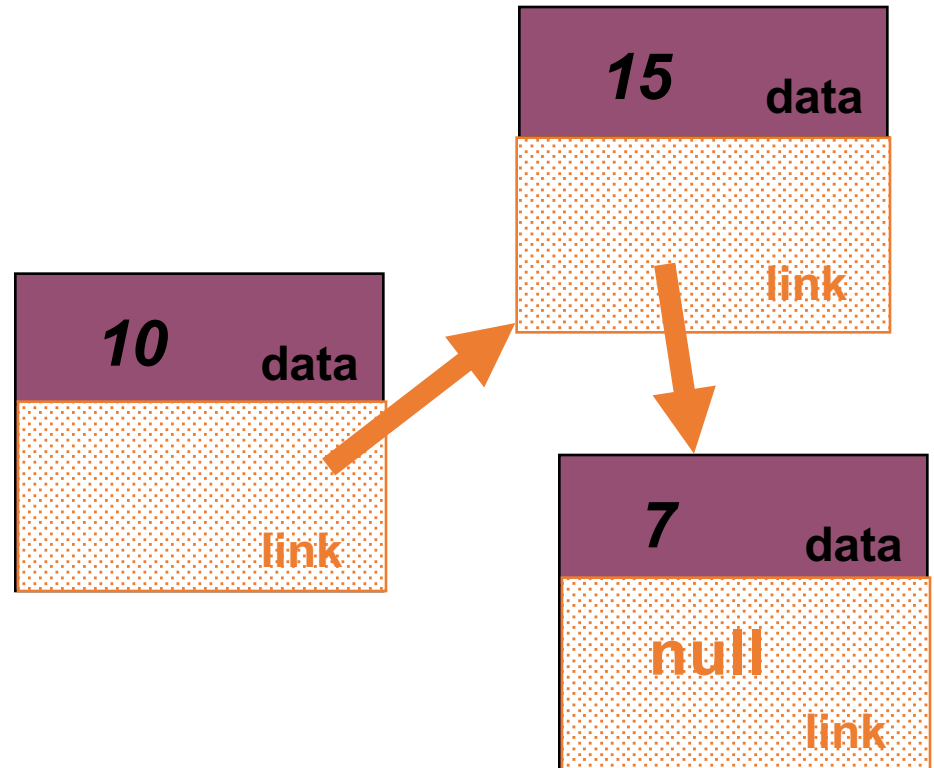
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- Each node also contains a link field which is a pointer to another node.

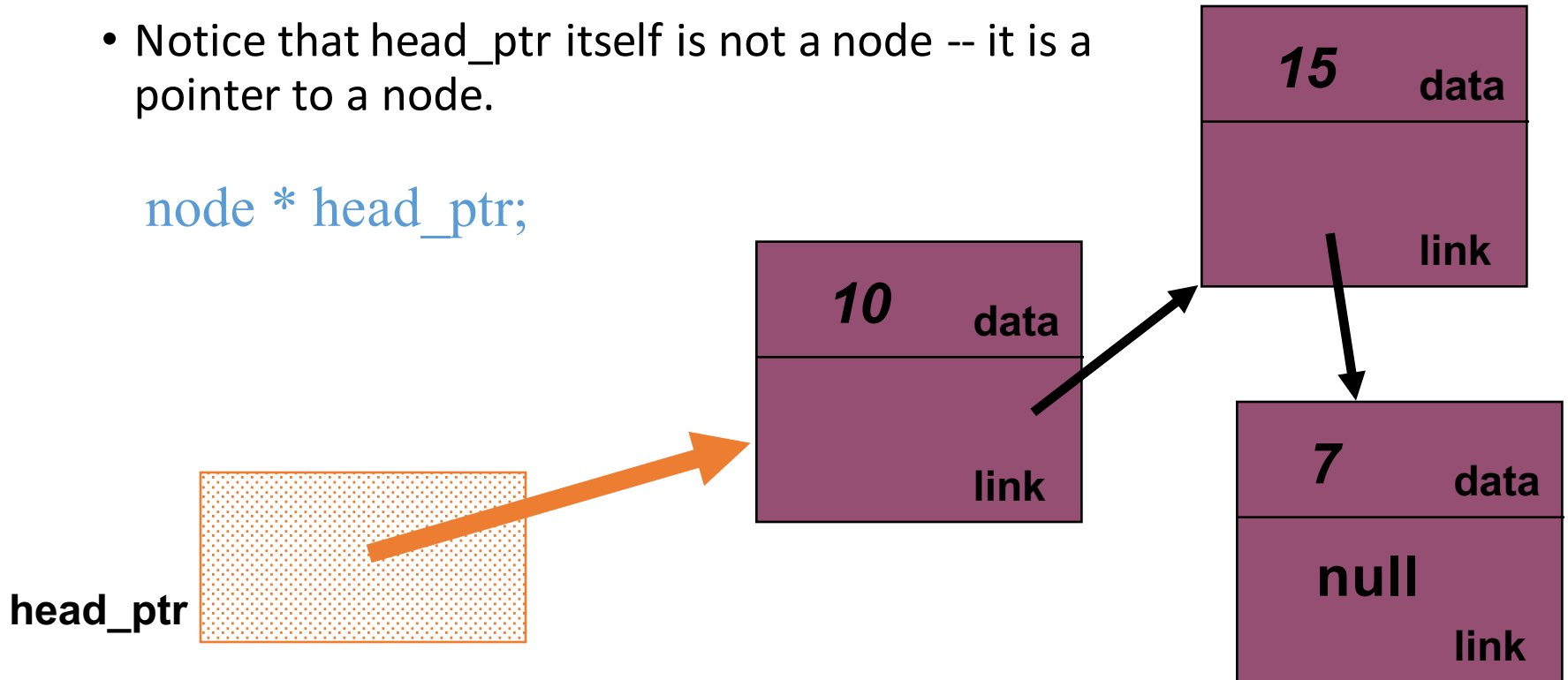
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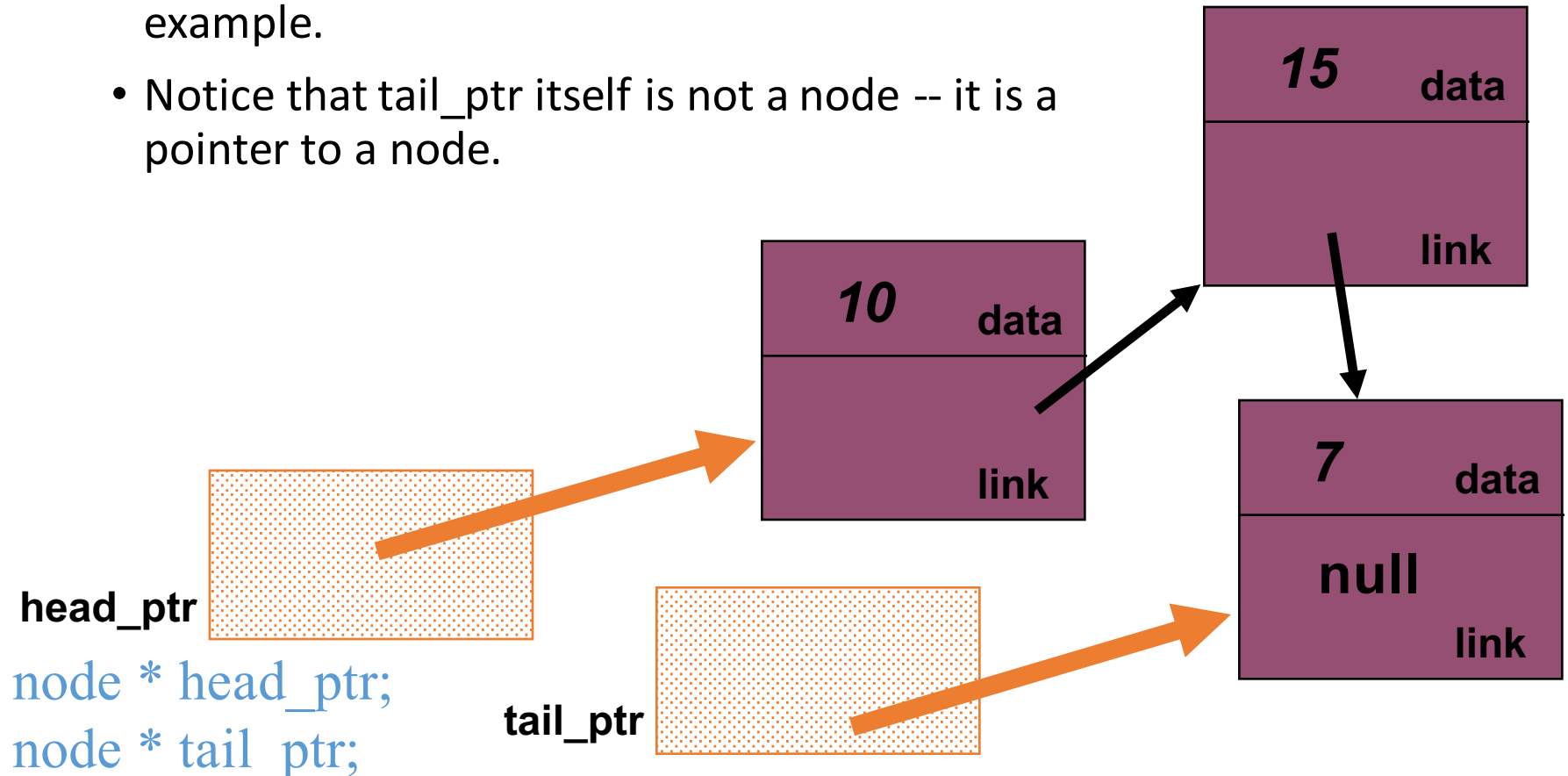
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- A program can keep track of the first and the last nodes by using pointer variables such as **head_ptr**, **tail_ptr**.
- Notice that neither head_ptr nor tail_ptr is a node - it is a pointer to a node.
- For an empty list, **null** *is stored* in both the head and the tail pointers.

```
node * head_ptr;  
node * tail_ptr;  
head_ptr = NULL;  
tail_ptr = NULL;  
  
// NULL can be  
used for any  
pointers!
```

head_ptr



tail_ptr



The Complete **node** Class Definition

- The node class is fundamental to linked lists
- The private member variables
 - data: a value_type variable
 - link: a pointer to the next node
- The member functions include:
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class node
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```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    // TYPEDEF  
    typedef double value_type;
```

```
    // CONSTRUCTOR
```

```
    node(  
        const value_type& init_data = value_type(),  
        node* init_link = NULL  
    )  
    { data = init_data; link = init_link; }
```

```
    // Member functions to set the data and link fields:
```

```
    void set_data(const value_type& new_data) { data = new_data; }  
    void set_link(node* new_link)           { link = new_link; }
```

```
    // Constant member function to retrieve the current data:
```

```
    value_type data() const { return data; }
```

```
    // Two slightly different member functions to retrieve  
    // the current link:
```


```
    const node* link() const { return link; }  
    node* link()           { return link; }
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```
private:
```

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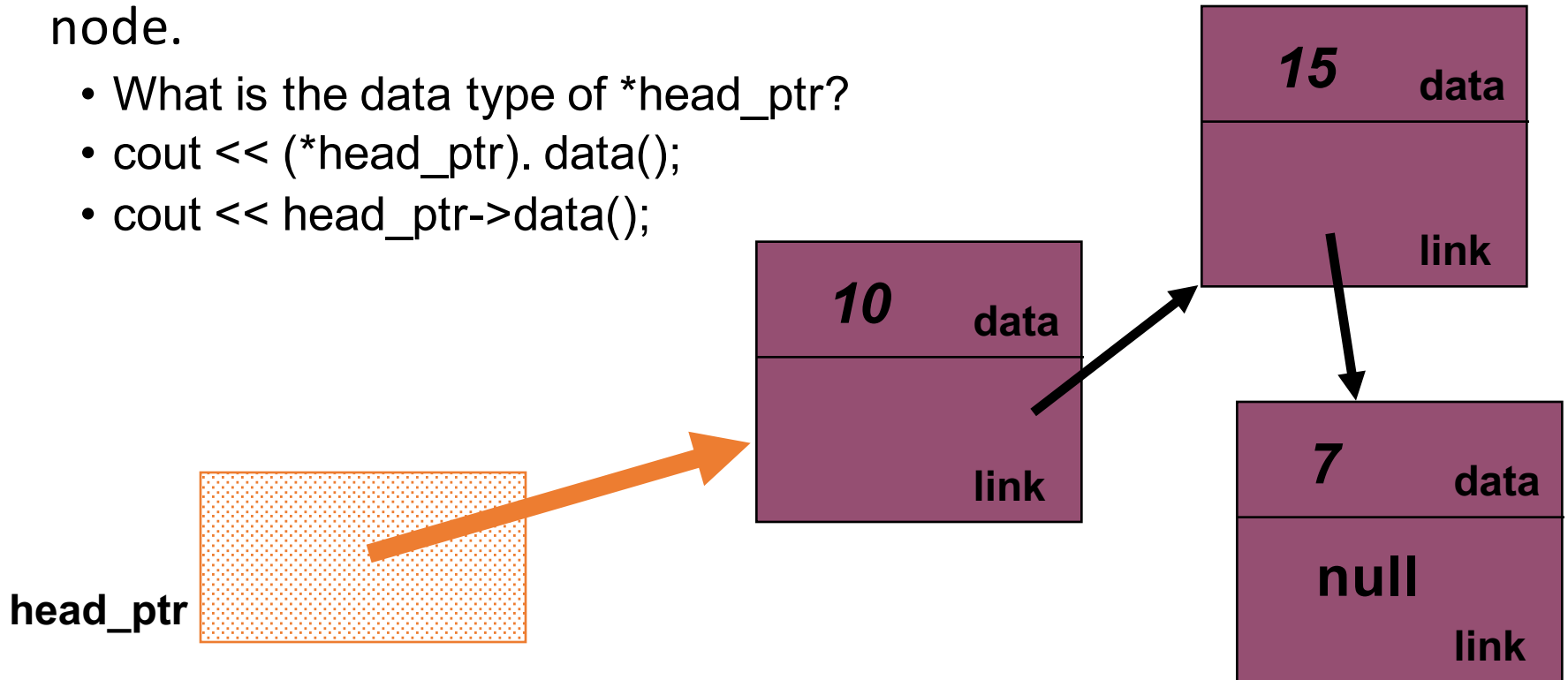
default argument given
by the value_type
default constructor



Why TWO? p. 213-4

A Small Quiz -

- Suppose a program has built the linked list as shown, and `head_ptr` is a pointer to a node.
 - What is the data type of `*head_ptr`?
 - `cout << (*head_ptr). data();`
 - `cout << head_ptr->data();`



Linked List Toolkit

- Design Container Classes using Linked Lists
 - The use of a linked list is similar to our previous use of an array in a container class
 - But storing and retrieving needs more work since we do not have that handy indexing
- => Linked List Toolbox
 - using node class

The Workings of four functions

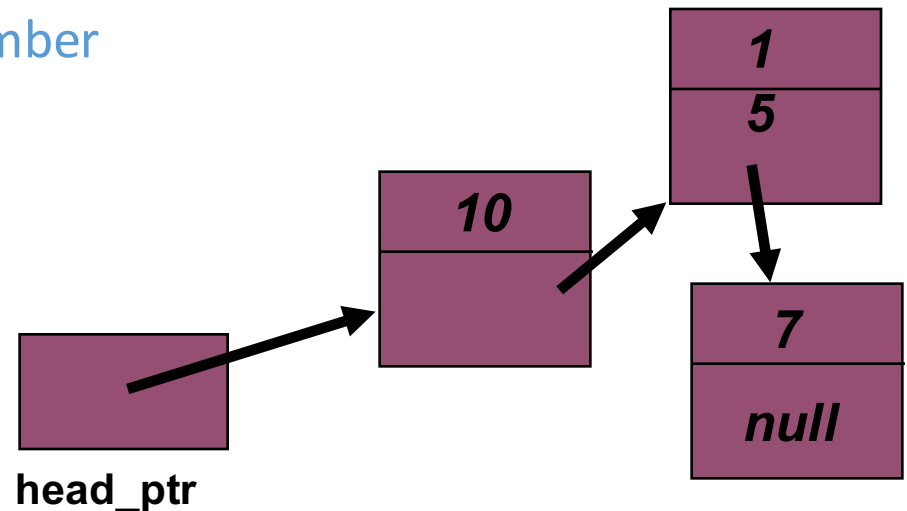
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Length of a Linked List

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size_t list_length(const node* head_ptr);
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We simply want to compute the length of the linked list, for example the one shown here.

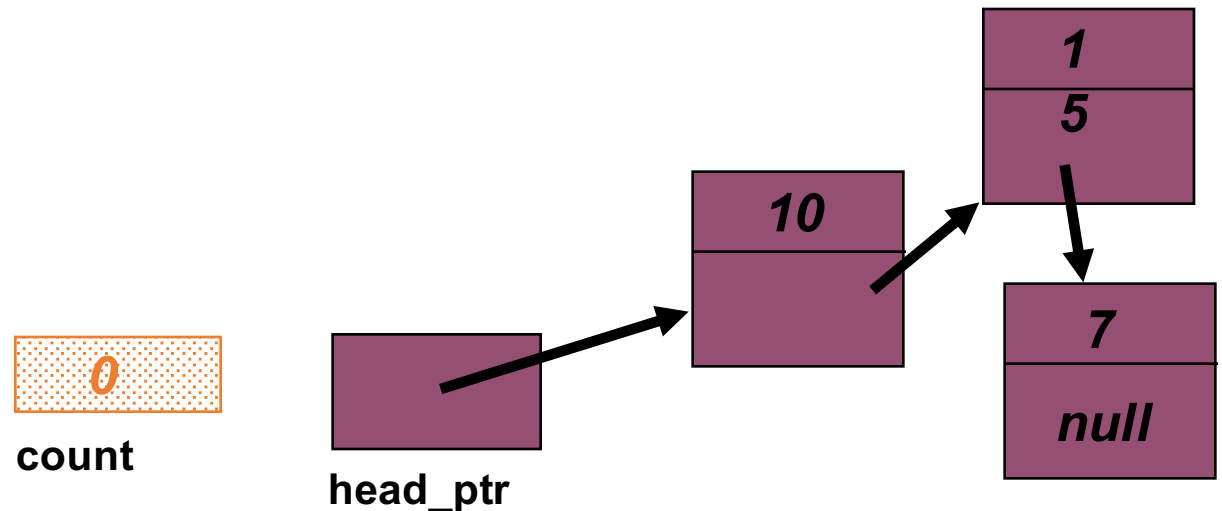
Note that `list_length` is not a member function of the node class



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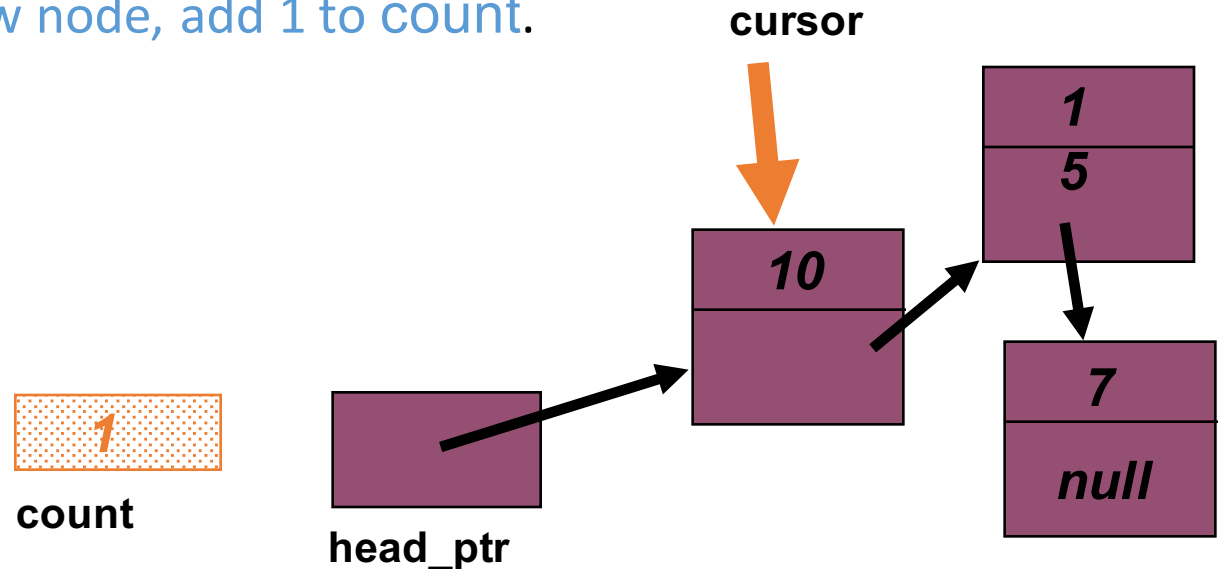
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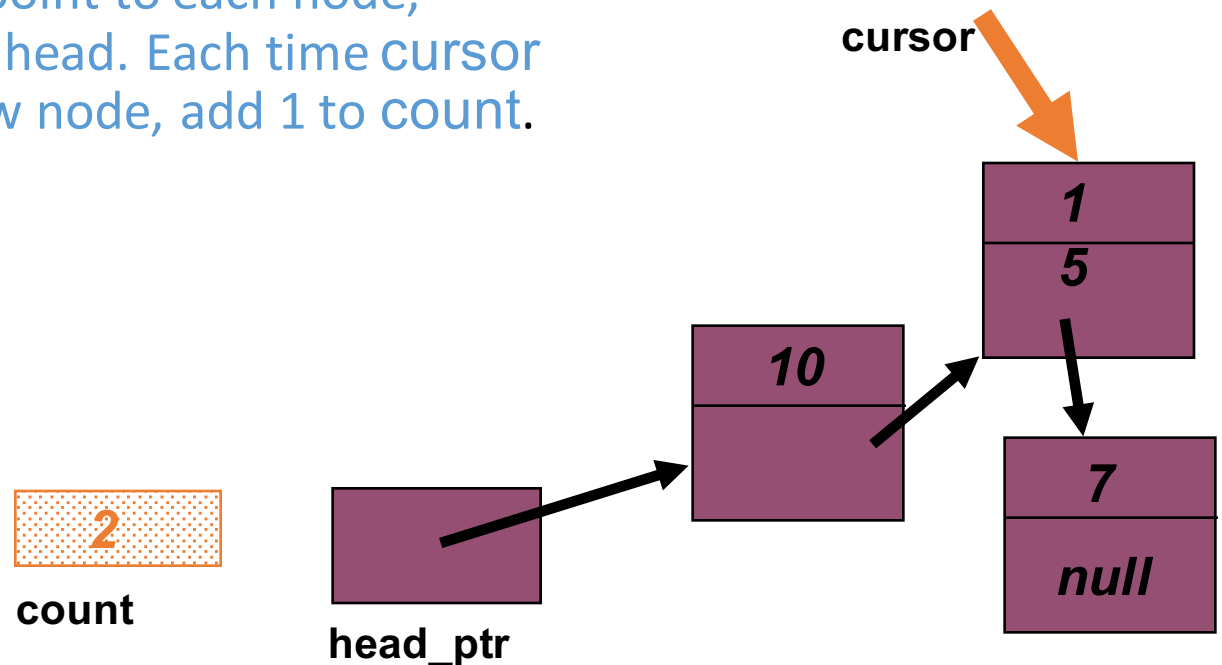
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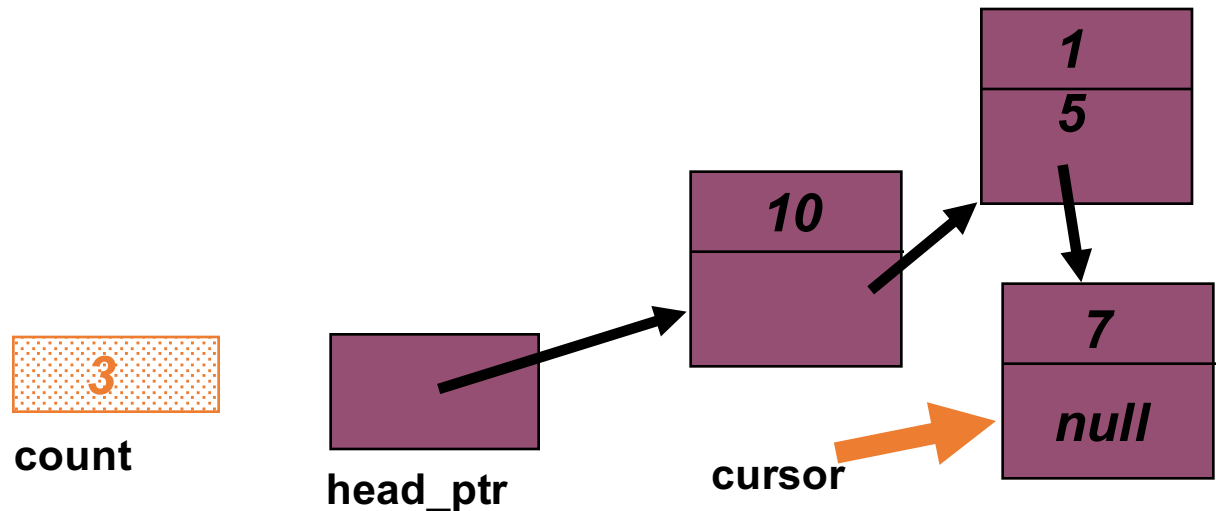
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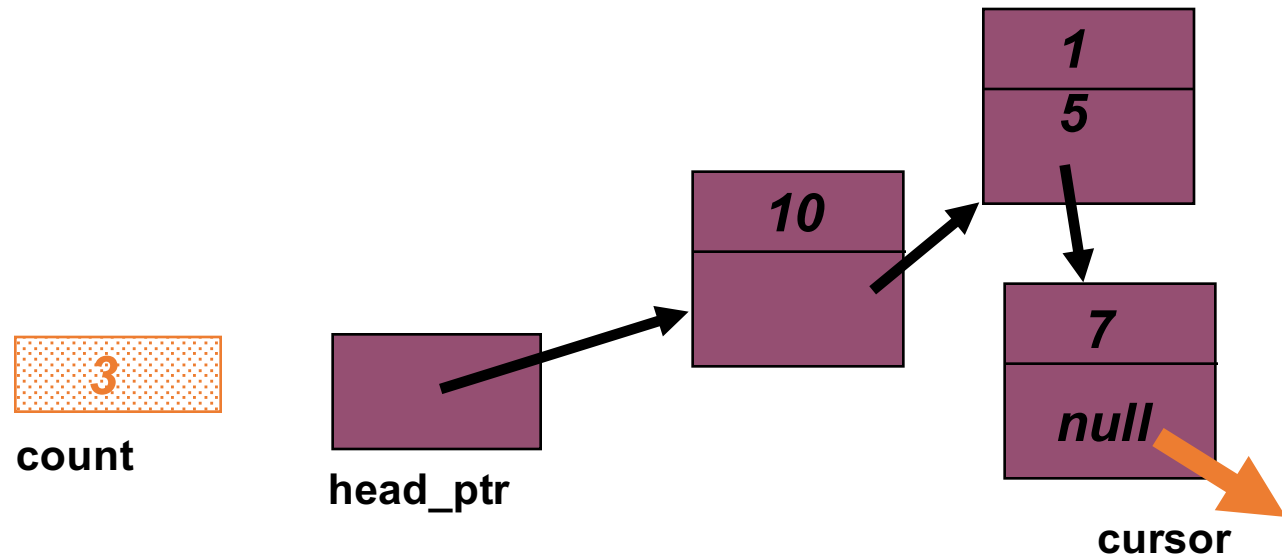
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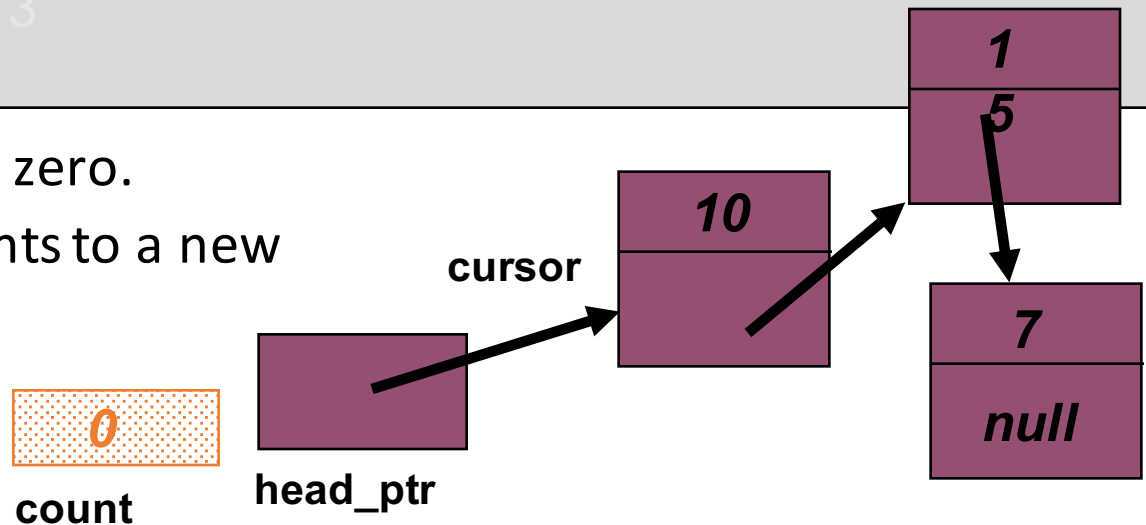
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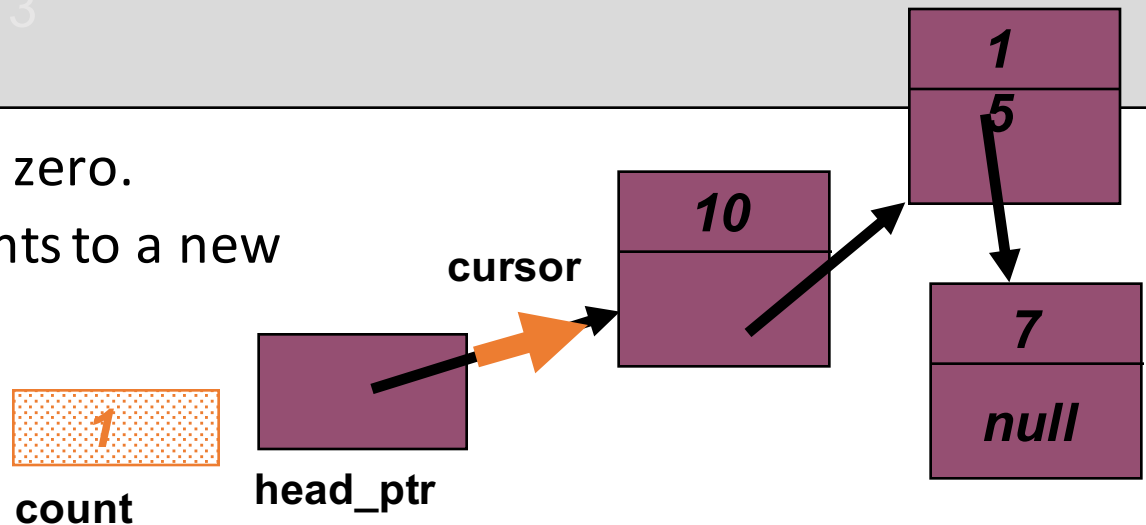
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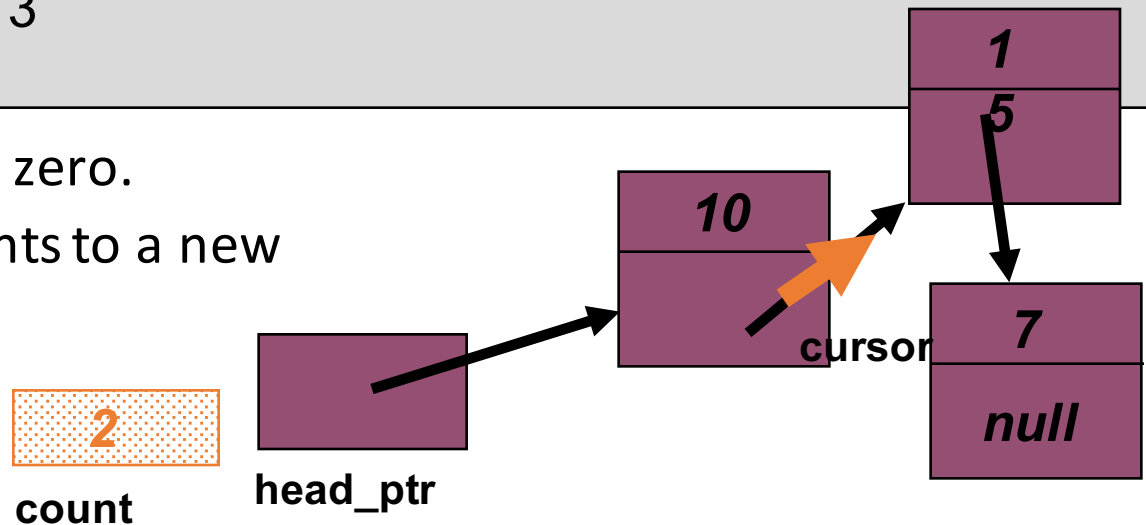
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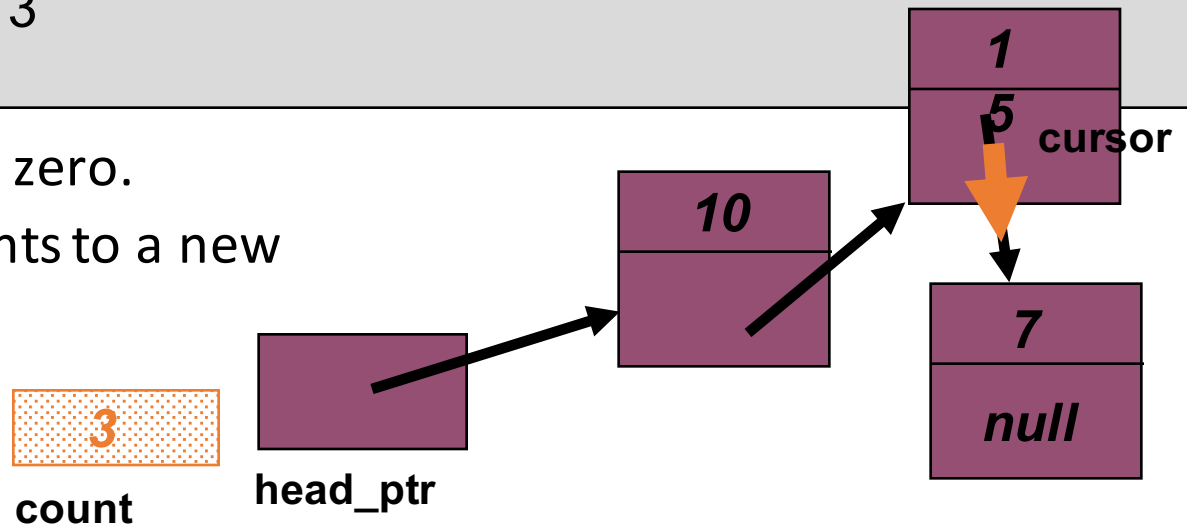
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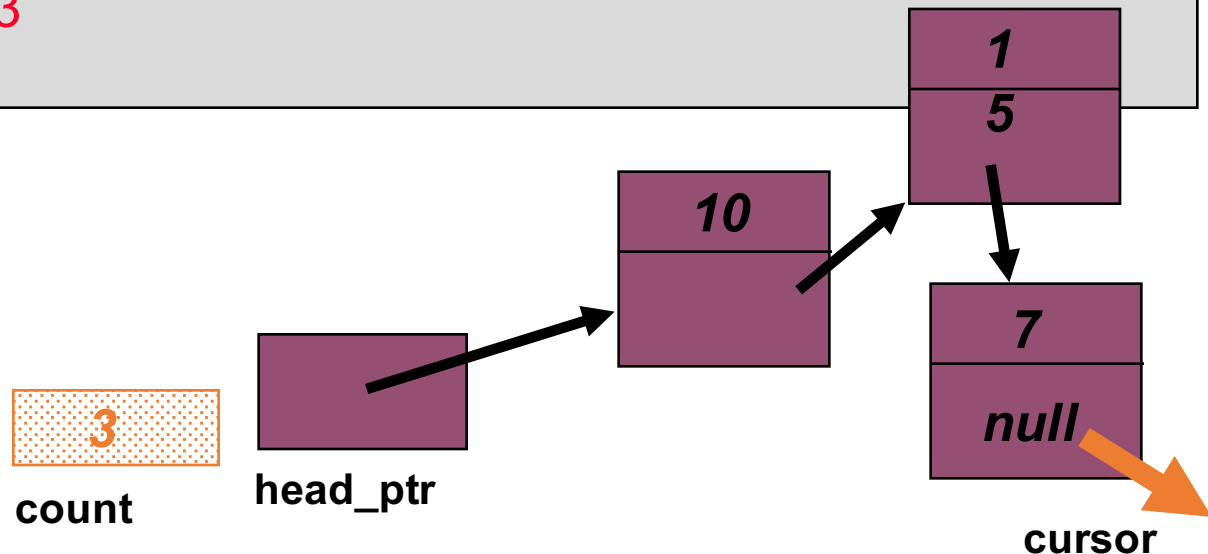
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Big-O: $O(n)$ if length is n

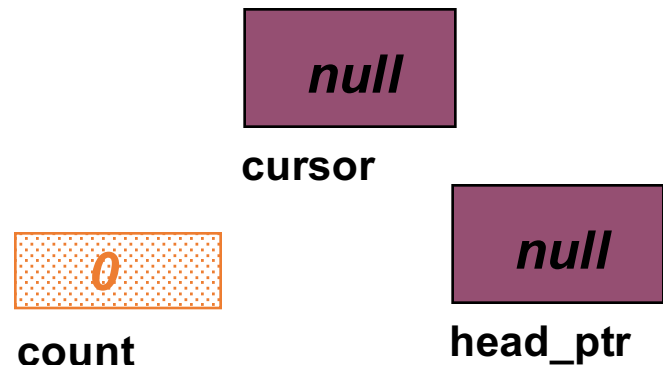


Is list_length works for an empty list?

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cursor = head_ptr = NULL

count = 0



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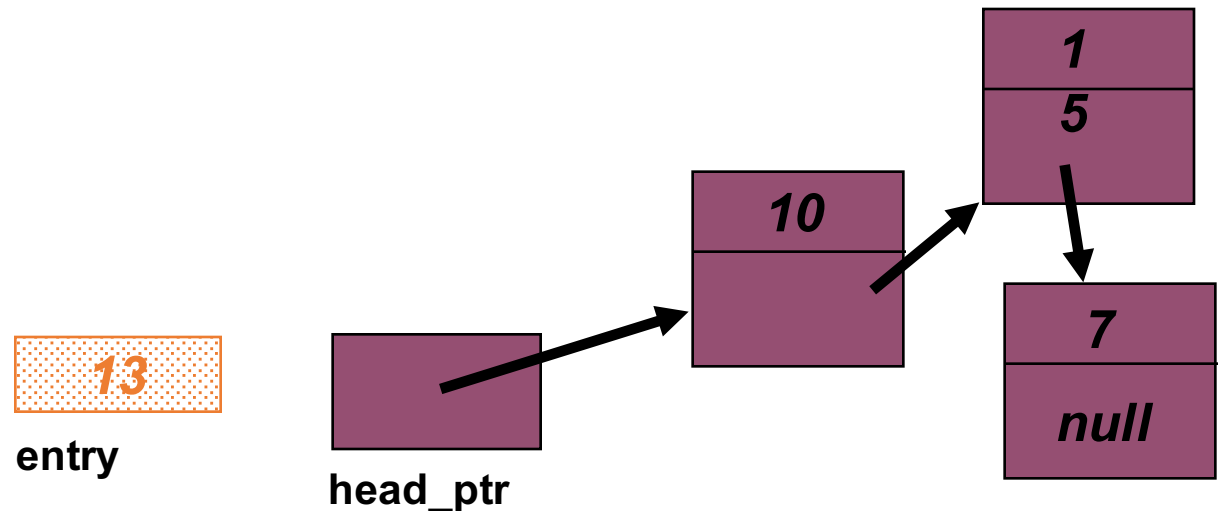
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We want to add a new entry, 13, to the head of the linked list shown here.

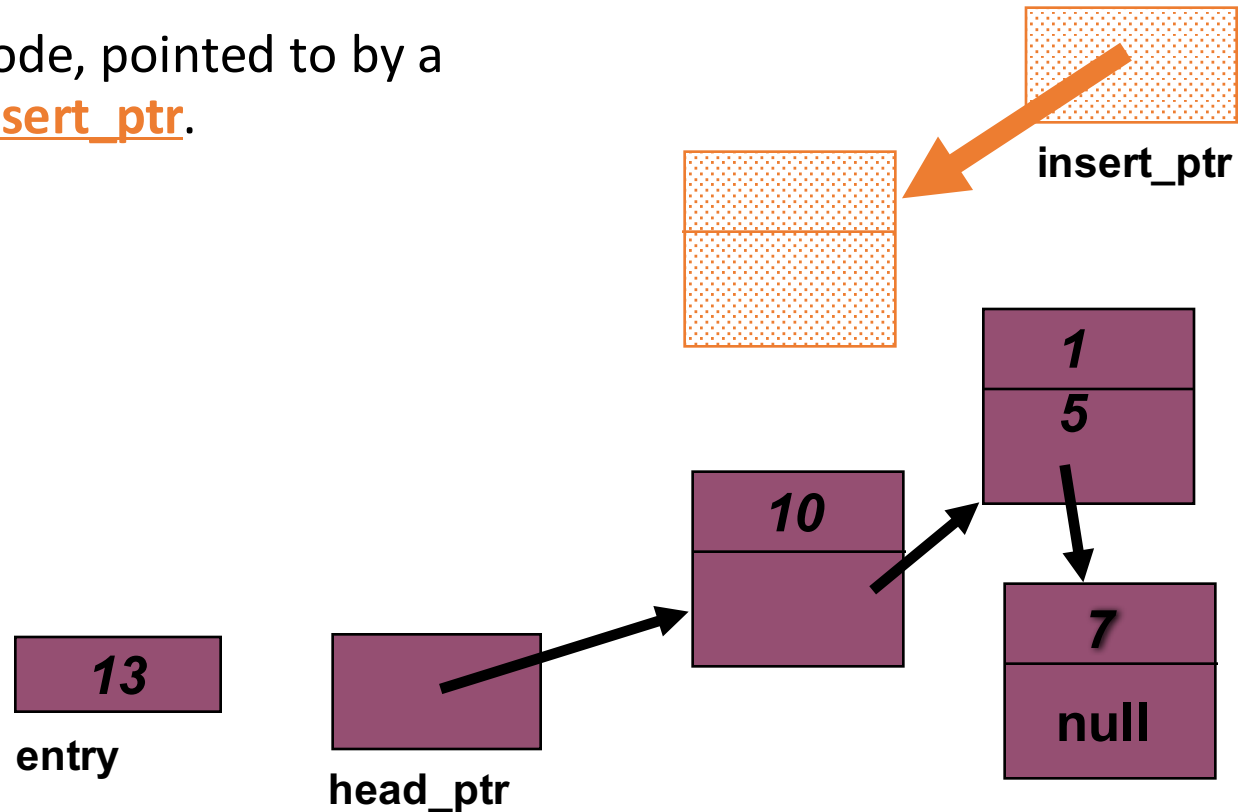
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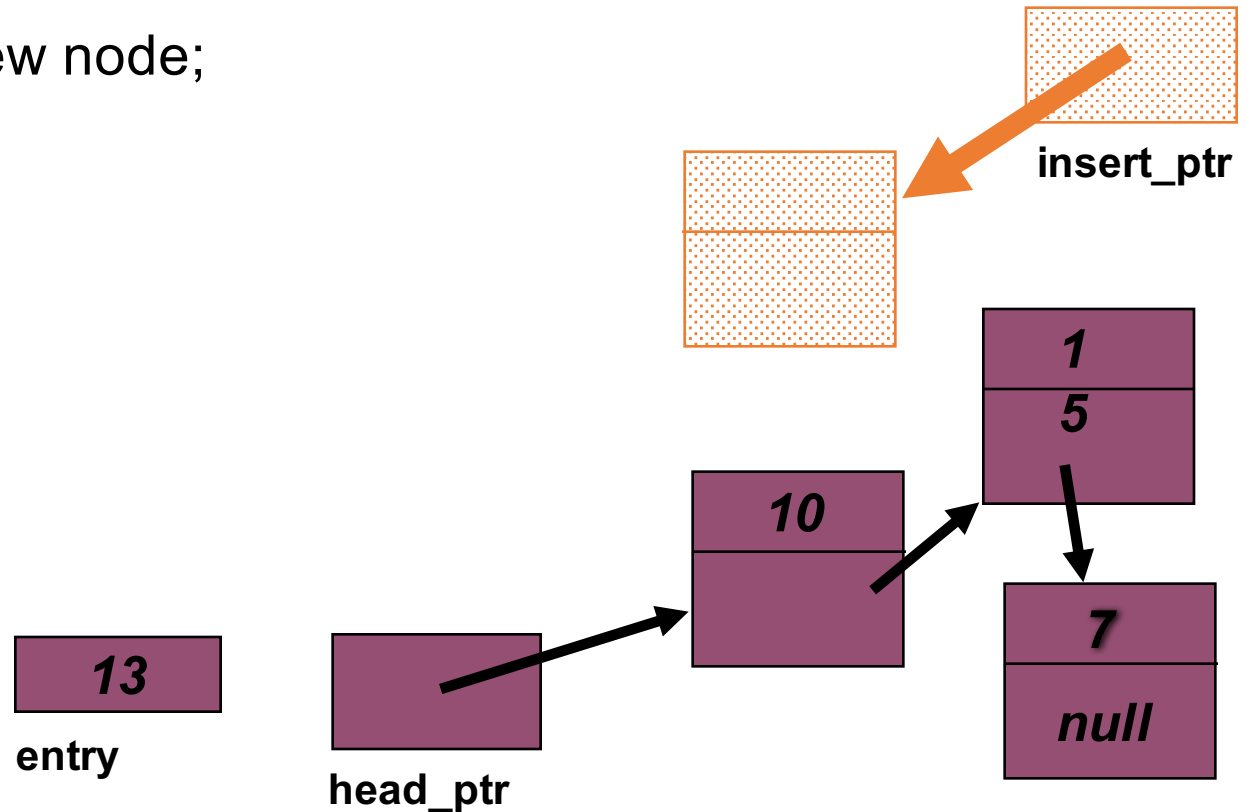
- 1 Create a new node, pointed to by a local variable insert_ptr.



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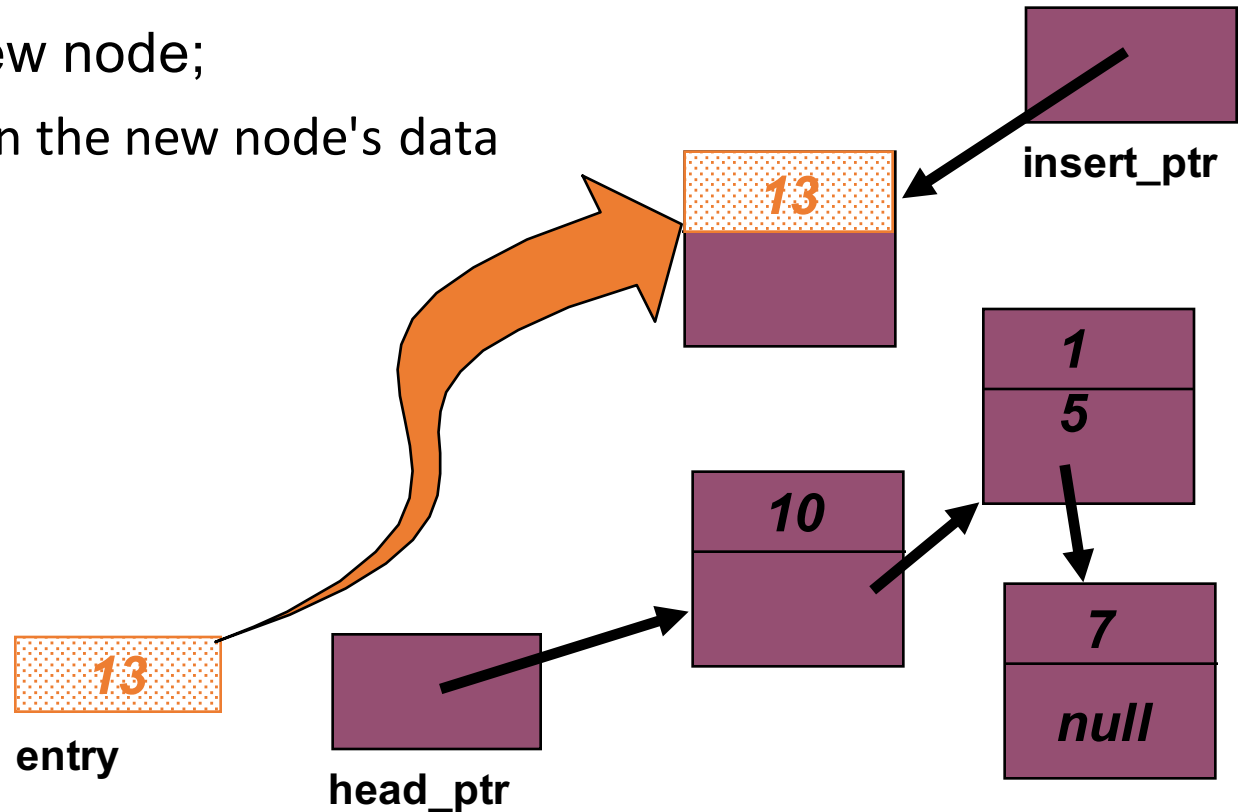
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- 1 insert_ptr = new node;
- 2 Place the data in the new node's data field.

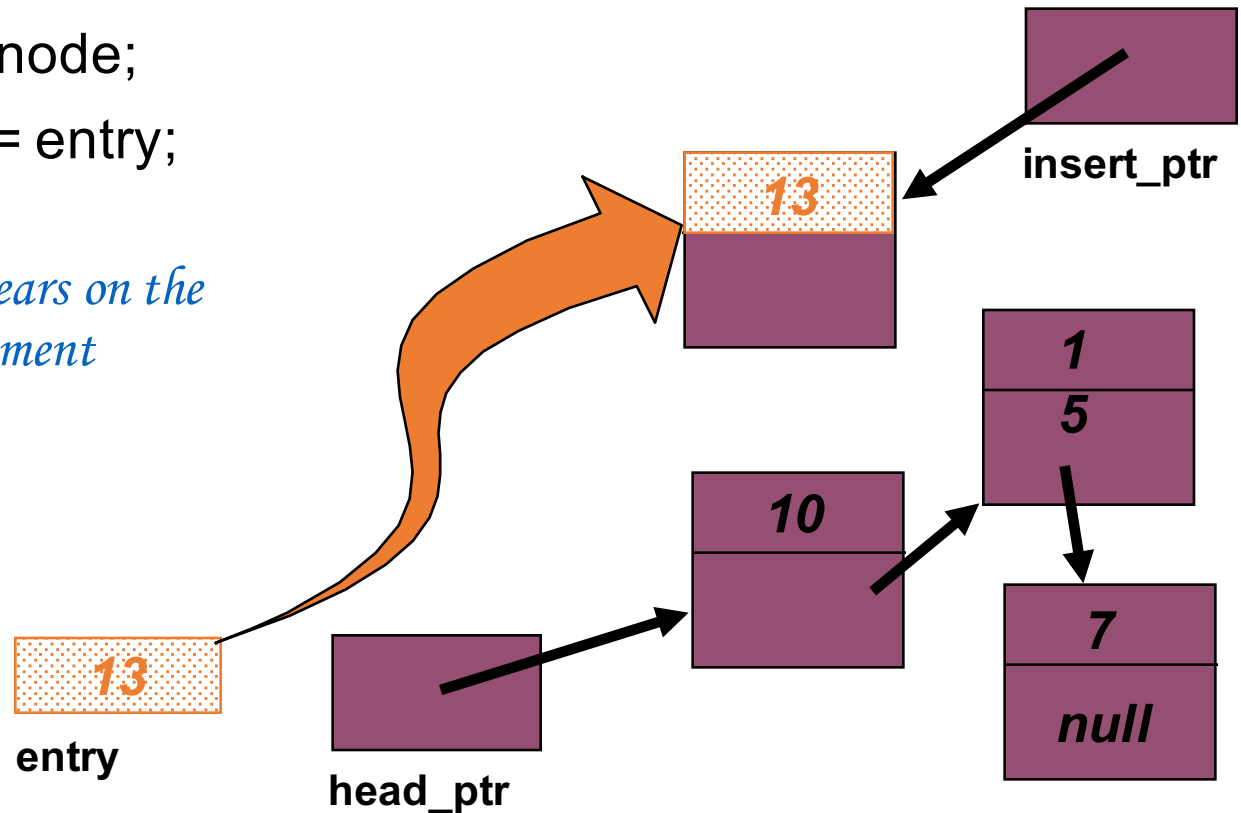


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- 2 `?` = `entry;`

What expression appears on the left side of the assignment statement?

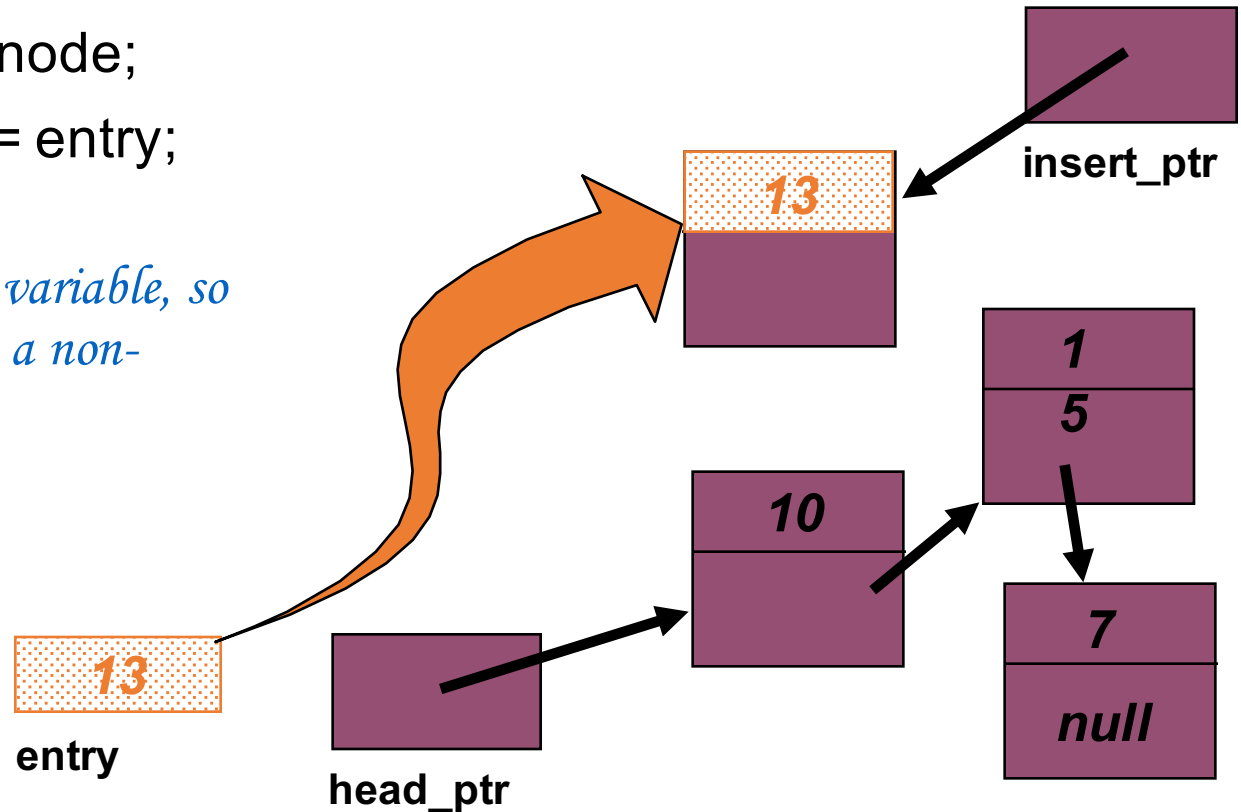


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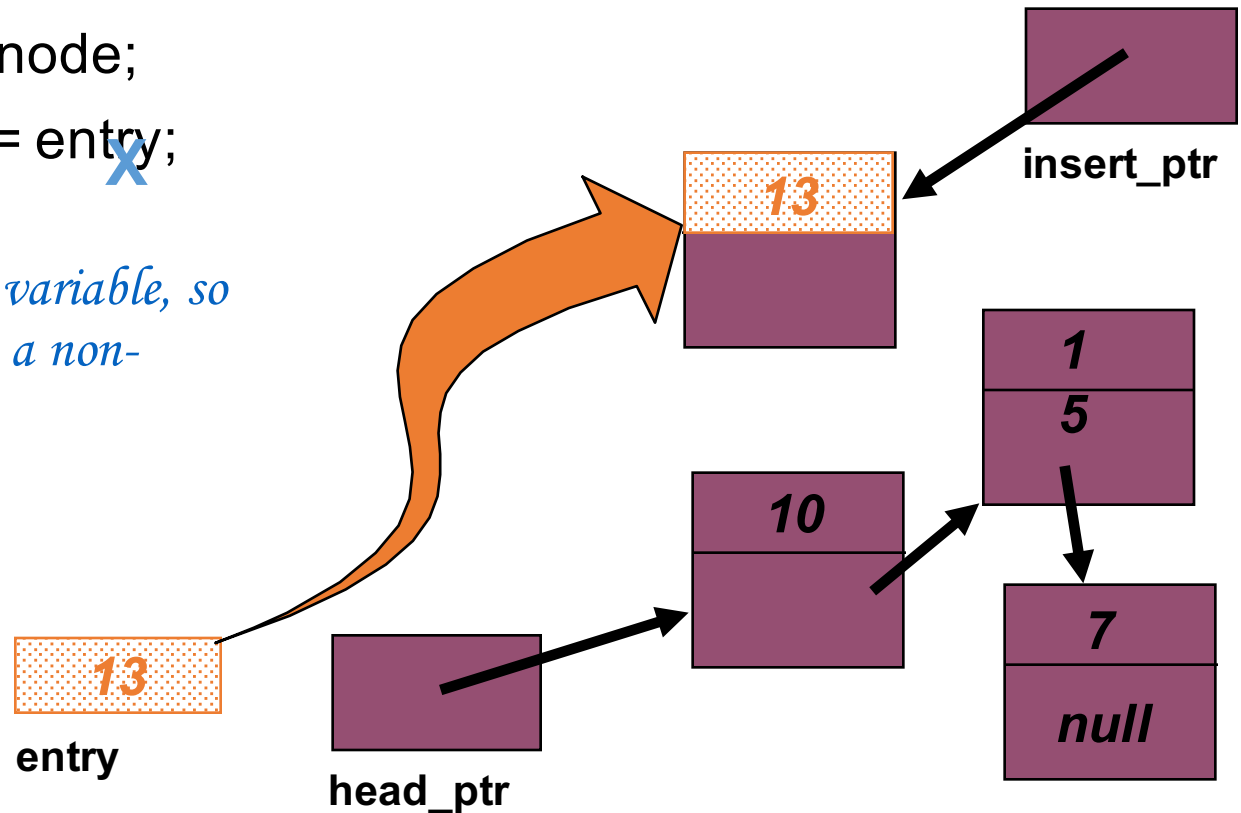


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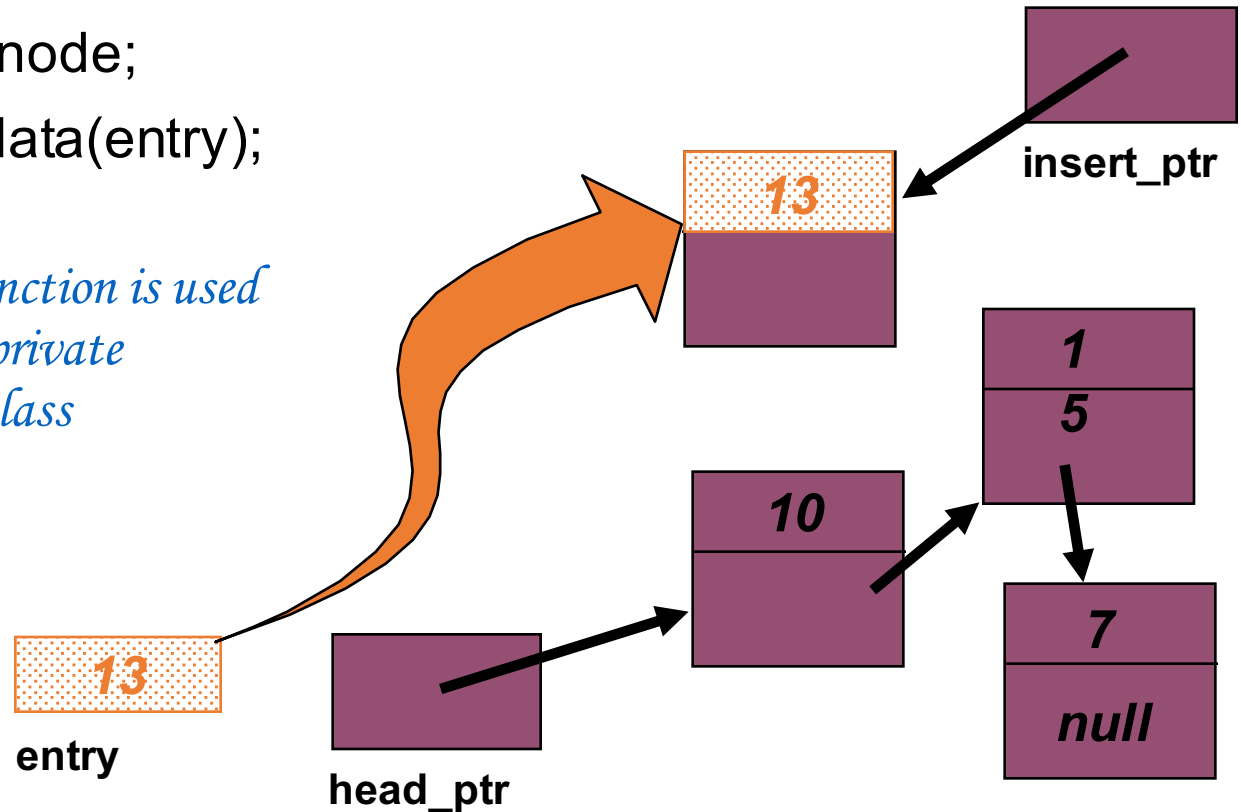


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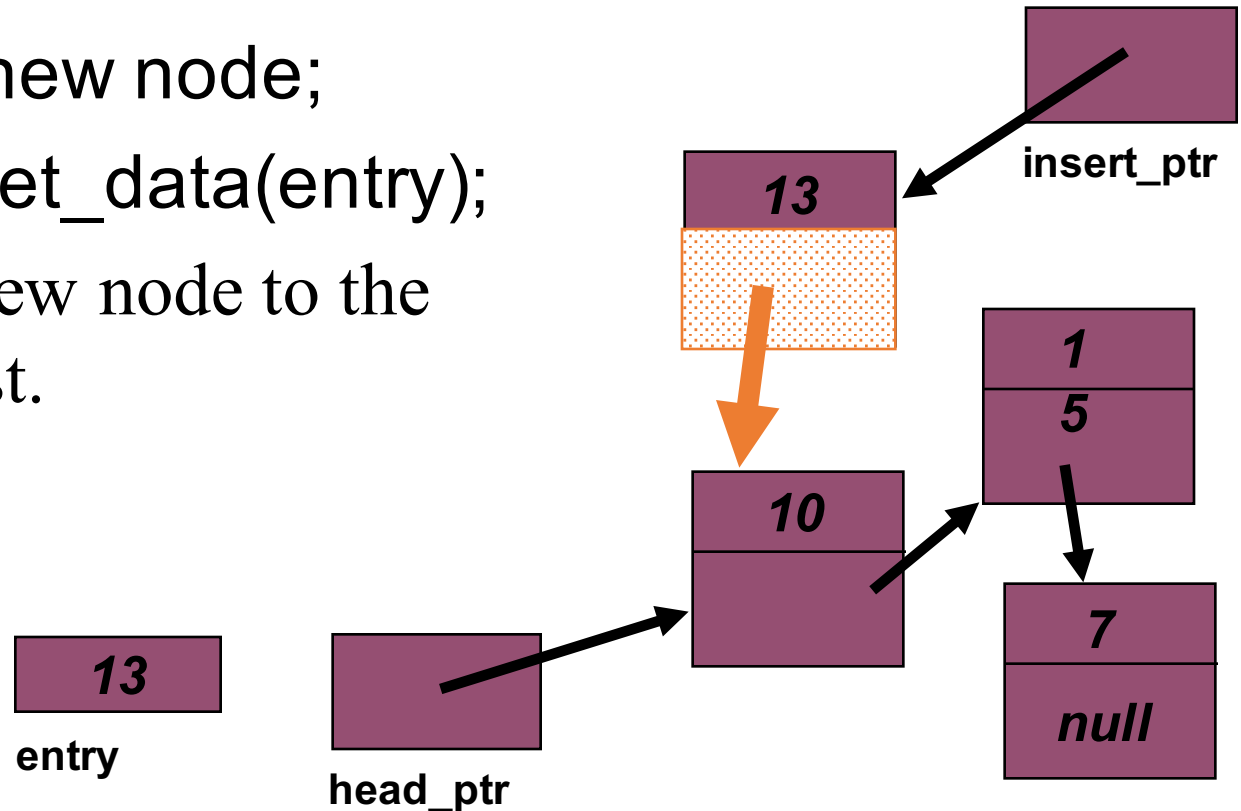
Instead, Set_data function is used since data_field is a private variable of the node class



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- ① `insert_ptr = new node;`
- ② `insert_ptr->set_data(entry);`
- ③ Connect the new node to the front of the list.

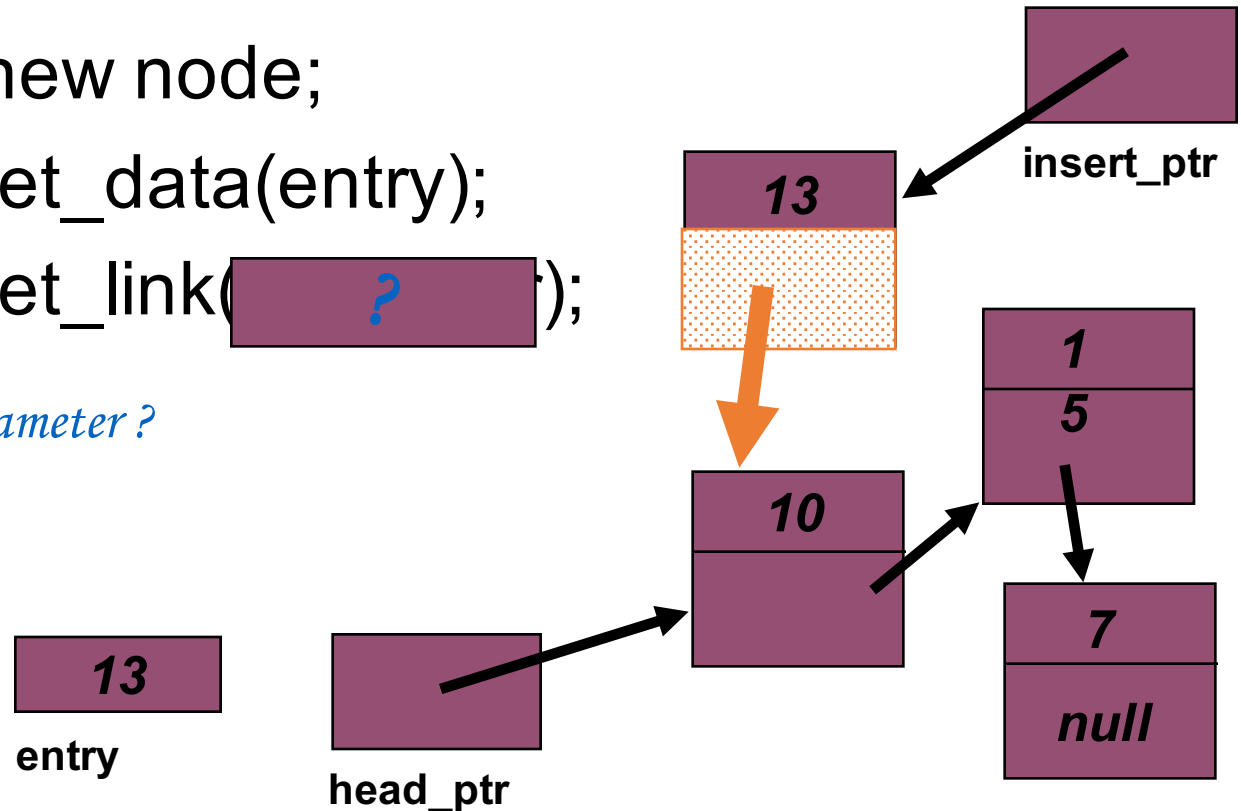


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- ③ `insert_ptr->set_link(?);`

What will be the parameter?

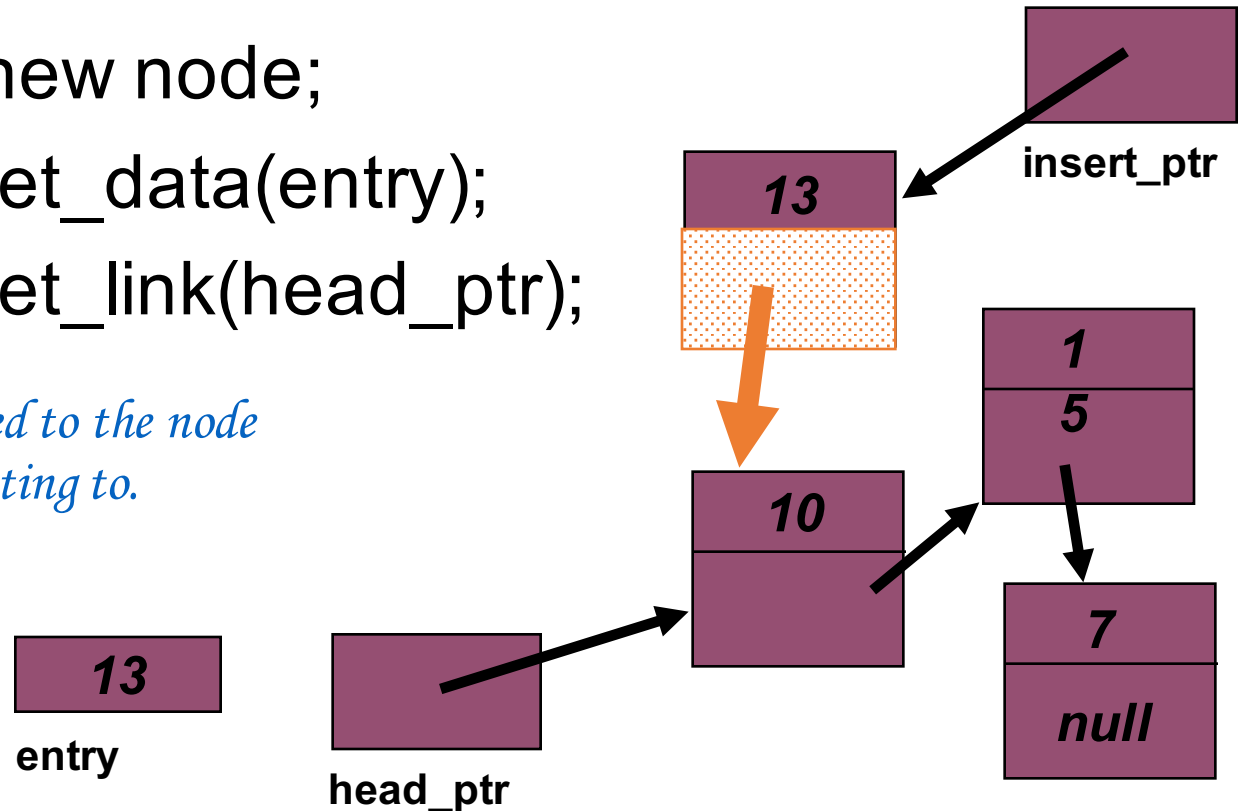


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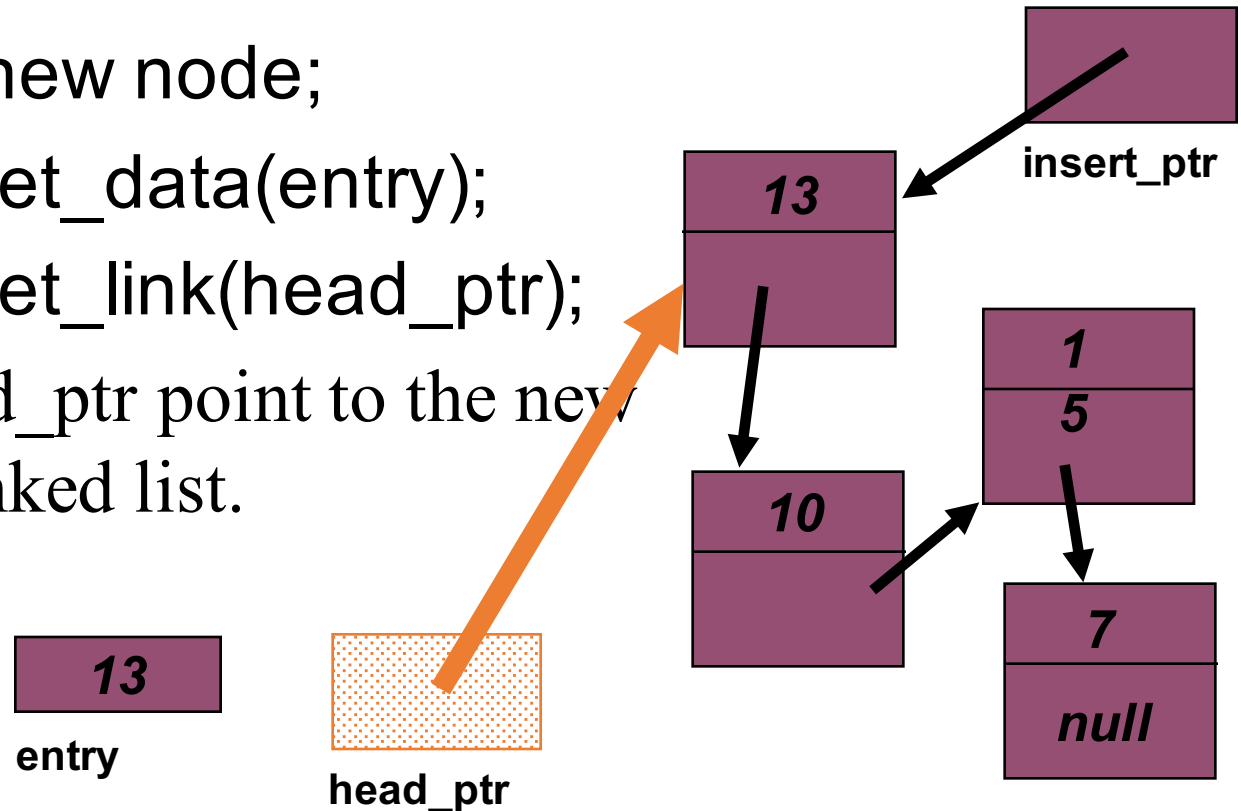
The new node is linked to the node that head_ptr is pointing to.



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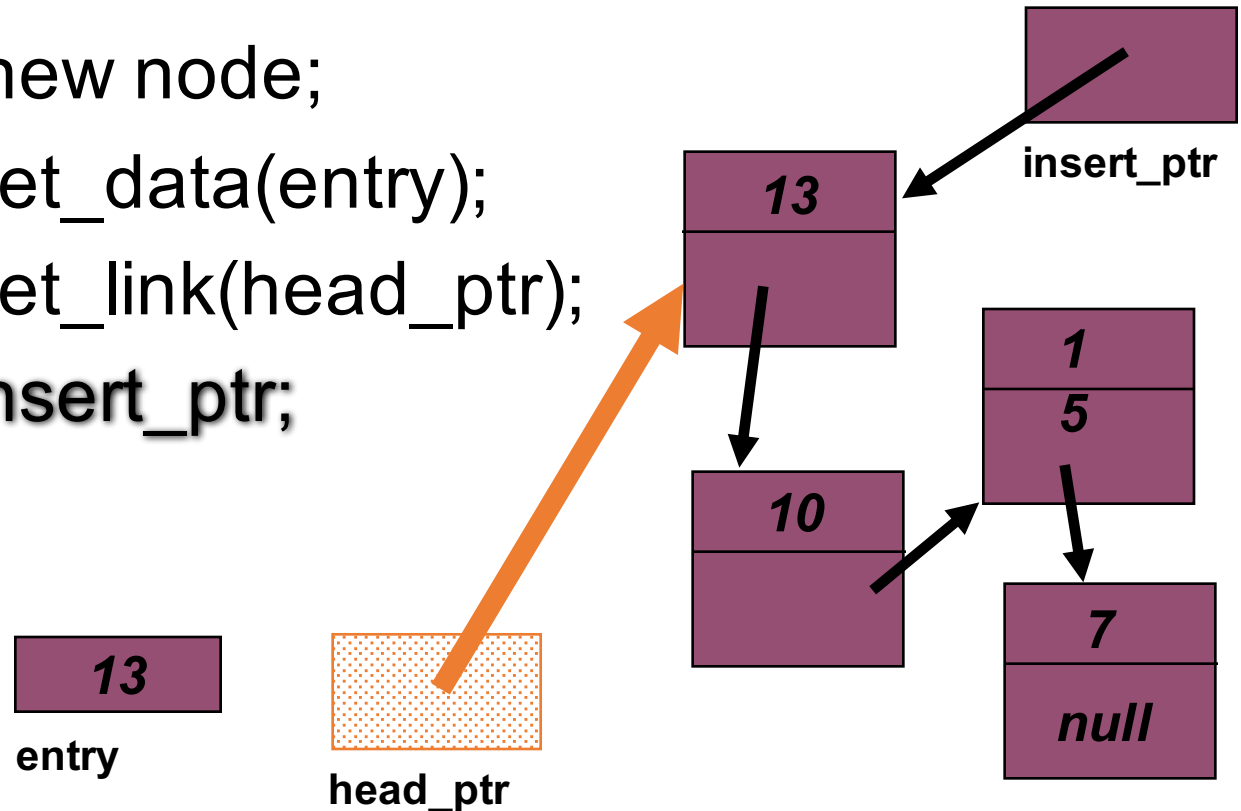
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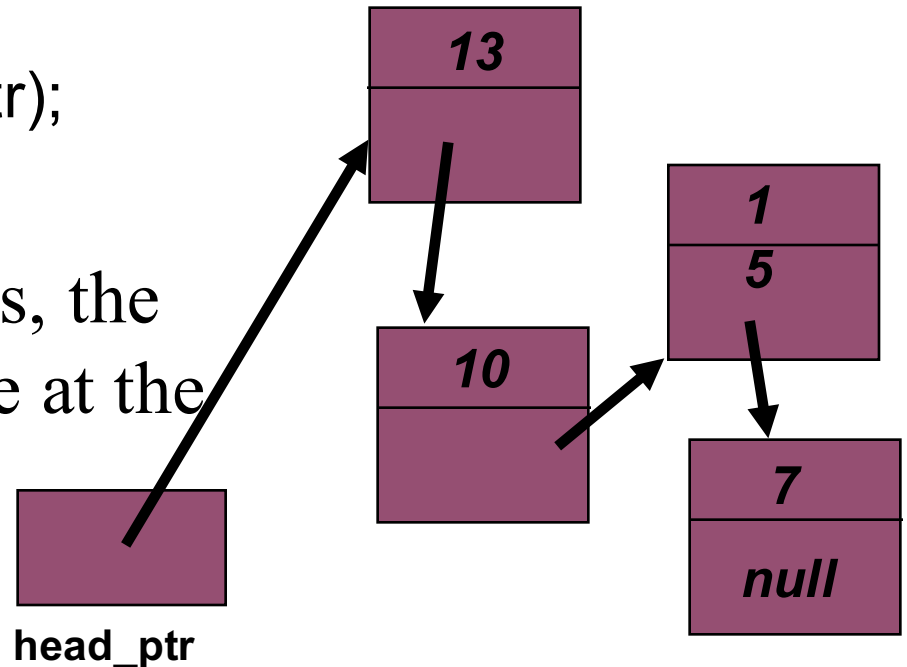


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When the function returns, the linked list has a new node at the head, containing 13.



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What is the Big-O of
the head_insert function?

Linked List: $O(1)$

- cmp: Array: $O(n)$

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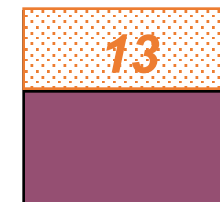
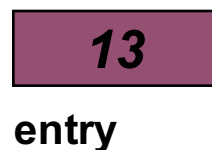
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head_ptr

Inserting a Node at the Front

```
void list_head_insert(node*& head_ptr, const node::value_type& entry)
{
    node *insert_ptr;

    insert_ptr = new node;
    insert_ptr->set_data(entry);
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    head_ptr = insert_ptr;
}
```



Inserting a Node at the Head

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    insert_ptr->set_link(head_ptr);
    head_ptr = insert_ptr;
}
```



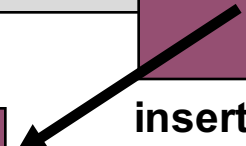
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head_ptr



insert_ptr



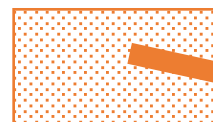
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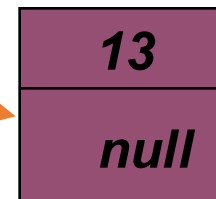
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entry



head_ptr



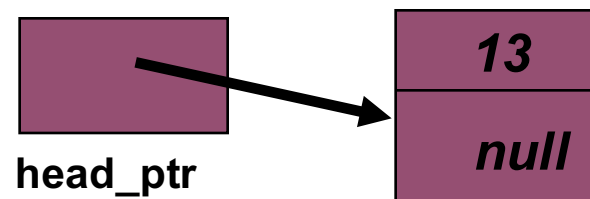
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When the function returns, the linked list has one node, containing 13.



Caution!

- Always make sure that your linked list functions work correctly with an empty list.



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}
```

Q: Can you give an implementation with **ONLY** a single statement?

Inserting a Node at the Head

```
void list_head_insert(node*& head_ptr, const node::value_type& entry)
{
    node *insert_ptr;

    insert_ptr = new node(entry, head_ptr);

    head_ptr = insert_ptr;
}
```

YES, we can use the constructor with parameters!

Inserting a Node at the Head

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}

```

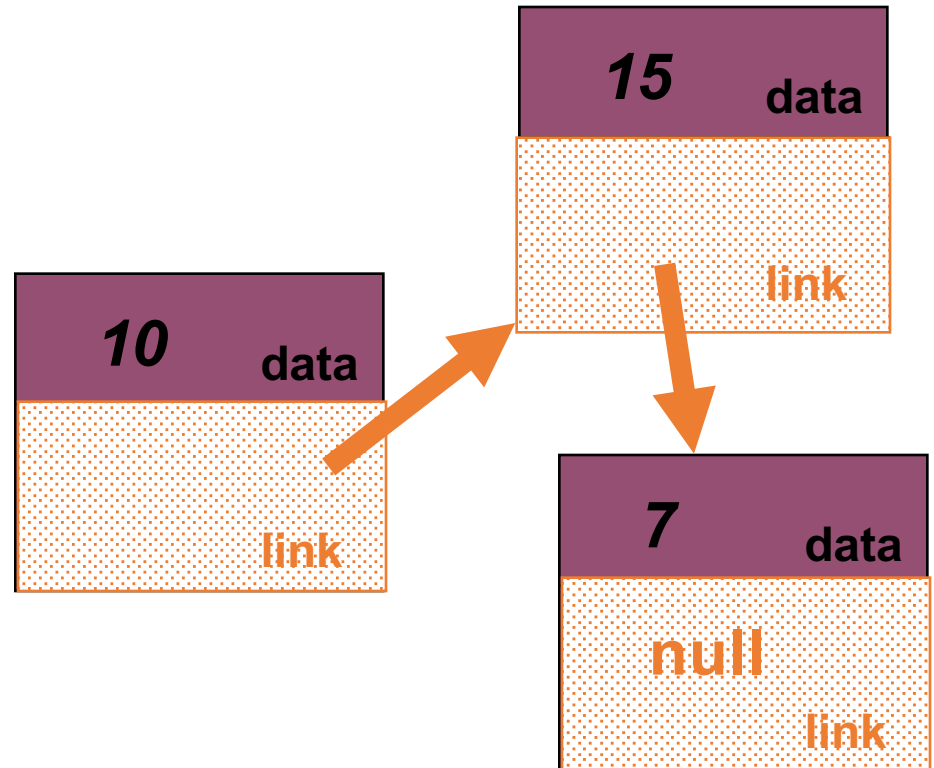
and assign the return pointer of new directly to the head pointer !

- Break

Declarations for Linked Lists

- Each node also contains a link field which is a pointer to another node.

```
class node
{
public:
    typedef int value_type;
    ...
private:
    value_type data;
    node *link;
};
```



The Complete **node** Class Definition

- The node class is fundamental to linked lists
- The private member variables
 - data_field
 - link_field
- The member functions include:
 - A constructor
 - Set data and set link
 - Retrieve data and retrieve link

```
class node
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    // TYPEDEF  
    typedef double value_type;
```

```
    // CONSTRUCTOR
```

```
    node(  
        const value_type& init_data = value_type(),  
        node* init_link = NULL  
    )  
    { data = init_data; link = init_link; }
```

```
    // Member functions to set the data and link fields:
```

```
    void set_data(const value_type& new_data) { data = new_data; }  
    void set_link(node* new_link)           { link = new_link; }
```

```
    // Constant member function to retrieve the current data:
```

```
    value_type data() const { return data; }
```

```
    // Two slightly different member functions to retrieve  
    // the current link:
```


```
    const node* link() const { return link; }  
    node* link()           { return link; }
```

```
private:
```

```
    value_type data;  
    node* link;
```

```
};
```

default argument given
by the value_type
default constructor

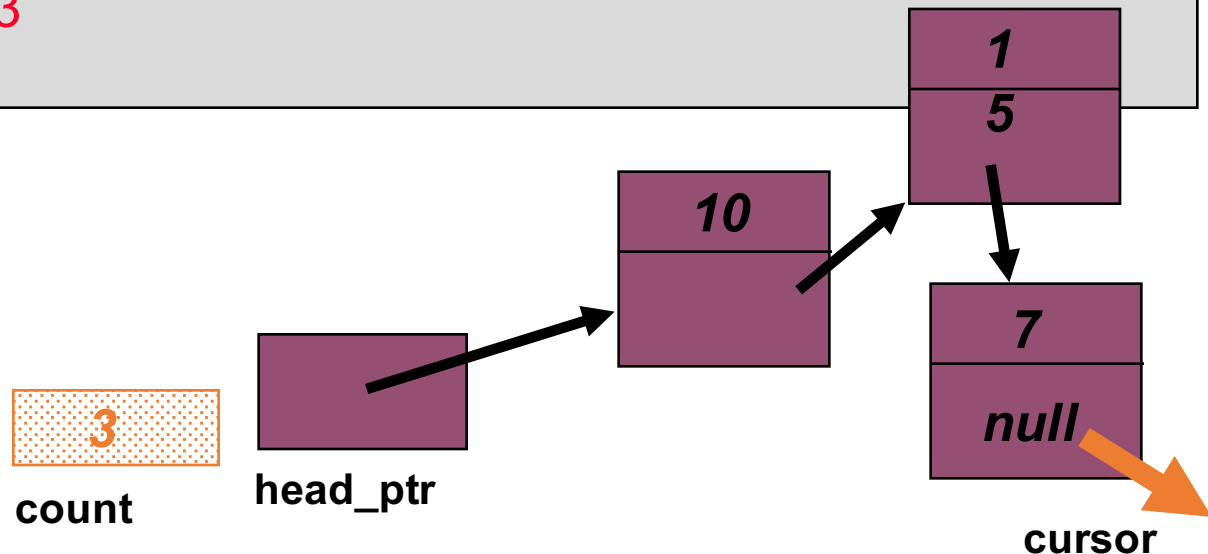


Why TWO? p. 213-4

Big-O of list_length

```
size_t list_length(const node* head_ptr)
{
    const node *cursor;
    size_t count = 0;
    for (cursor = head_ptr; cursor != NULL; cursor = cursor->link())
        count++;
    return count; // step 3
}
```

Big-O: $O(n)$ if length is n



The Workings of four functions

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 - Delete a node from the head (pseudo-code)
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 - will be used in container classes bag and sequence

Pseudocode for Inserting Nodes

- Nodes are often inserted at places other than the front of a linked list.
- There is a general pseudocode that you can follow for any insertion function. . .

Pseudocode for Inserting Nodes

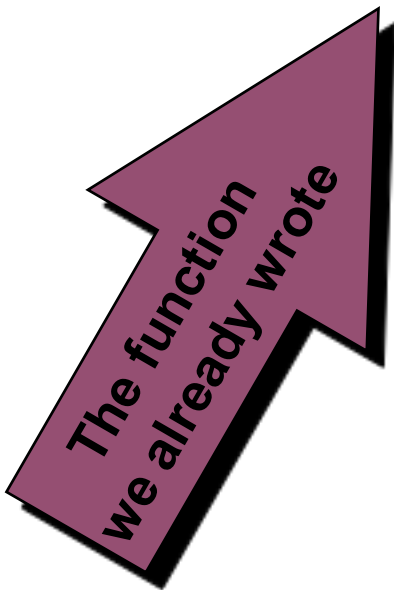
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The data to put
in the new node

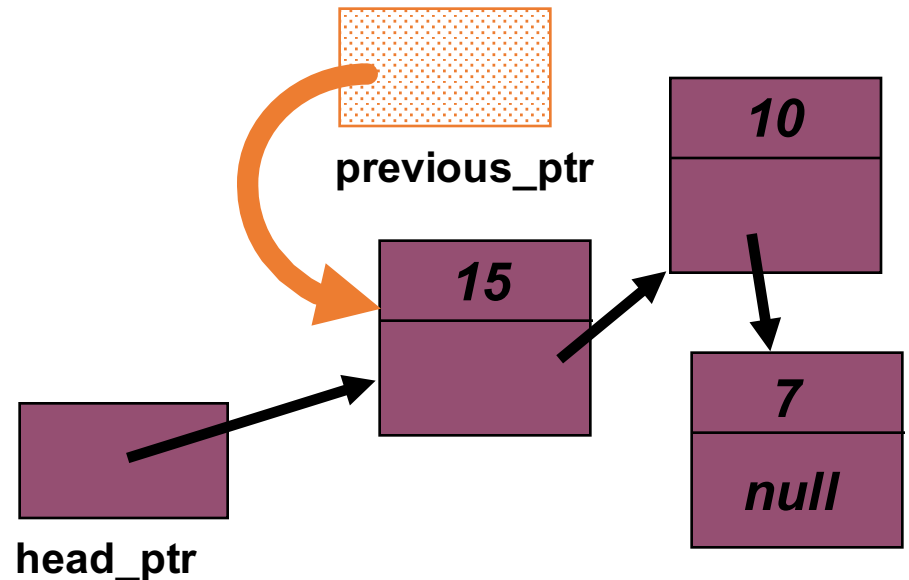
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In this example, the new node will be the second node

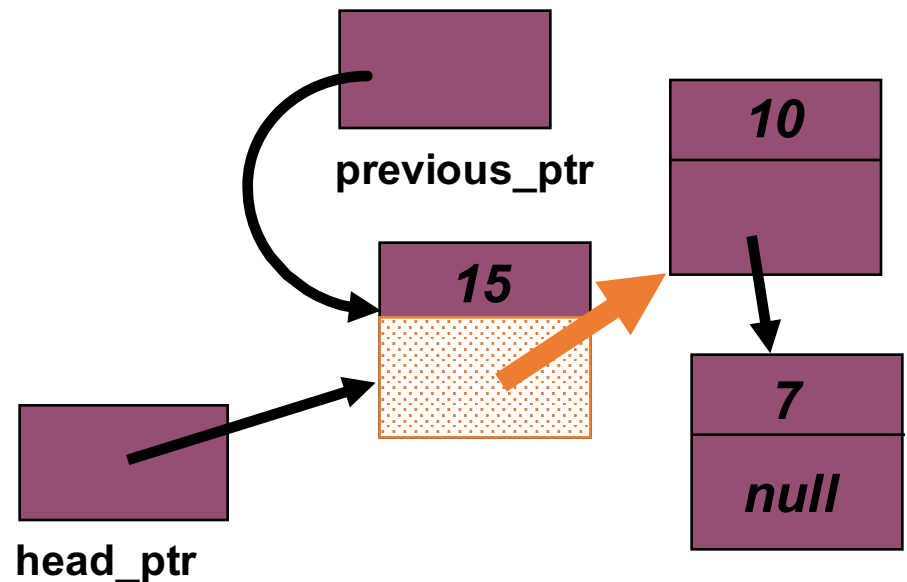


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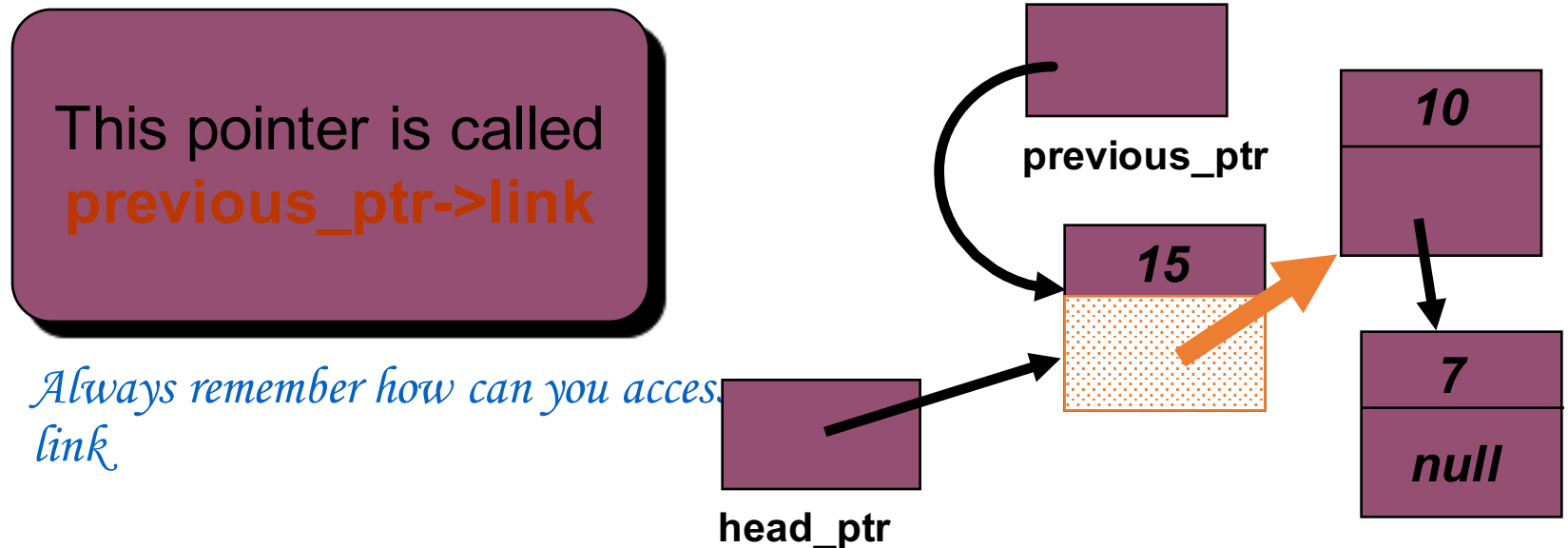
Look at the pointer which is **in the node**
`*previous_ptr`

What is the name of this pointer?



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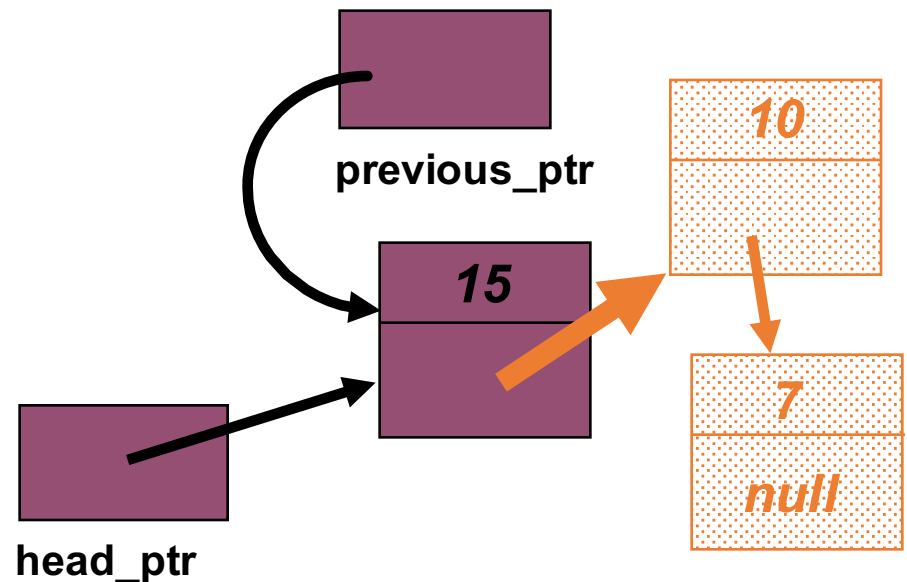


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2 Otherwise (if the new node will not be first):

- Start by setting a pointer named `previous_ptr` to point to the node which is just before the new node's position

previous_ptr->link
points to the head
of a smaller linked
list, with 10 and 7

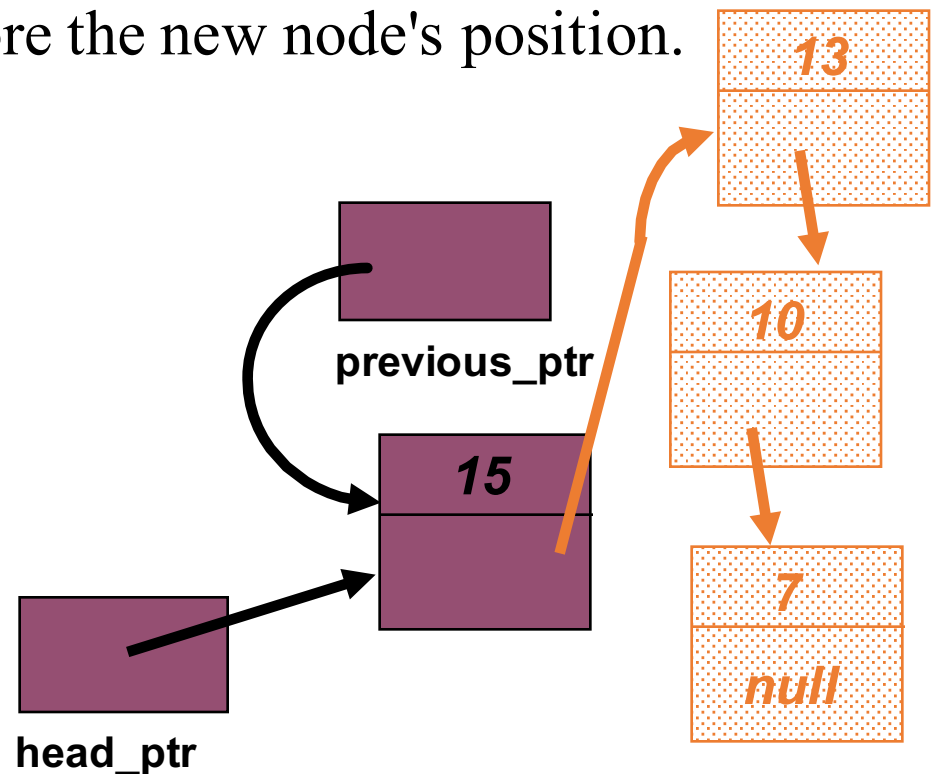


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The new node must be inserted at the head of this small linked list.

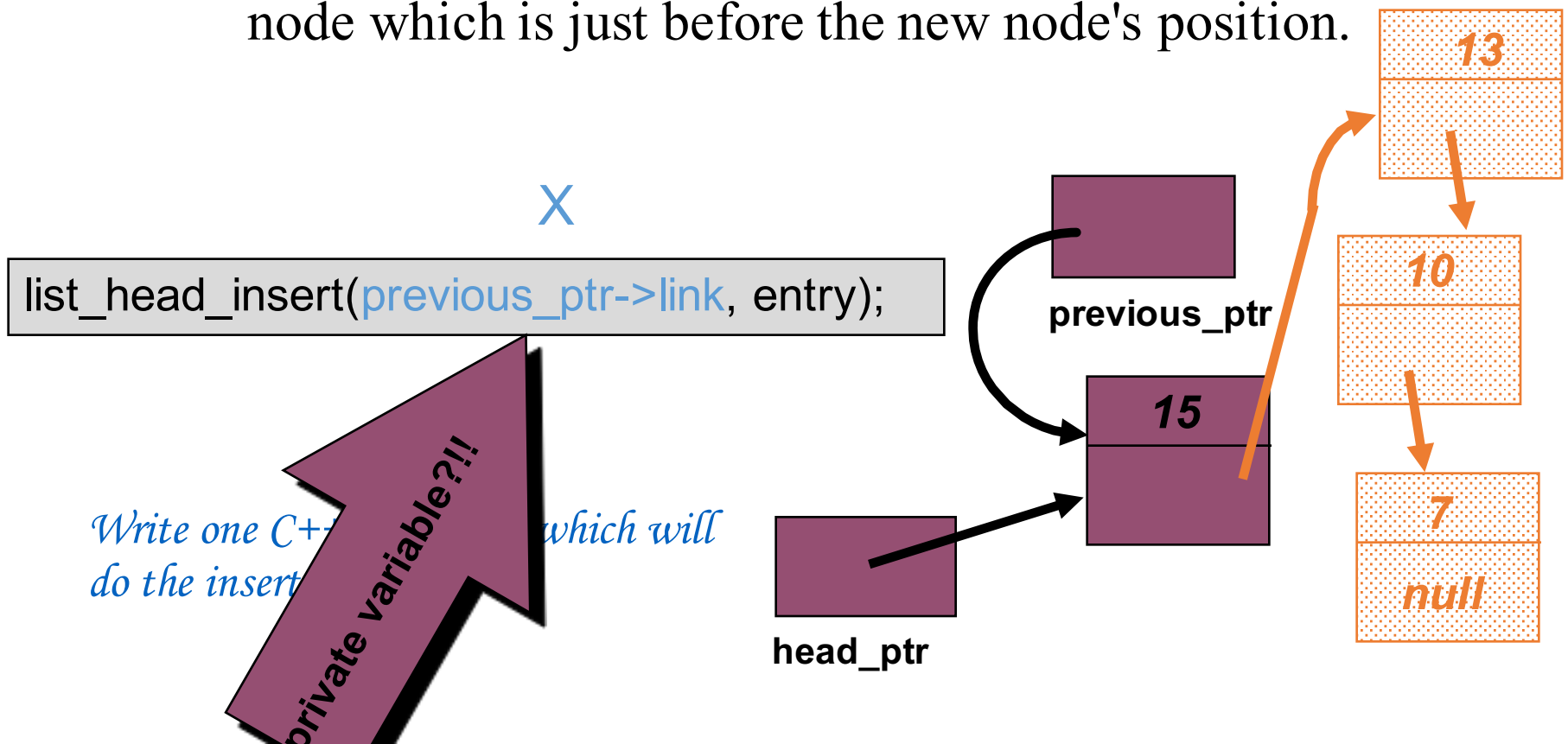
Write one C++ statement which will do the insertion.



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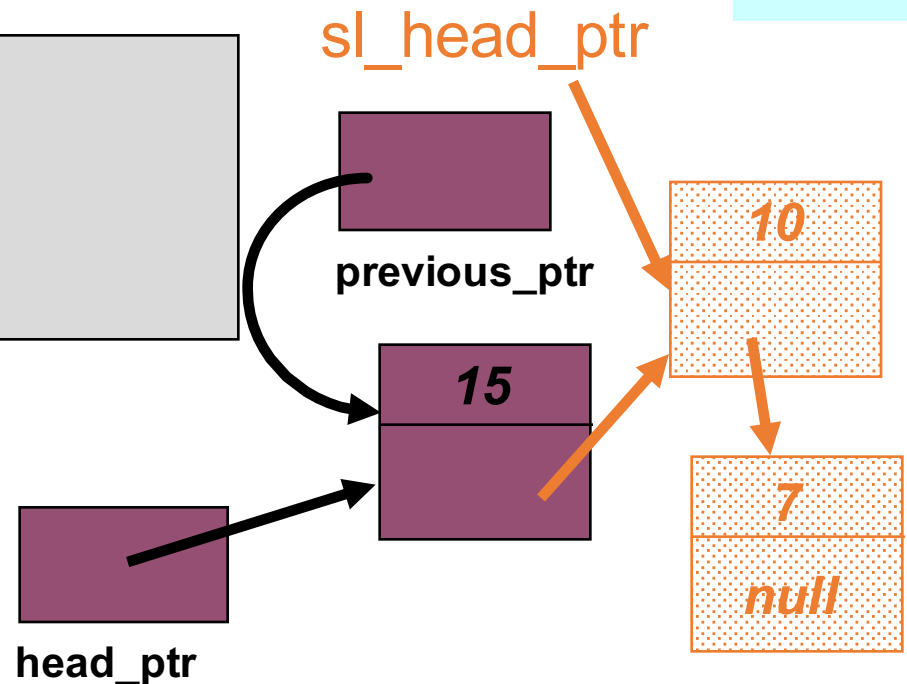
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```
node *sl_head_ptr;  
sl_head_ptr = previous_ptr->link();  
list_head_insert(sl_head_ptr, entry);  
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```

More precisely, you need to use member function `link()`, and have three lines of code



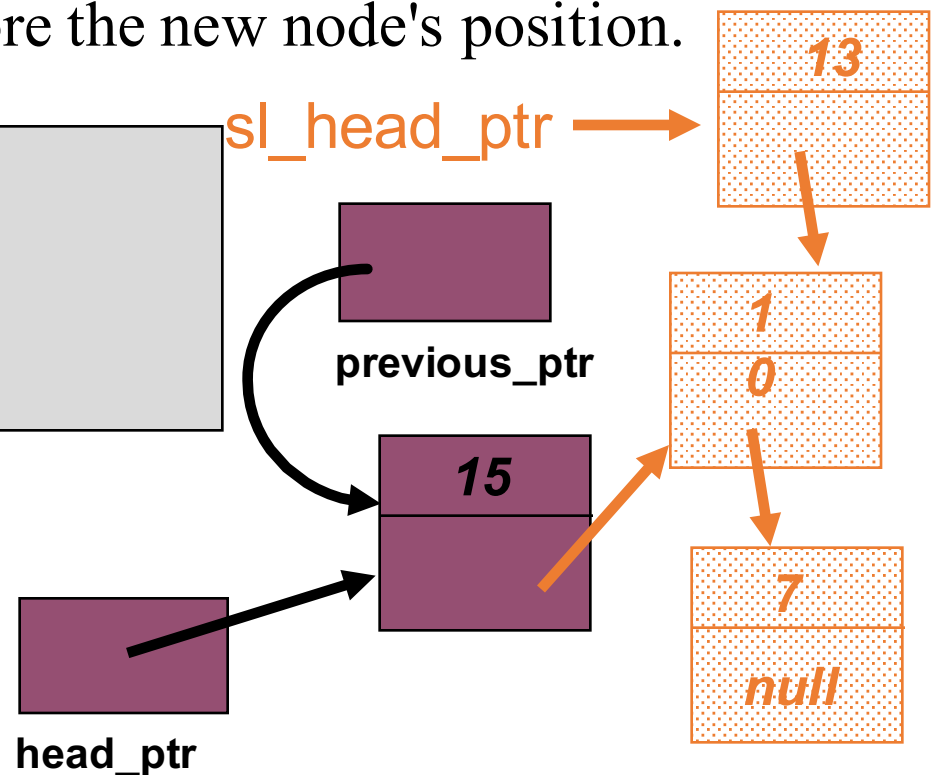
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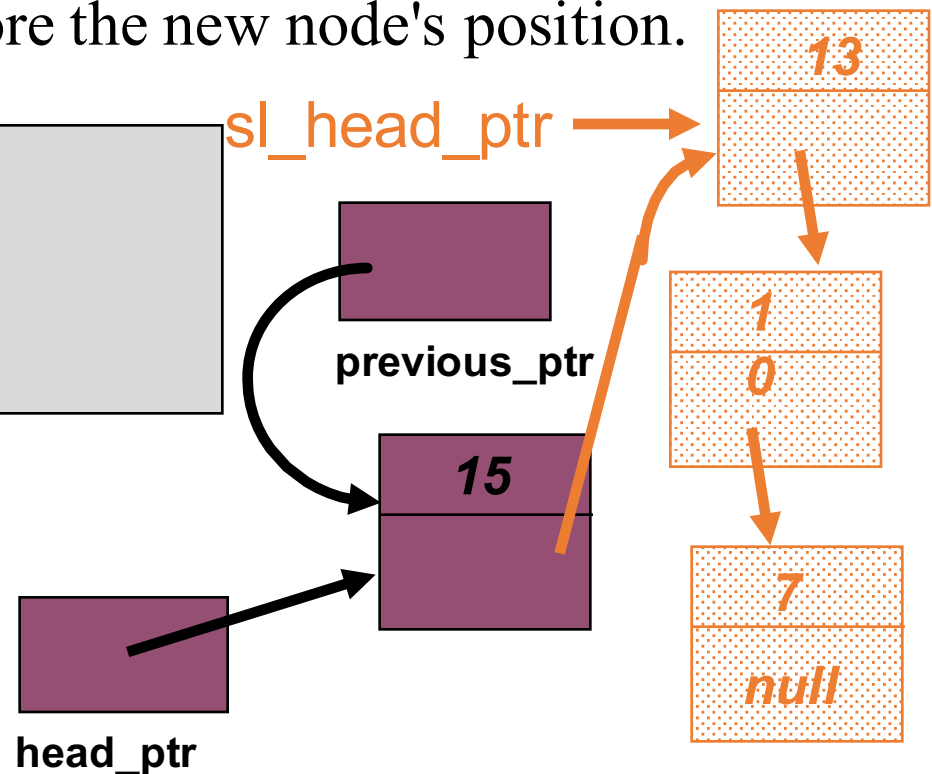
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```

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- ❑ Do the following :

```
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sl_head_ptr = previous_ptr->link();  
list_head_insert(sl_head_ptr, entry);  
previous_ptr->set_link(sl_head_ptr);
```

Pseudocode for Inserting Nodes

- The process of adding a new node in the middle of a list (only the step after `previous_ptr` has been set) can also be incorporated as a separate function. This function is called `list_insert` in the linked list toolkit of Section 5.2.
- Challenge yourself:
 - The textbook actually gives you a different implementation (p 235, 4 lines of code)
 - Can you implement `list_insert` with just one line of code?
 - Don't use `list_head_insert`
 - See Self-Test Ex 16

The Workings of four functions

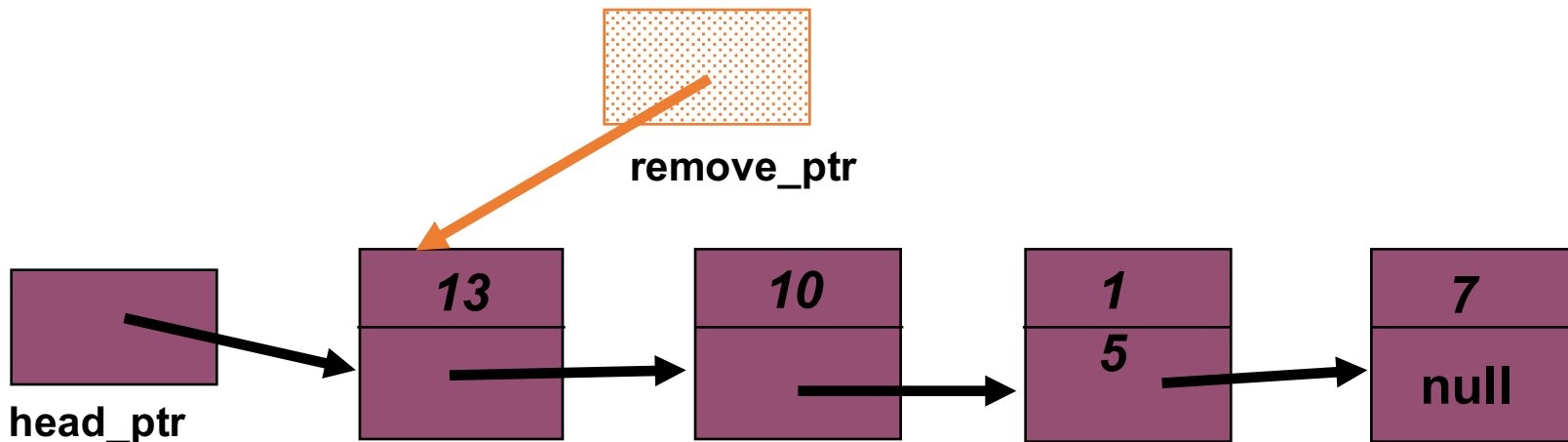
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Pseudocode for Removing Nodes

- Nodes often need to be removed from a linked list.
- As with insertion, there is a technique for removing a node from the front of a list, and a technique for removing a node from elsewhere.
- We'll look at the pseudocode for removing a node from the head of a linked list.

Removing the Head Node

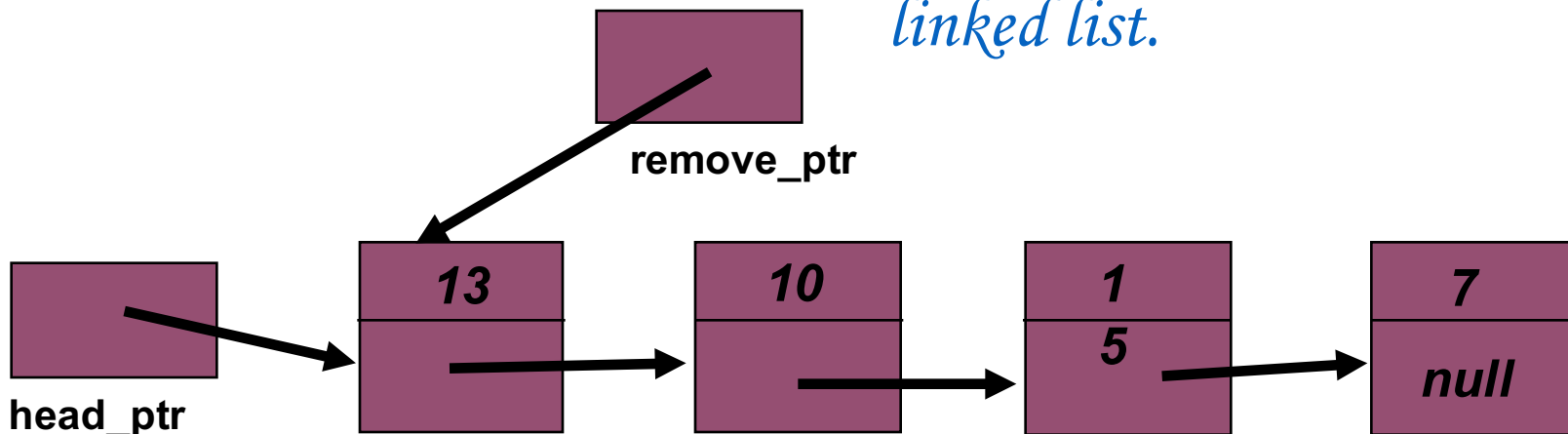
- 1 Start by setting up a temporary pointer named **remove_ptr** to the head node.



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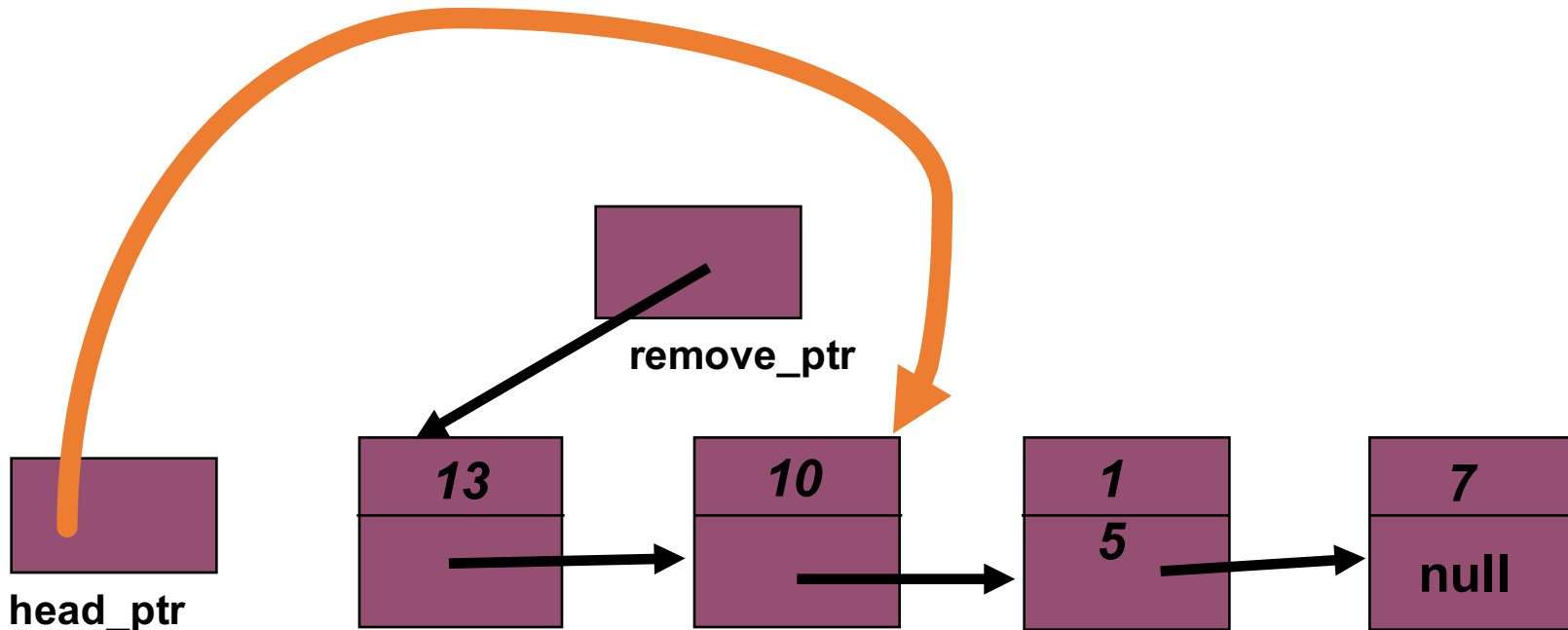
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- ② `head_ptr = remove_ptr->link();`

Draw the change that this statement will make to the linked list.



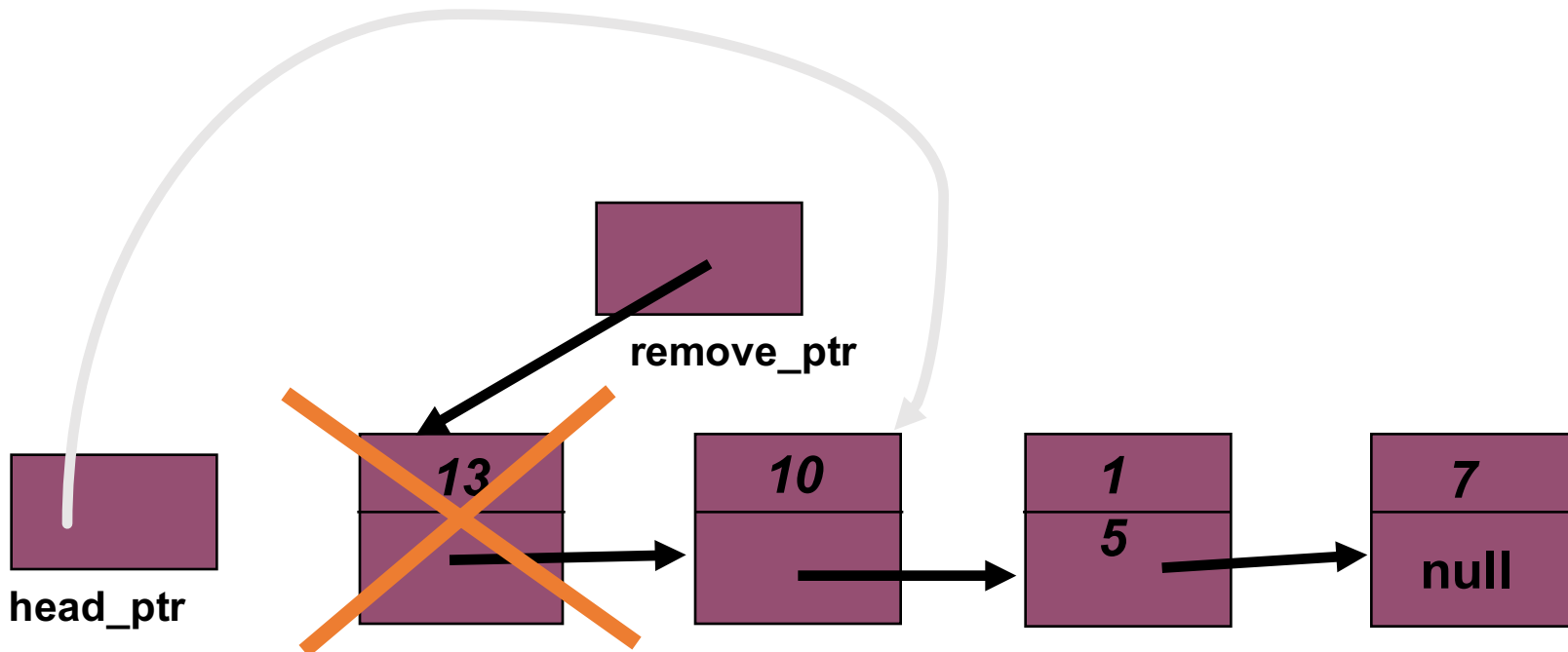
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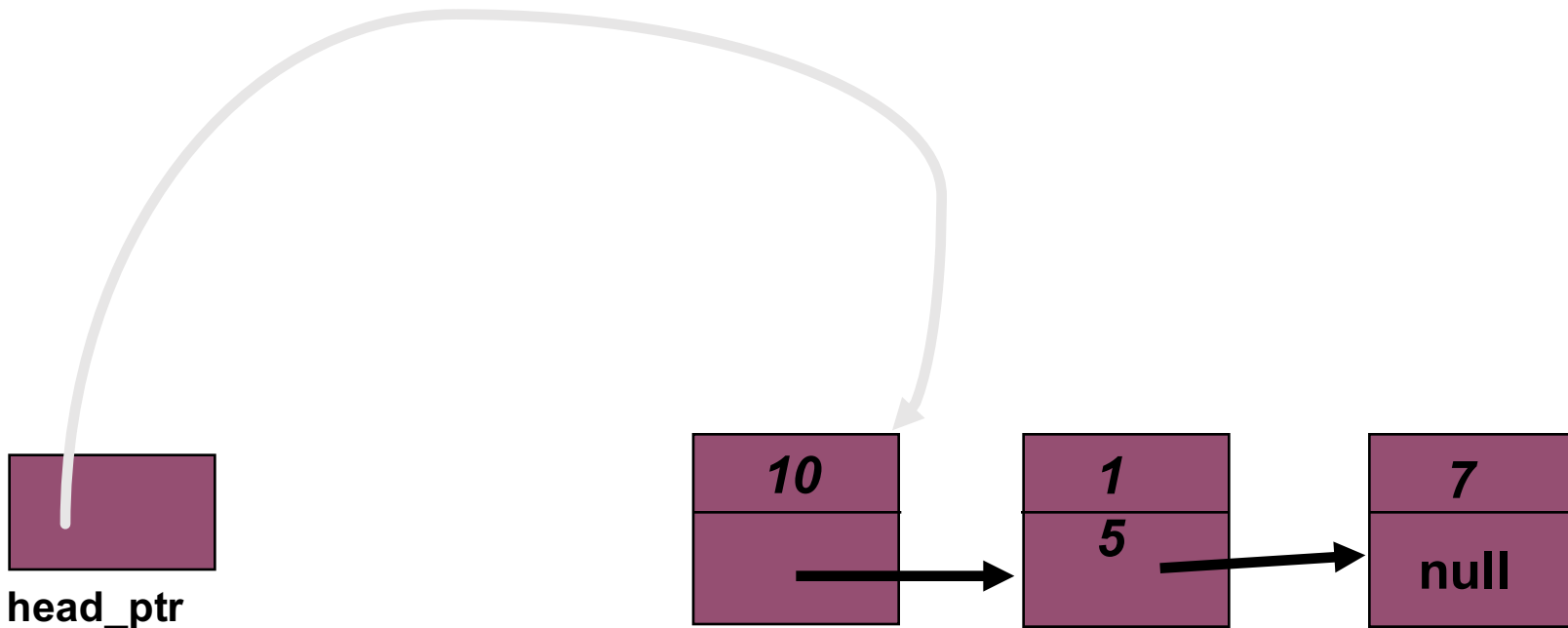
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- 1 Set up `remove_ptr`.
- 2 `head_ptr = remove_ptr->link;`
- 3 `delete remove_ptr;` // Return the node's memory to heap.



Removing the Head Node

Here's what the linked list looks like after the removal finishes.





- It is easy to insert a node at the front of a list.
- The linked list toolkit also provides a function for inserting a new node elsewhere
- It is easy to remove a node at the front of a list.
- The linked list toolkit also provides a function for removing a node elsewhere--you should read about this function and the other functions of the toolkit.

Key points you need to know

[Toolkit Code](#)

- Linked List Toolkit uses the node class which has
 - set and retrieve functions
- The functions in the Toolkit are not member functions of the node class
 - length, insert(2), remove(2), search, locate, copy,...
 - compare their Big-Os with similar functions for an array
- They can be used in various container classes, such as bag, sequence, etc.

Homework...

- Self-Test Exercises (node)
 - 1-12
- Read after class
 - Linked List ToolKit (Section 5.2)
 - Do Self-Test Ex 13 -25
- Read before the next lecture
 - Section 5.3- 5.4



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