LINKED LISTS AND TREES 10

COMPUTER SCIENCE 88

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1 Linked Lists

Linked lists are data abstractions that can have multiple implementations. Previously, we saw linked lists implemented using Python lists. Today, we will look at linked lists implemented using Object-Oriented Programming. Here it is:

```python
class Link:
    empty = ()
    def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        assert rest is Link.empty or isinstance(rest, Link)
        self.first = first
        self.rest = rest
    def __getitem__(self, i):
        if i == 0:
            return self.first
        return self.rest[i-1]
    def __len__(self):
        return 1 + len(self.rest)
```

When we implemented linked lists using Python lists, we called `first(lnk)` and `rest(lnk)` to access the `first` and `rest` elements. This time, we can write `lnk.first` and `lnk.rest` instead. In the former, we could access the elements, but we could not modify them. In the latter, we can access and also modify the elements. In other words, linked lists implemented using OOP is mutable.

In addition to the constructor `__init__`, we have the special Python methods `__getitem__` and `__len__`. Note that any method that begins and ends with two underscores is a special Python method. Special Python methods may be invoked using built-in functions and

special notation. The built-in Python element selection operator, as in `lst[i]`, invokes `lst.__getitem__(i)`. Likewise, the built-in Python function `len`, as in `len(lst)`, invokes `lst.__len__()`.

```python
class Link:
    empty = ()
    def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        assert rest is Link.empty or isinstance(rest, Link)
        self.first = first
        self.rest = rest

    def __repr__(self):
        if self.rest:
            rest_str = ', ' + repr(self.rest)
        else:
            rest_str = ''
        return 'Link({0}{1})'.format(repr(self.first), rest_str)

    def __str__(self):
        string = '<'
        while self.rest is not Link.empty:
            string += str(self.first) + ' '
            self = self.rest
        return string + str(self.first) + '>'
```

2   Questions

1. Write a function that takes in a a linked list and returns the sum of all its elements. You may assume all elements in `lnk` are integers.

```python
def sum_nums(lnk):
    """
    >>> a = Link(1, Link(6, Link(7)))
    >>> sum_nums(a)
    14
    """
```

2. Write a iterative function is_palindrome that takes a LinkedList, lnk, and returns True if lnk is a palindrome and False otherwise. Hint: Use the reverse function from lab09.

```python
def is_palindrome(lnk):
    """
    >>> one_link = Link(1)
    >>> is_palindrome(one_link)
    True
    >>> lnk = Link(1, Link(2, Link(3, Link(2, Link(1)))))
    >>> is_palindrome(lnk)
    True
    >>> is_palindrome(Link(1, Link(2, Link(3, Link(1)))))
    False
    """
```

3. Write a function that takes a sorted linked list of integers and mutates it so that all duplicates are removed.

```
def remove_duplicates(lnk):
    """
    >>> lnk = Link(1, Link(1, Link(1, Link(1, Link(5)))))
    >>> remove_duplicates(lnk)
    >>> lnk
    Link(1, Link(5))
    """
```

3   Trees

In computer science, **trees** are recursive data structures that are widely used in various settings.

Contrary to our ideas of a tree, in computer science, a tree branches downward. The **root** of a tree starts at the top, and the **leaves** are at the bottom.

A tree is considered a recursive data structure because every branch from a node is also a tree.

Some terminology regarding trees:

- **Parent node**: A node that has branches. Parent nodes can have multiple branches.

- **Child node**: A node that has a parent. A child node can only belong to one parent.

- **Root**: The top node of the tree. In our example, the node that contains 7 is the root.

- **Label**: The value at a node. In our example, all of the integers are values.

- **Leaf**: A node that has no branches. In our example, the nodes that contain -4, 0, 6, 17, and 20 are leaves.

- **Branch**: A subtree of the root. Note that trees have branches, which are trees themselves: this is why trees are *recursive* data structures.

- **Depth**: How far away a node is from the root. In other words, the number of edges between the root of the tree to the node. In the diagram, the node containing 19 has

depth 1; the node containing 3 has depth 2. Since there are no edges between the root of the tree and itself, the depth of the root is 0.

- **Height**: The depth of the lowest leaf. In the diagram, the nodes containing -4, 0, 6, and 17 are all the "lowest leaves," and they have depth 4. Thus, the entire tree has height 4.

In computer science, there are many different types of trees. Some vary in the number of branches each node has; others vary in the structure of the tree. Recall the tree abstract data type: a tree is defined as having a label and some branches. Trees can be implemented as an ADT, but we will only be focusing on the Tree class this semester. Below is the most basic implementation of a Tree class that we will be using.

```
class Tree:
    def __init__(self, label, branches=[]):
        for b in branches:
            assert isinstance(b, Tree)
        self.label = label
        self.branches = branches

    def is_leaf(self):
        return not self.branches
```

Notice that with this implementation we can mutate a tree using attribute assignment, which wouldn't be possible in the implementation using lists in an ADT.

```
>>> t = Tree(3, [Tree(4), Tree(5)])
>>> t.label = 5
>>> t.label
5
```

3.1 Questions

1. What would Python display? If you believe an expression evaluates to a *Tree* object, write *Tree*.

```
>>> t0 = Tree(0)
>>> t0.label


>>> t0.branches


>>> t1 = Tree(0, [1, 2]) #Is this a valid tree?


>>> t2 = Tree(0, [Tree(1), Tree(2, [Tree(3)])])
>>> t2.branches[0]


>>> t2.branches[1].branches[0].label
```

2. Define a function `make_even` which takes in a tree `t` whose values are integers, and mutates the tree such that all the odd integers are increased by 1 and all the even integers remain the same.

```
def make_even(t):
    """
    >>> t = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(3)]), Tree(4), Tree(5)])
    >>> make_even(t)
    >>> t.label
    2
    >>> t.branches[0].branches[0].label
    4
    """
```

3. Write a function that combines the values of two trees `t1` and `t2` together with the `combiner` function. Assume that `t1` and `t2` have identical structure. This function should return a new tree.

```python
def combine_tree(t1, t2, combiner):
    """
    >>> a = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(3)])])
    >>> b = Tree(4, [Tree(5, [Tree(6)])])
    >>> combined = combine_tree(a, b, mul)
    >>> combined.root
    4
    >>> combined.branches[0].root
    10
    """
```