

## Ordered Sets

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## Announcements

# Sets

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One more built-in Python container type

- Set literals are enclosed in braces
- Duplicate elements are removed on construction
- Sets have arbitrary order, just like dictionary entries

```
>>> s = {'one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'four'}
>>> s
{'three', 'one', 'four', 'two'}
>>> 'three' in s
True
>>> len(s)
4
>>> s.union({'one', 'five'})
{'three', 'five', 'one', 'four', 'two'}
>>> s.intersection({'six', 'five', 'four', 'three'})
{'three', 'four'}
>>> s
{'three', 'one', 'four', 'two'}
```

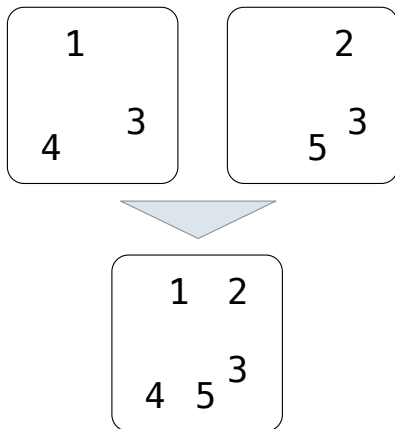
## Implementing Sets

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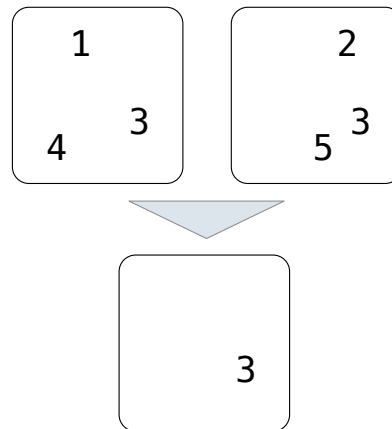
What we should be able to do with a set:

- **Membership testing:** Is a value an element of a set?
- **Union:** Return a set with all elements in set1 or set2
- **Intersection:** Return a set with any elements in set1 and set2
- **Adjoin:** Return a set with all elements in s and a value v

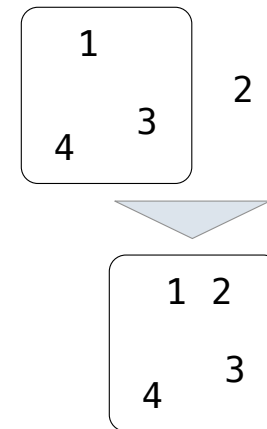
**Union**



**Intersection**



**Adjoin**



## Sets as Linked Lists

## Sets as Unordered Sequences

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**Proposal 1:** A set is represented by a linked list that contains no duplicate items.

```
def empty(s):  
    return s is Link.empty
```

```
def contains(s, v):  
    """Return whether set s contains value v.  
  
    >>> s = Link(1, Link(3, Link(2)))  
    >>> contains(s, 2)  
    True  
    """
```

(Demo)

**Time order of growth**

$\Theta(1)$

*Time depends on whether  
& where  $v$  appears in  $s$ .*

$\Theta(n)$

*In the worst case:  $v$   
does not appear in  $s$*

**or**

*In the average case: appears  
in a uniformly distributed  
random location*

## Sets as Unordered Sequences

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```
def adjoin(s, v):  
    if contains(s, v):  
        return s  
    else:  
        return Link(v, s)
```

```
def intersect(s, t):  
    if s is Link.empty:  
        return Link.empty  
    rest = intersect(s.rest, t)  
    if contains(t, s.first):  
        return Link(s.first, rest)  
    else:  
        return rest
```

Time order of worst-case growth

$\Theta(n)$

The size of the set

$\Theta(n^2)$

If sets are  
the same size



## Sets as Ordered Linked Lists

## Sets as Ordered Sequences

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**Proposal 2:** A set is represented by a linked list with unique elements that is *ordered from least to greatest*

Parts of the program that...	Assume that sets are...	Using...
Use sets to contain values	Unordered collections	<code>empty, contains, adjoin, intersect, union</code>
Implement set operations	Ordered linked lists	<code>first, rest, &lt;, &gt;, ==</code>

*Different parts of a program may make different assumptions about data*

## Searching an Ordered List

```
>>> s = Link(1, Link(3, Link(5)))
>>> contains(s, 1)
True
>>> contains(s, 2)
False
>>> t = adjoin(s, 2)
```

**Operation**

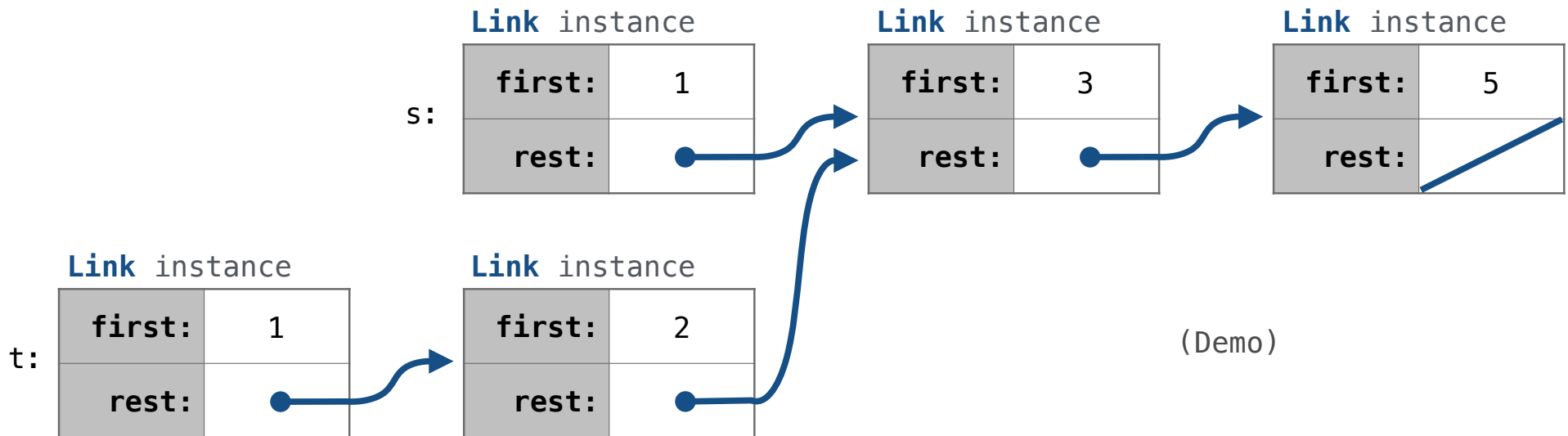
**Time order of growth**

contains

$\Theta(n)$

adjoin

$\Theta(n)$



## Set Operations

## Intersecting Ordered Linked Lists

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**Proposal 2:** A set is represented by a linked list with unique elements that is *ordered from least to greatest*

```
def intersect(s, t):
    if empty(s) or empty(t):
        return Link.empty
    else:
        e1, e2 = s.first, t.first
        if e1 == e2:
            return Link(e1, intersect(s.rest, t.rest))
        elif e1 < e2:
            return intersect(s.rest, t)
        elif e2 < e1:
            return intersect(s, t.rest)
```

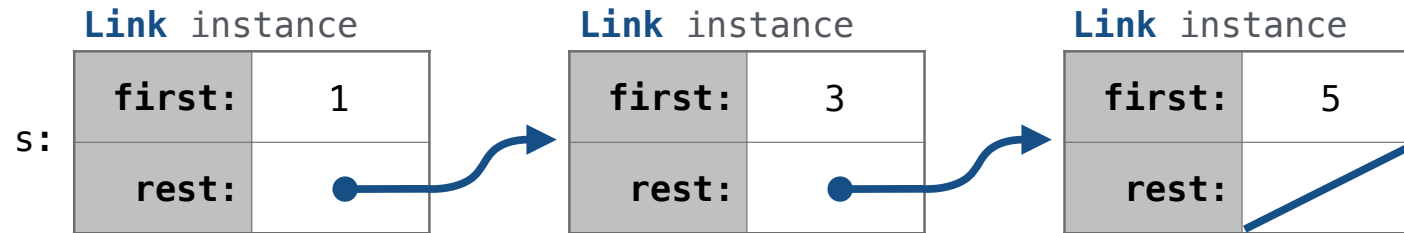
Order of growth? If  $s$  and  $t$  are sets of size  $n$ , then  $\Theta(n)$

(Demo)

## Set Mutation

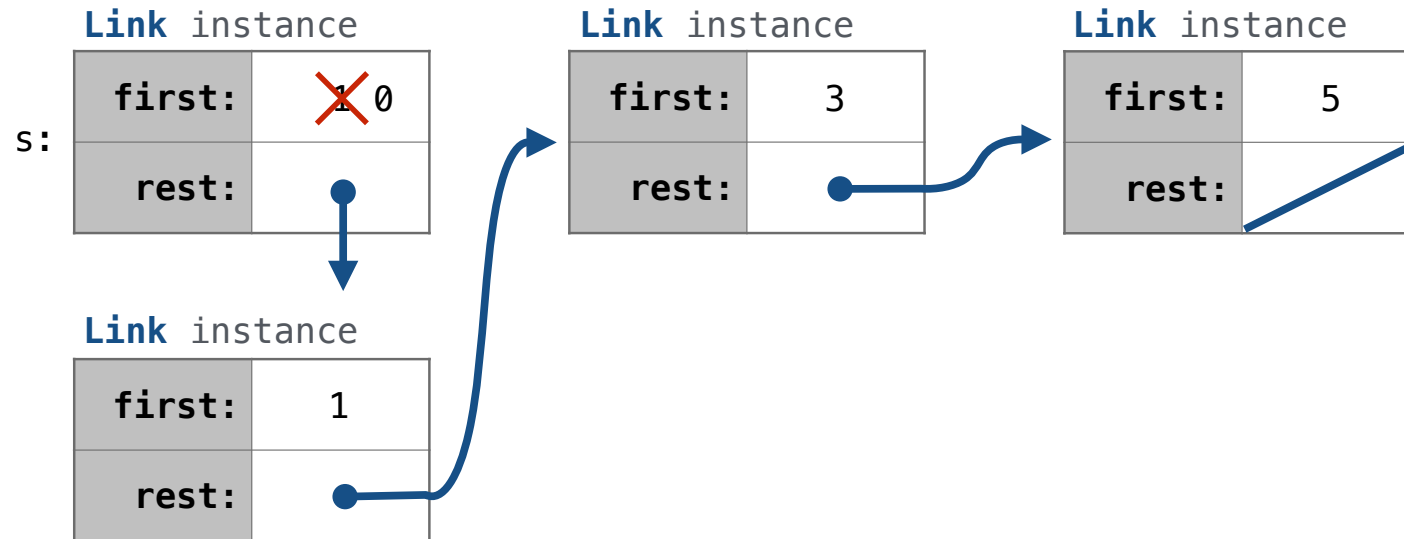
## Adding to an Ordered List

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`add(s, 0)` *Try to return the same object as input*

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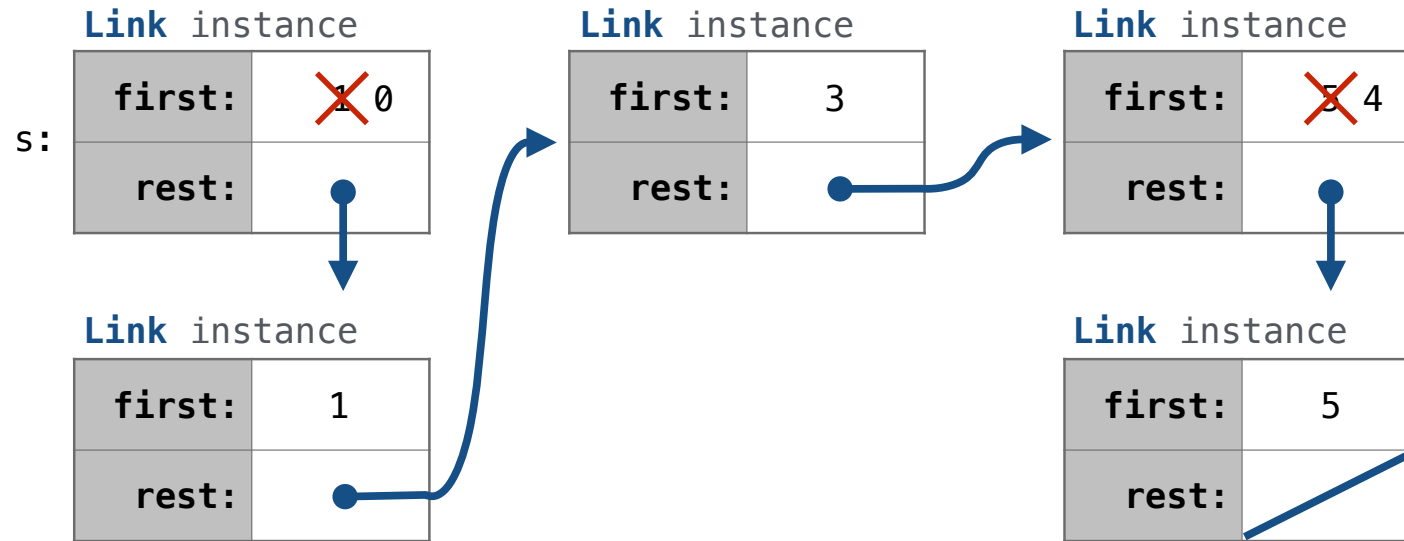


```
add(s, 3)
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add(s, 4)
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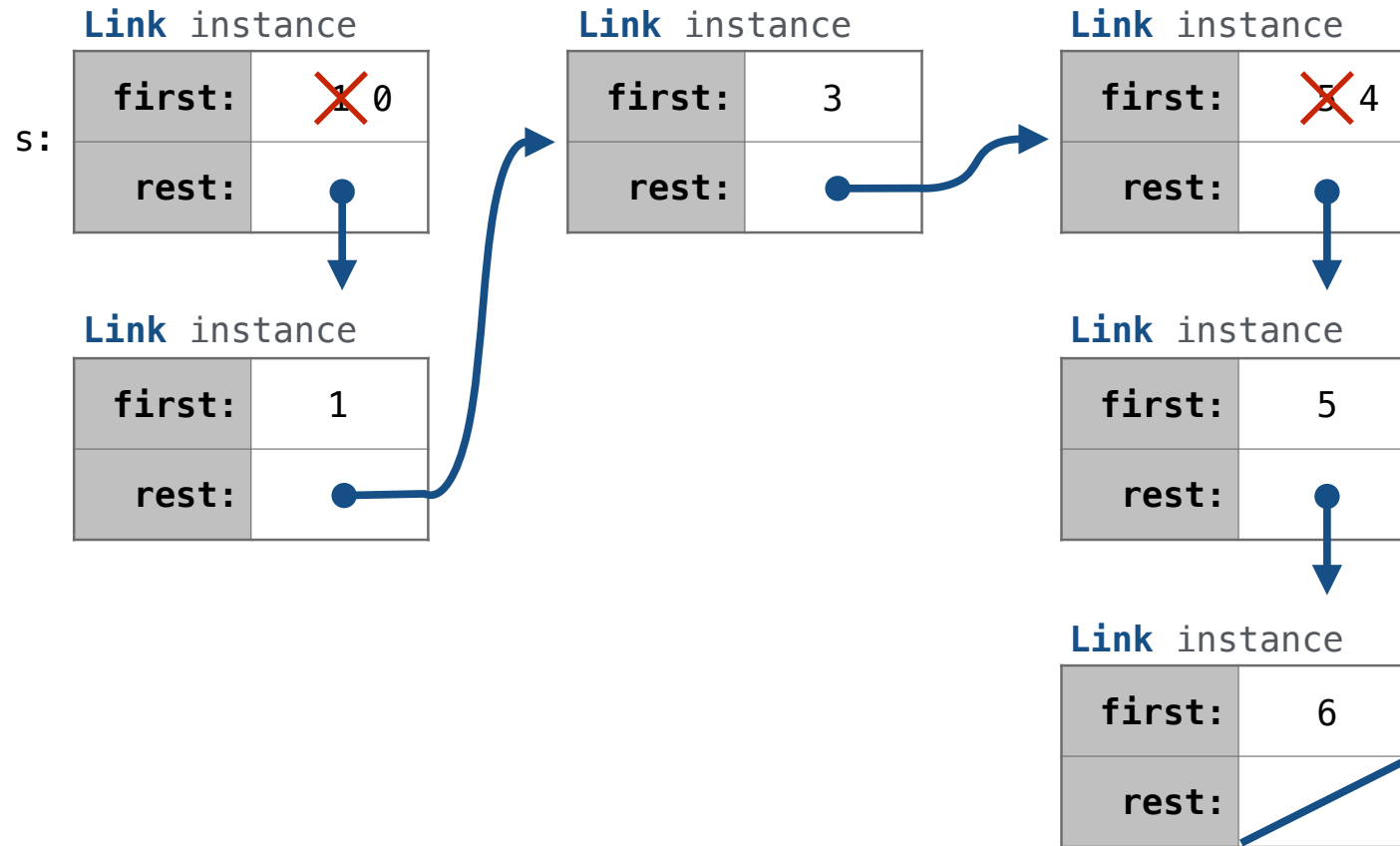


## Adding to an Ordered List



`add(s, 6)`

## Adding to an Ordered List



## Adding to a Set Represented as an Ordered List

```
def add(s, v):
    """Add v to a set s, returning modified s."""

    >>> s = Link(1, Link(3, Link(5)))
    >>> add(s, 0)
    Link(0, Link(1, Link(3, Link(5))))
    >>> add(s, 3)
    Link(0, Link(1, Link(3, Link(5))))
    >>> add(s, 4)
    Link(0, Link(1, Link(3, Link(4, Link(5))))
    >>> add(s, 6)
    Link(0, Link(1, Link(3, Link(4, Link(5, Link(6))))
    """

    if empty(s): return Link(v)
    if s.first > v:
        s.first, s.rest = _____, Link(s.first, s.rest)
    elif s.first < v and empty(s.rest):
        s.rest = _____ Link(v, s.rest)
    elif s.first < v:
        _____ add(s.rest, v)

    return s
```

