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Administrivia

• Homework 4 on Web. Design due Tuesday (10/16), code Thursday (10/18).

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Recap — ADTs, Array-Based Stacks and Queues

- Abstract data type define possible "values", list of operations. Could capture as Java interface.
- Stack ADT LIFO queue.
- Queue ADT FIFO queue.
- Array-based implementations:
 - Stacks easy, queues somewhat trickier ("circular queue").
 - General approach decide what variables we need, what they should "mean".
 - Error checking Java-esque way is with exceptions.
 - ${\bf -}$ Include ${\tt main}$ method for simple error checking.

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Lists

- List ADT:
 - "Values" are lists of elements.
 - Many operations possible add element, remove element, search for element, etc., etc.

(Also "walk through elements" with "iterator" — next time.)

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- Implementation:
 - Using an array.
 - Using a "linked list".

How do these compare with regard to efficiency of various operations? efficiency of memory use?

Homework 4 Overview

- Start writing code for your game entities. Similar to what you did for player last time.
- Review/revise how you're creating layout for your game. Several options.
- Write replacement for framework GameEntityList. This will be a linked list, based on discussion today and next time. You may find it helpful to draw pictures.

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Linked Lists

• Idea of linked lists is fairly simple — chain of "nodes", each linked to the next (singly-linked list) or to the next and the previous (doubly-linked list).

- How to implement this in Java? First, draw pictures.
- Then think about what you need to turn the pictures into code. Probably you'll need:
 - Variables (e.g., something to point to the first "node" (little box).
 - Classes-within-the-class (for nodes / little boxes, later for iterators).
 - Methods for interface.
- (Sketch the start of an implementation on the board.)

Minute Essay

• What are you finding interesting / useful / difficult / annoying about the homeworks so far?

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