

# CS 240

## Data Structures and Algorithms I

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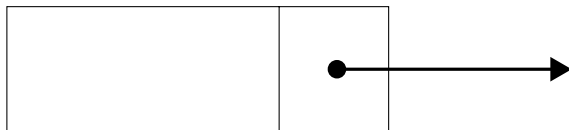
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# Linked Lists

**Idea:** Represent a sequence of elements by a group of **nodes**

## Definition



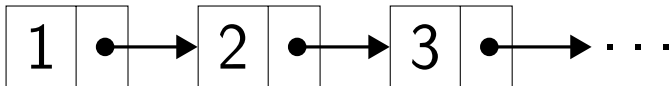
A **node** (or **cons cell**) is an object that consists of two parts, which go by several different names:

- data/link
- head/tail
- first/rest (fst/rst)
- car/cdr

## Linking Nodes

To represent a list of data, we connect together the cons cells via their cdrs.

Example

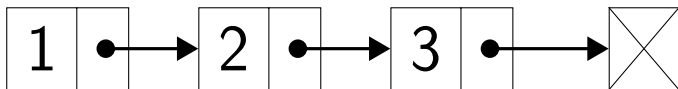


**Problem:** how do we know when the list ends?

## Null Nodes

To represent the empty list, we use a **null** cell (a.k.a. **nil**)

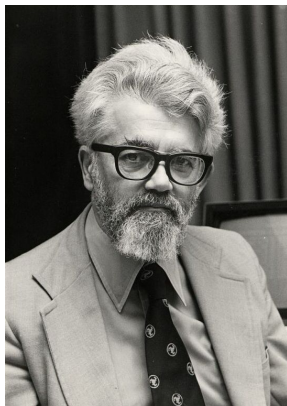
Example



This represents the list (1 2 3)

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## Importance



John McCarthy  
September 4, 1927–October 24, 2011