Lab 4: SortedList

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Primer: Linked Lists

- Linked Lists are a collection of Nodes
- Nodes contain <u>data</u> and a <u>link</u>
- One *node* is said to *link* to another *node* by setting its <u>link</u> field





Two separate Nodes

A Linked List comprised of three Nodes

Linked Lists

- Linked Lists always contain a head
- A head is the beginning of the Linked List
- If a head is **null**, then the Linked List is "empty"



• Suppose we wanted to insert a "5" between the "2" and "3" nodes



• We first create a new Node for the 5



• Then we set its link to be whatever "2"'s link was



• We then change "2"'s link to our "5" node



• And we have our node inserted



Insertion Notes

- In order for us to insert, we need to have a *Previous Node*
- If we do not have a *Previous Node*, then we insert at the *beginning*
- Consider the following cases:
 - head == null
 - prev == null
 - prev != null

Wait... What's prev?

- For this lab, we don't have prev
- Instead, we are implementing a method, getPredecessor()

```
/**
 * @return the node which comes before a node with value "v"
 * In the case where there is no such node, this method
 * will return null (and should be added to the front)
 */
private DoubleNode getPredecessor (double v) {
 // your code here
}
```

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