

CS302 - Data Structures

using C++

Topic: Linked Lists – Core LinkedList Methods

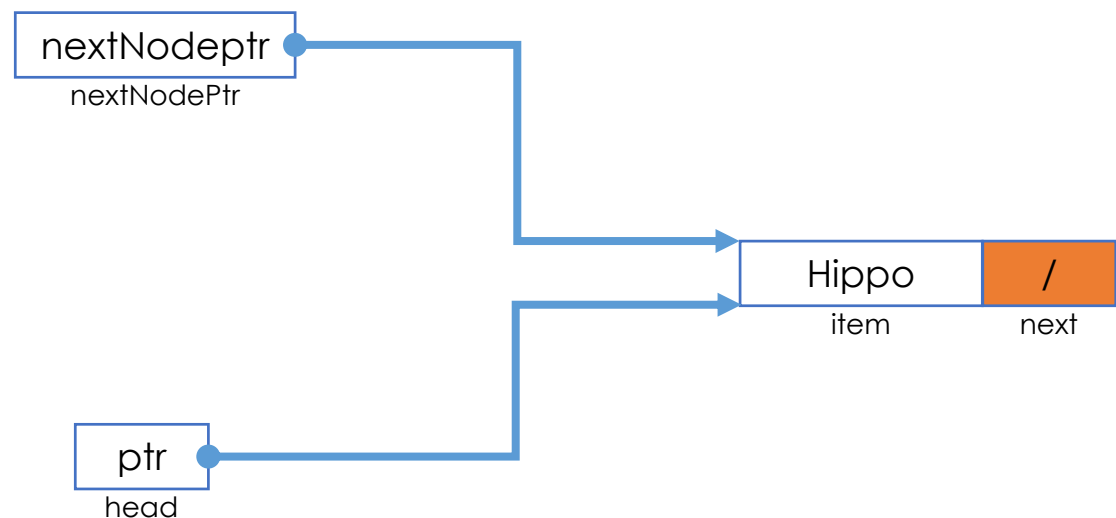
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- We have to define and implement the core methods of the LinkedBag, namely:
 - the default constructor
 - add
 - toVector
 - getCurrentSize
 - isEmpty

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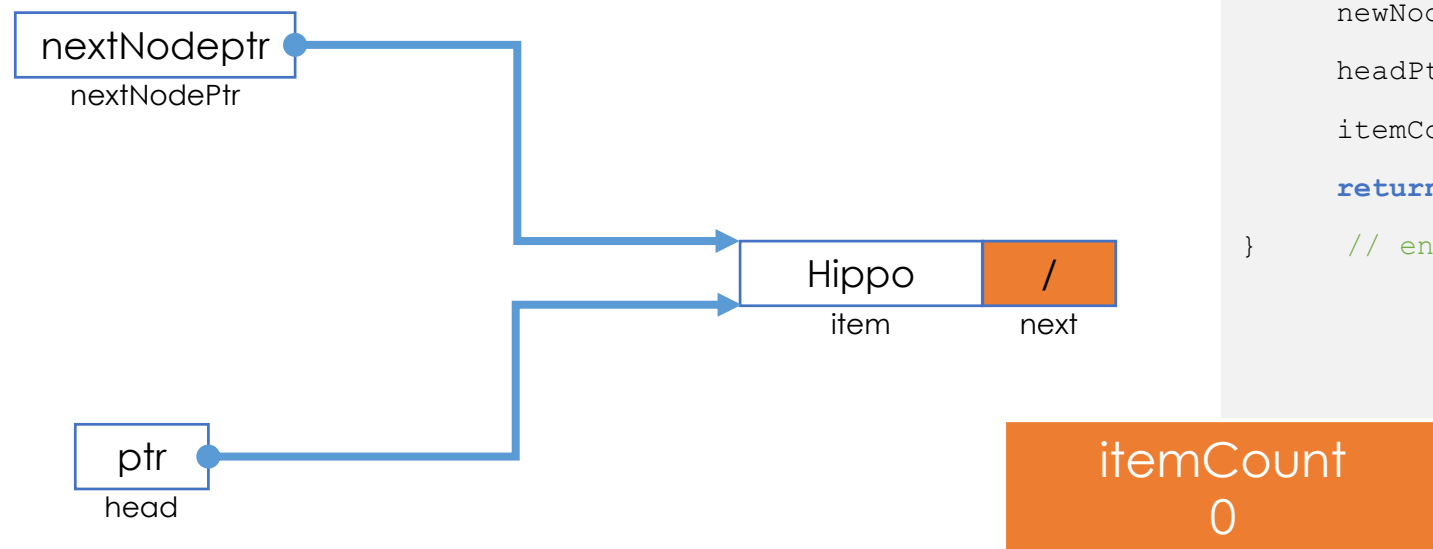


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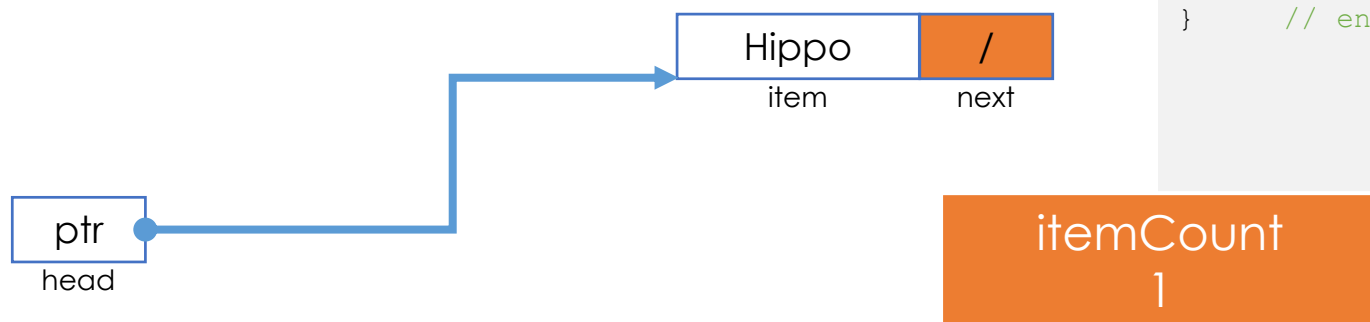


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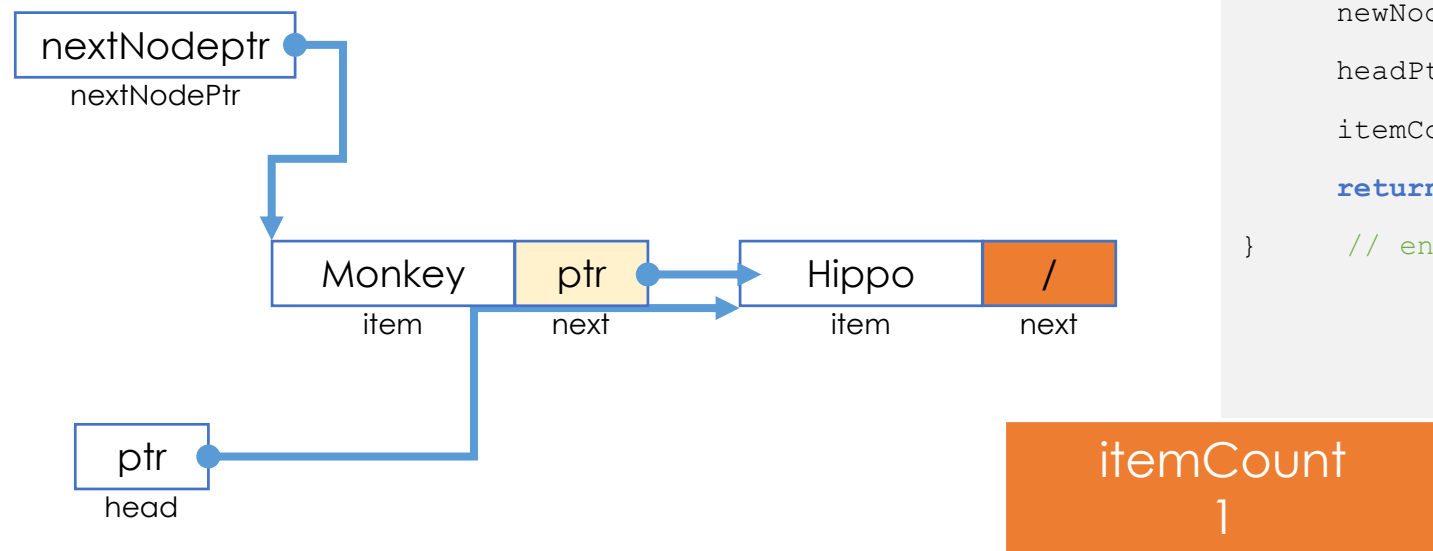


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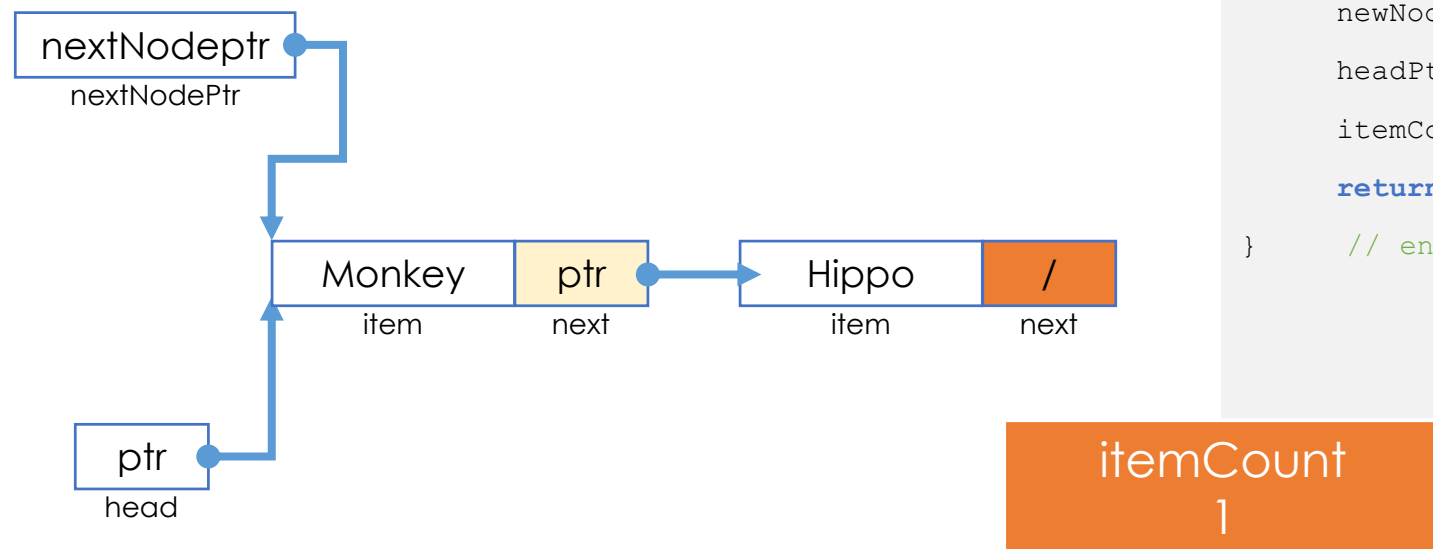


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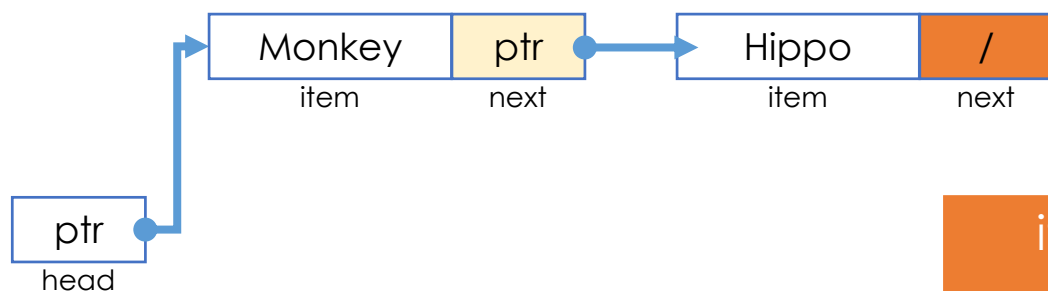


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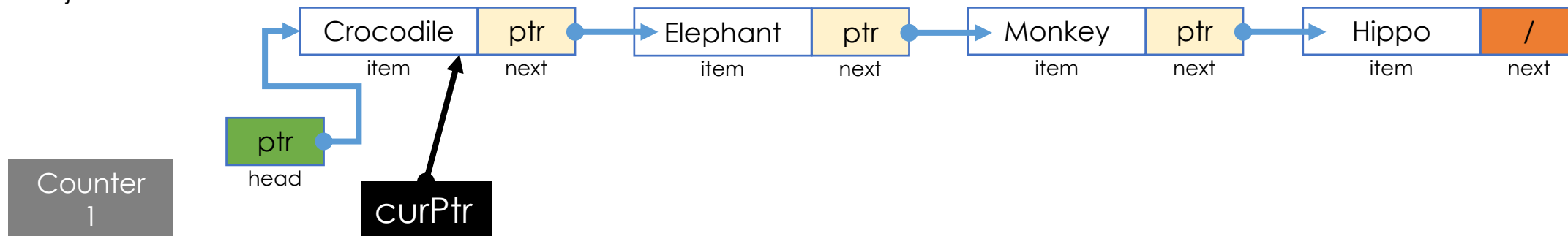
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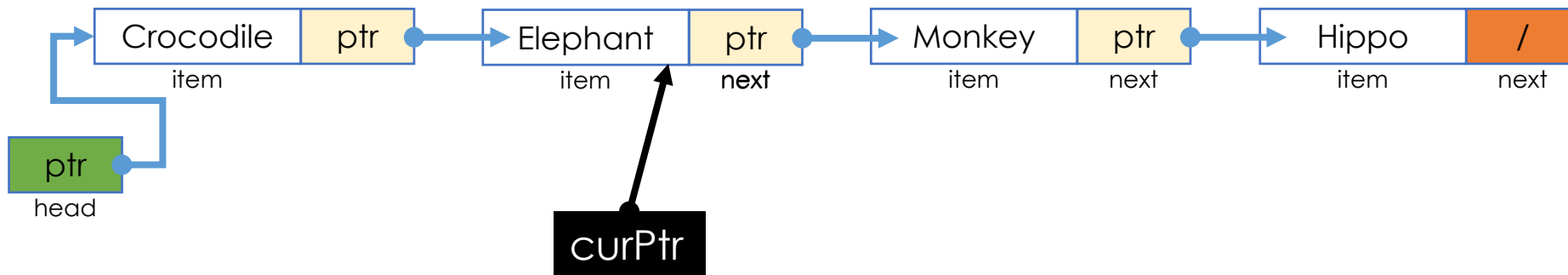
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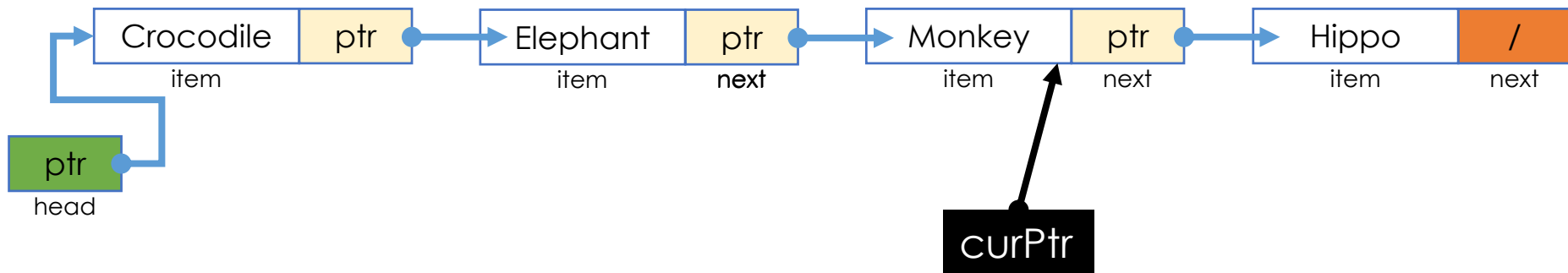
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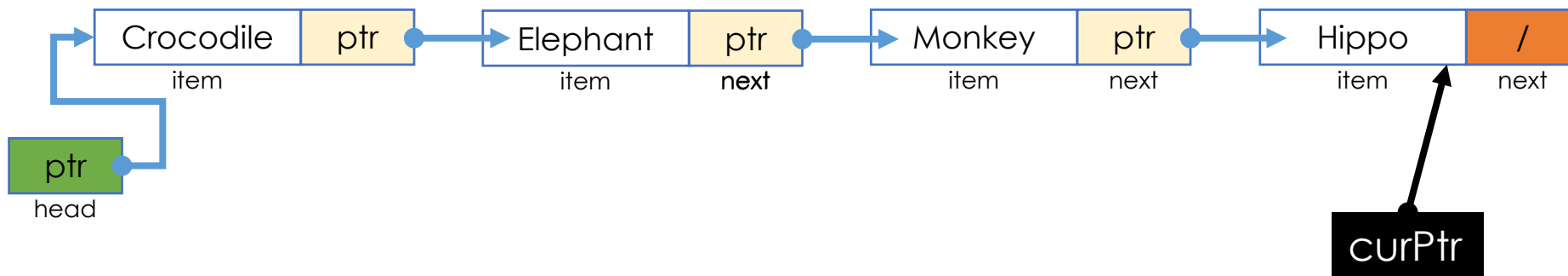
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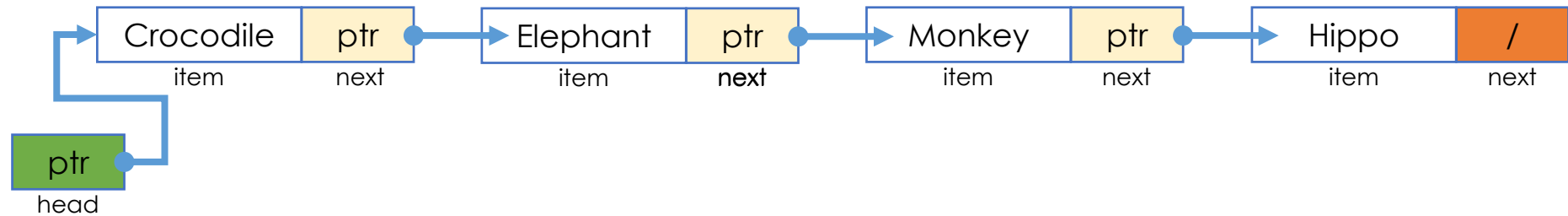
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    while(!found && (curPtr != nullptr))
    {
        if (anEntry == curPtr->getItem())
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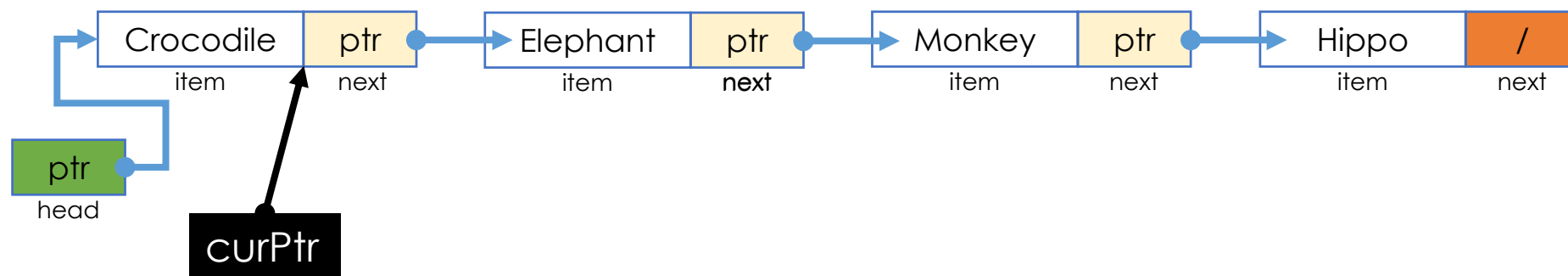


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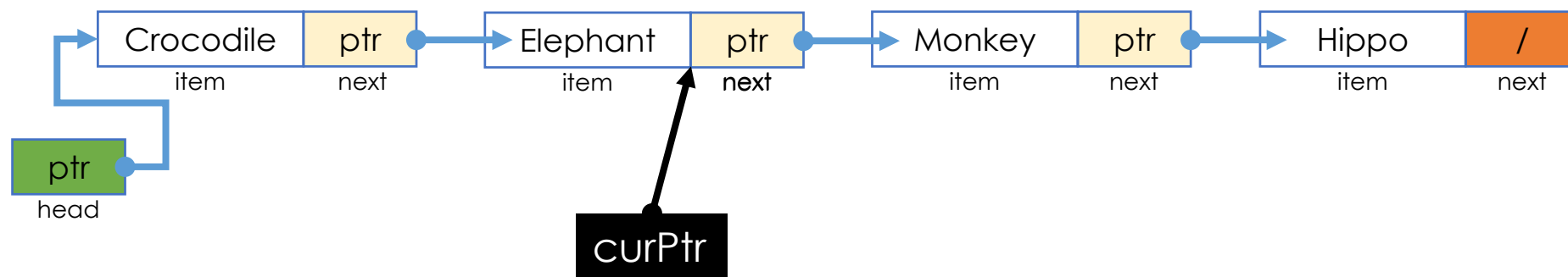


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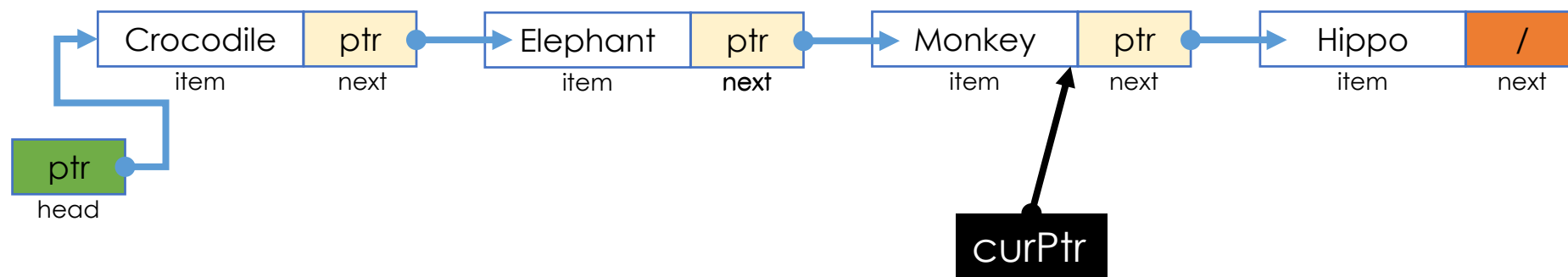


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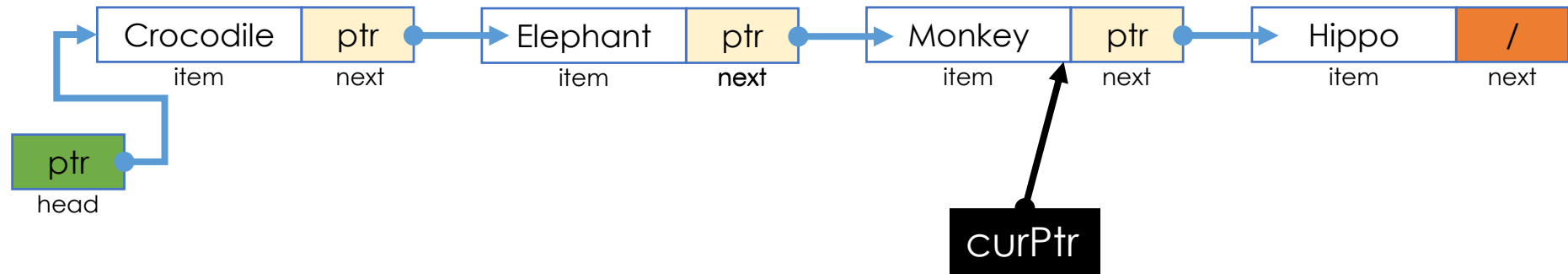


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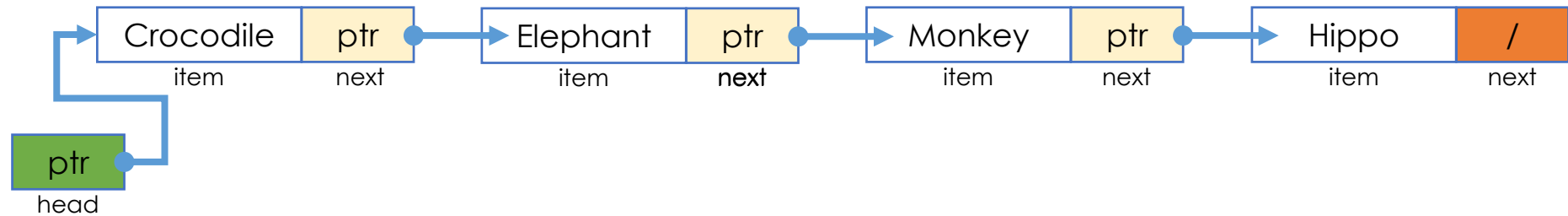


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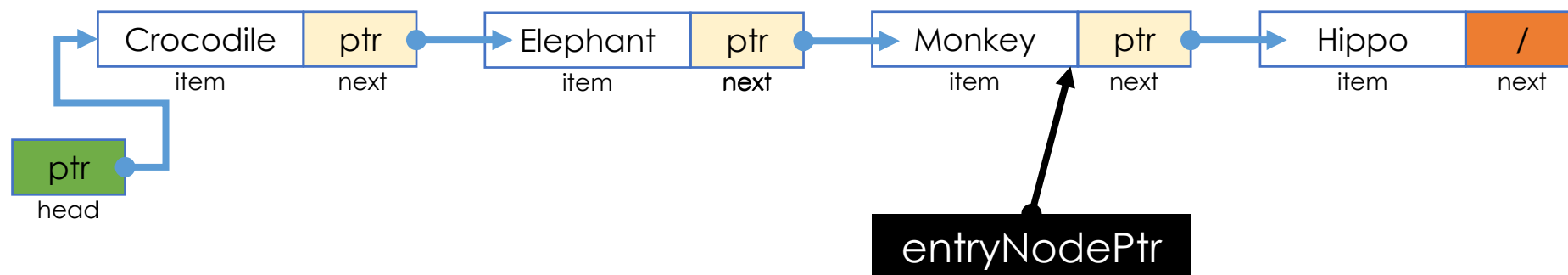


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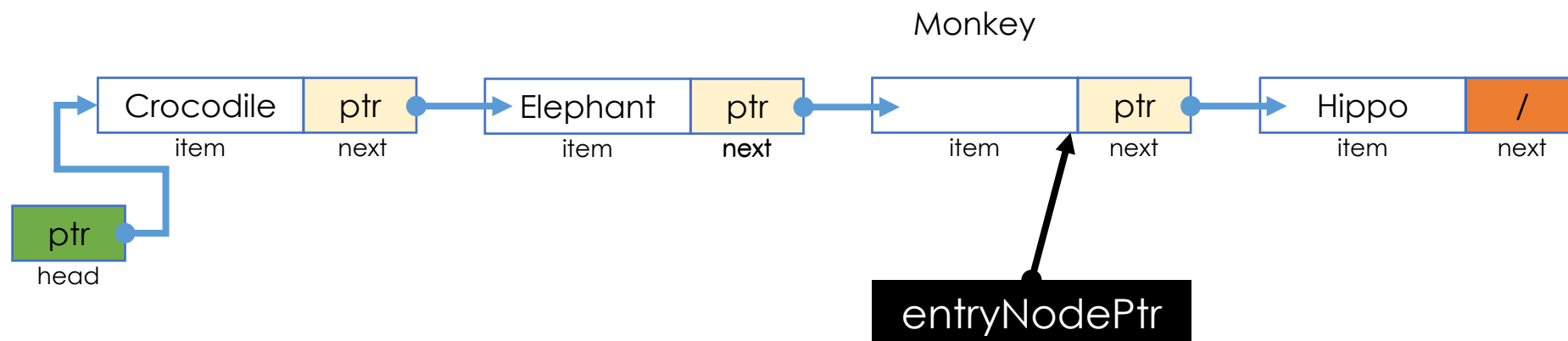


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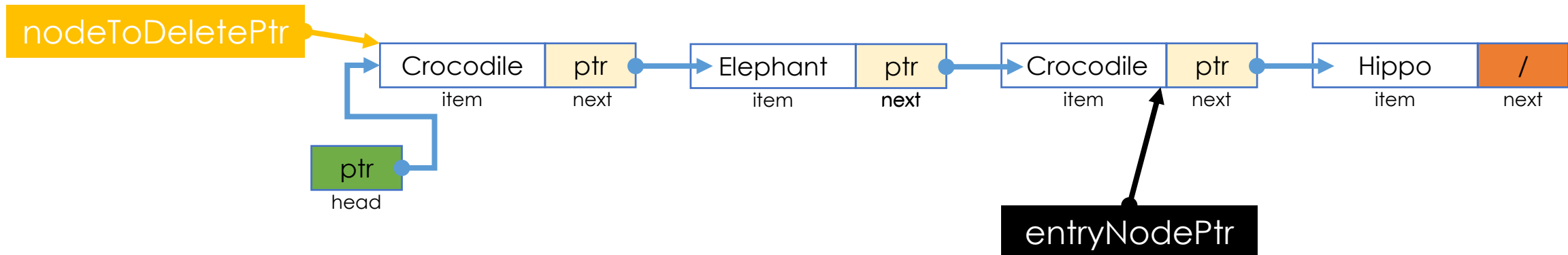


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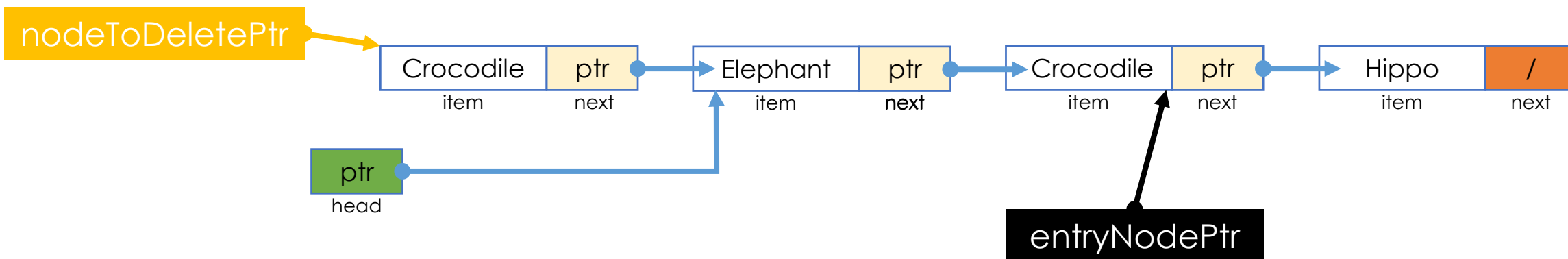


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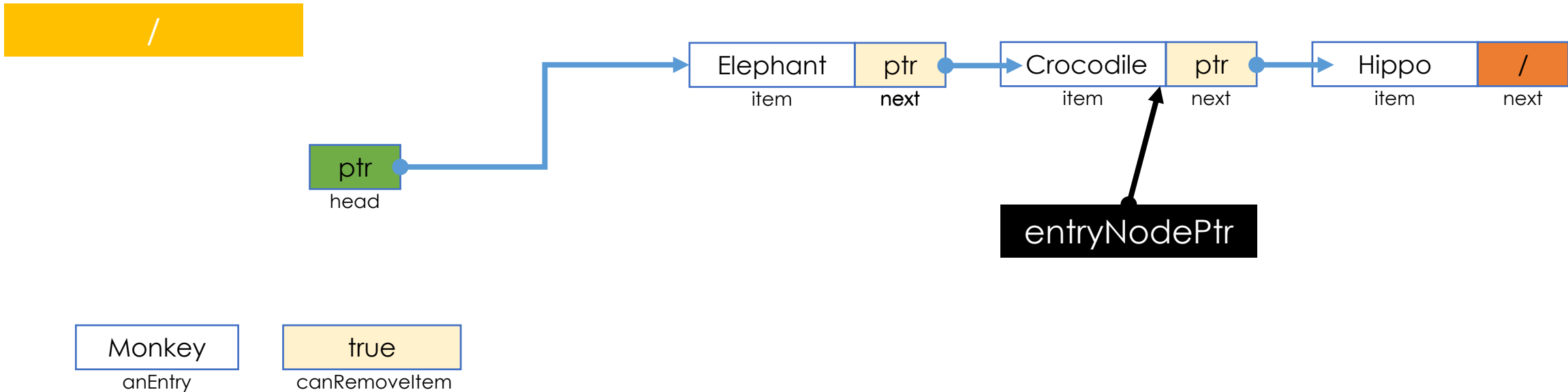


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Thank you