Linked List

Recall - Array

- Sequential
  - One continuous block of memory
  - Random access based on memory address
    - address = first_address + (element_size * index)
- Fixed Size
  - Since memory adjacent to the block may be used
  - Efficient when you know how many elements you'll need to store

Array

Program Stack	
Main Frame	name:myArray, value:1503

Program Heap	
1503	myArray[0]
...	myArray[1]
...	myArray[2]
...	myArray[3]
[used by another program]	

- Arrays are stored on the heap
- Pointer to index 0 goes on the stack
- add index * sizeOfElement to 1503 to find each element
  - This is called random access

Recall - Linked List

- Sequential
  - Spread across memory
  - Each element knows the memory address of the next element
    - Follow the addresses to find each element
- Variable Size
  - Store new element anywhere in memory

Linked List

- Each value in a list is stored in a separate object on the heap
- Stores a reference to the next element
- A reference to the list is only a reference to the first value
- Last link stores null
  - We say the list is "null terminated"
  - When we read a value of null we know we reached the end of the list

Linked List

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- We create our own linked list class by defining a node
  - A node represents one "link" in the list
- The list itself is a reference to the first/head node
- Note: This is a **mutable** list

- Let's walk through this code that builds a linked list


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- Create an object
- next is equal to null
  - The lack of a reference


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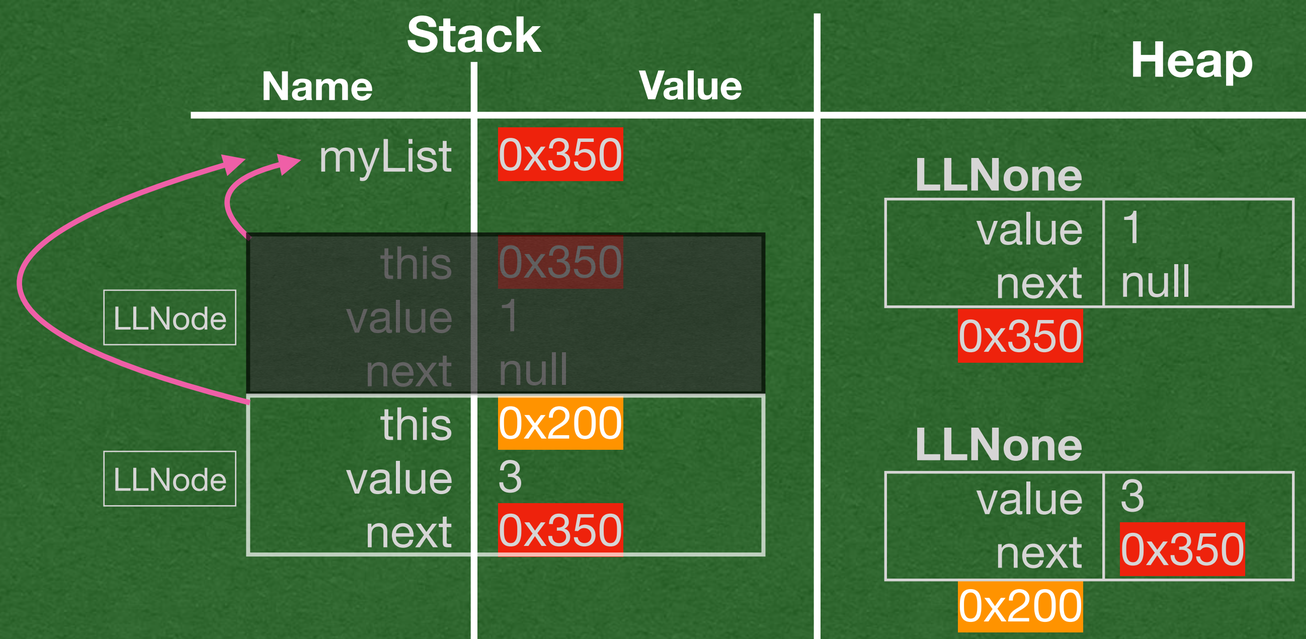
- Call the constructor again
- Pass myList (0x350) as next

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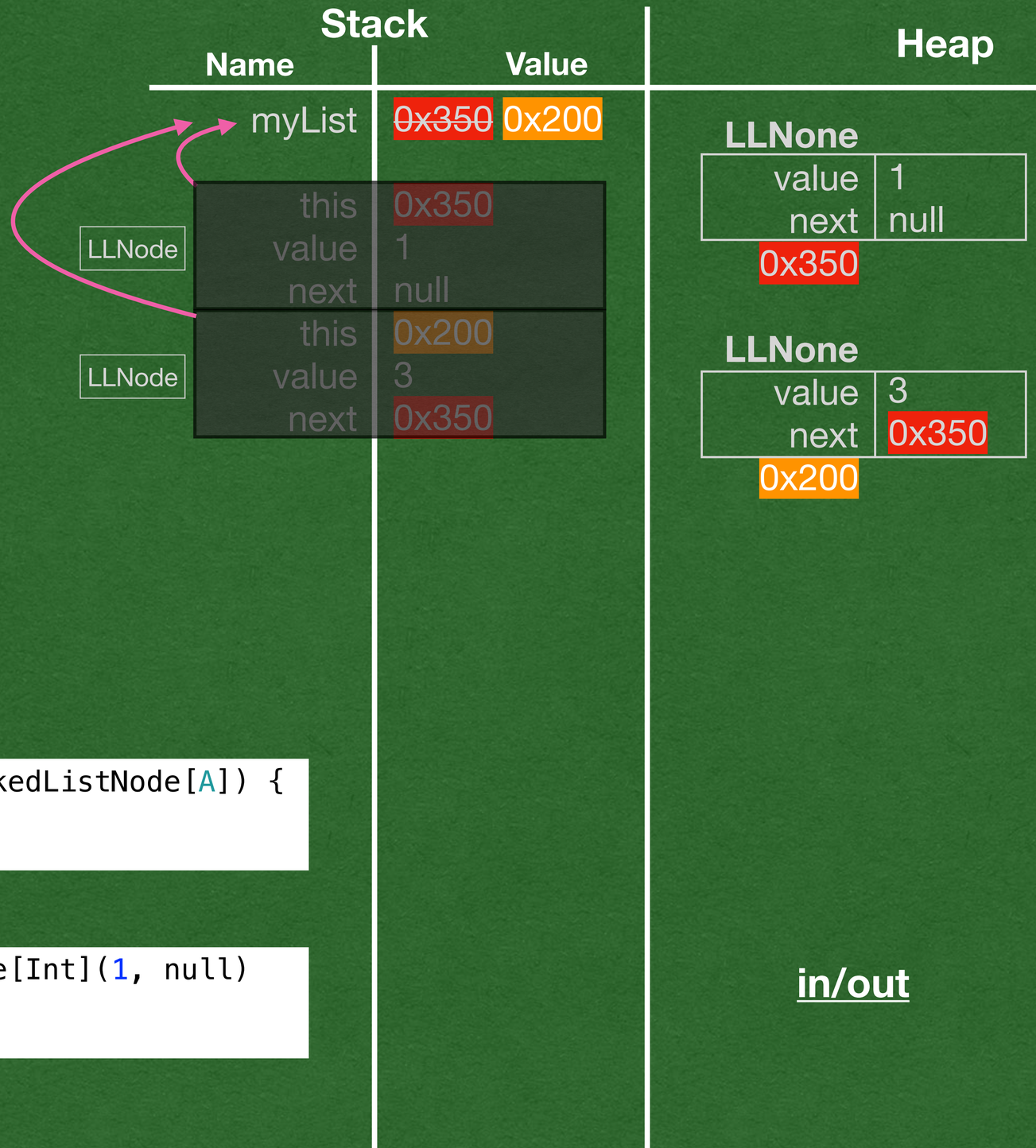
- Reassign myList to the reference returned by the constructor
- myList now stores 0x200 which has a next of 0x350

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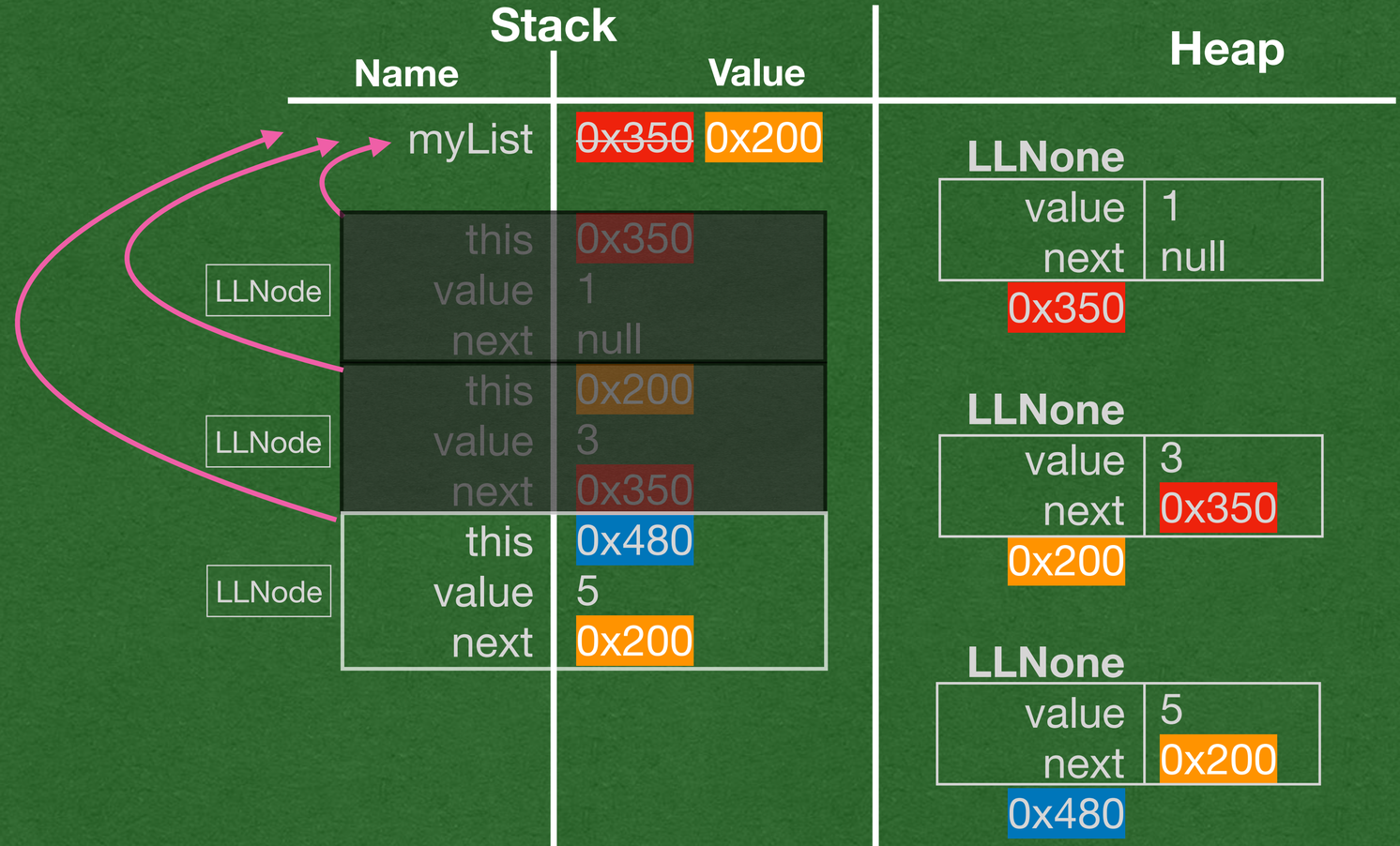
- Repeat the process for the node containing 5

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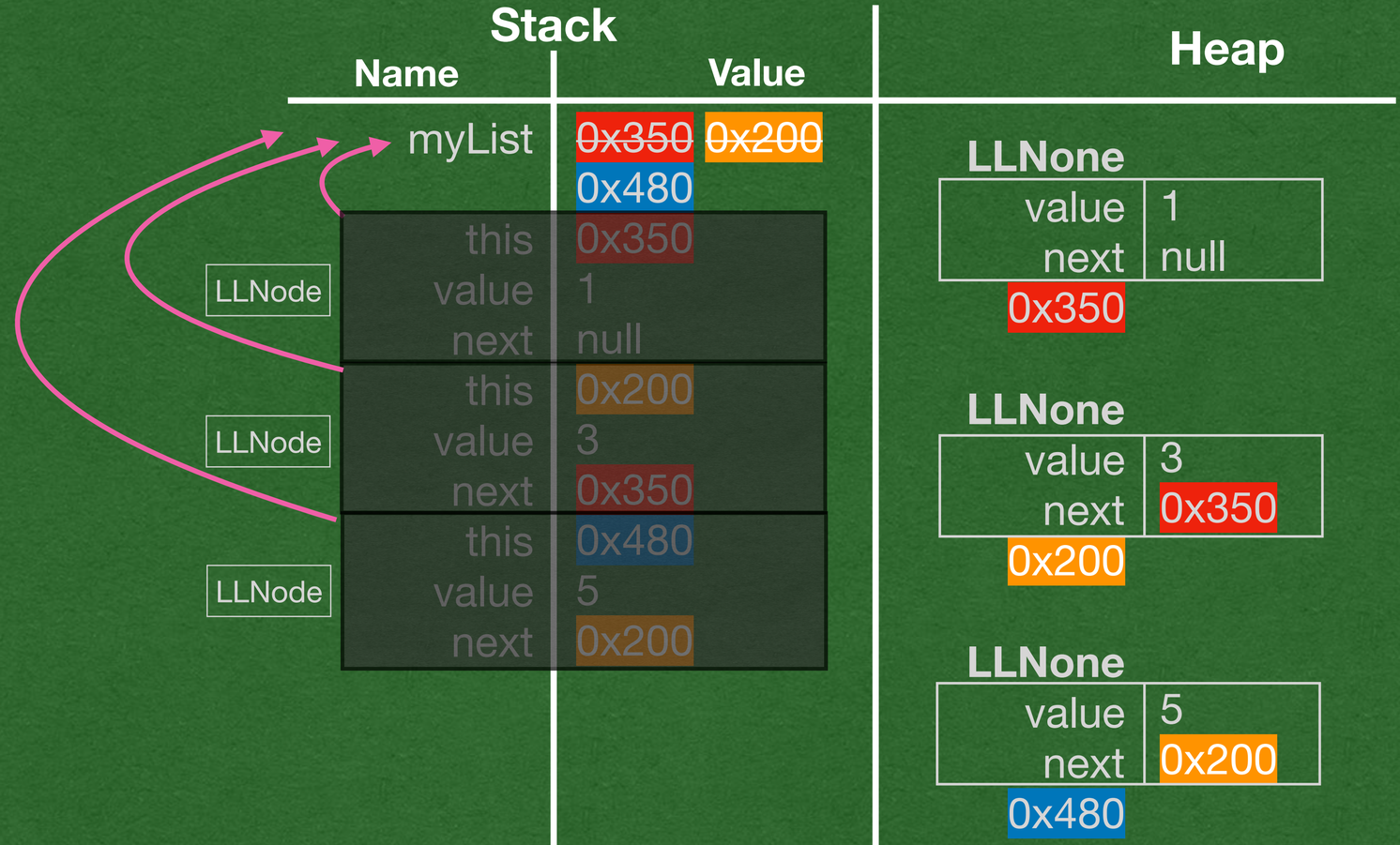
- myList now refers to a node containing 5, which refers to a node containing 3, which refers to a node containing 1, which refers to null
- The list is (5, 3, 1)

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Linked List Algorithms

- We know the structure of a linked list
- How do we operate on these lists?
- We would like to:
  - Find the size of a list
  - Print all the elements of a list
  - Access elements by location
  - Add/remove elements
  - Find a specific value

Size

- Navigate through the entire list until the next reference is null
  - Count the number of nodes visited
- Could use a loop. Recursive example shown

```
def size(): Int = {
  if(this.next == null){
    1
  }else{
    this.next.size() + 1
  }
}
```

To String

- Same as size, but accumulate the values as strings instead of counting the number of nodes
- Recursion makes it easier to manage our commas
  - ", " is only appended if it's not the last element

```
override def toString: String = {
  if (this.next == null) {
    this.value.toString
  }else {
    this.value.toString + ", " + this.next.toString
  }
}
```

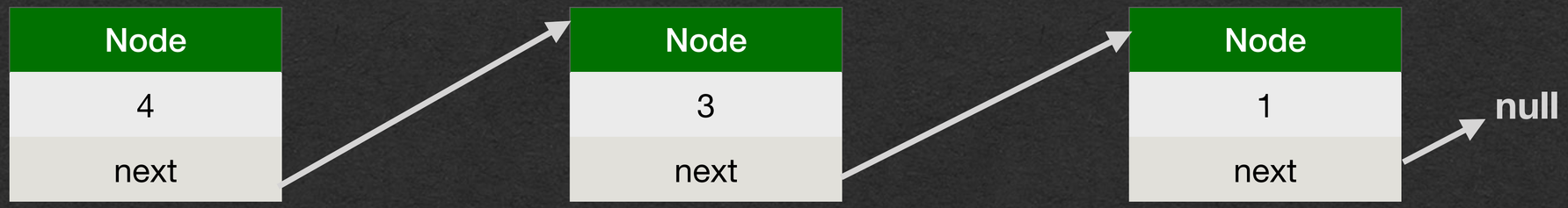
Access Element by Location

- Simulates array access
- Take an "index" and advance through the list that many times
- MUCH slower than array access
  - Calls next n times - O(n) runtime
  - ex. list(4) is the same as this.next.next.next.next

```
def getValueAtIndex(i: Int): LinkedListNode[A] = {
  if (i == 0) {
    this
  } else {
    this.next.apply(i - 1)
  }
}
```

Add an Element

- To add an element we first need a reference to the node before the location of the new element
- Update the next reference of this node
- Want to add 2 in this list after 3



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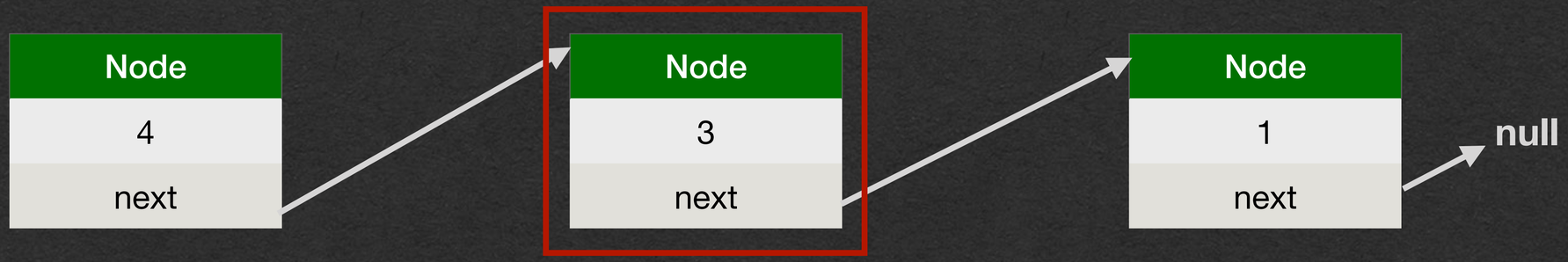
- Need reference to the node containing 3



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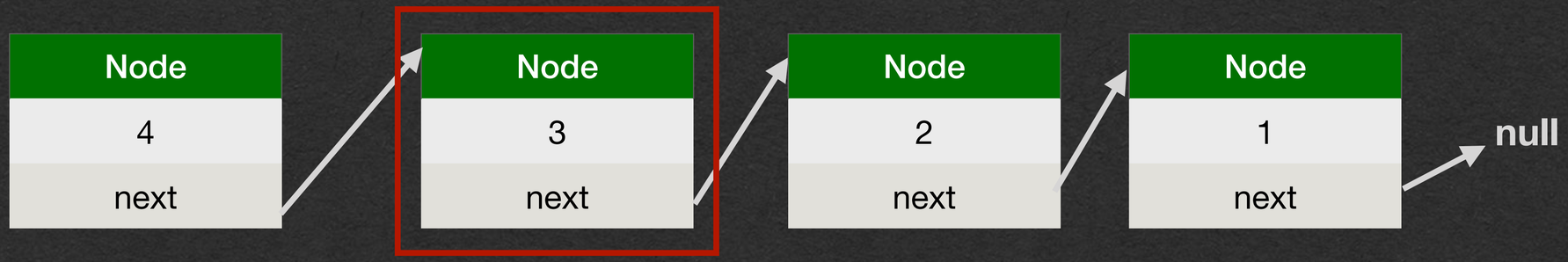
- This node's next is set to the new node



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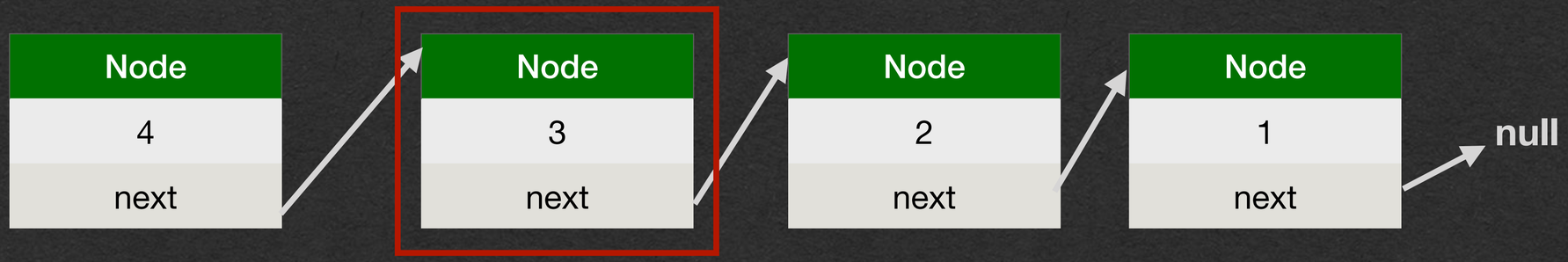
```
def insert(element: A): Unit = {
  this.next = new LinkedListNode[A](element, this.next)
}
```

Delete a Node

- Want to delete the node containing 2
- Need a reference to the previous node



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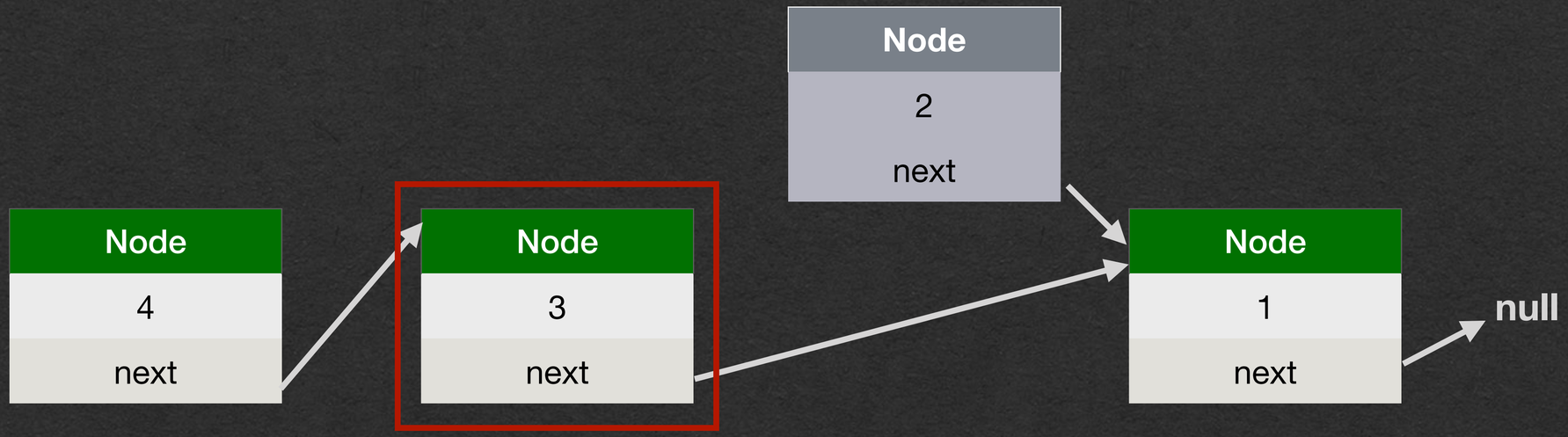

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```
def deleteAfter(): Unit = {
  this.next = this.next.next
}
```

Find a Value

- Navigate through the list one node at a time
  - Check if the node contains the value
  - If it doesn't, move to the next node
  - If the end of the list is reached, the list does not contain the element

```
def find(toFind: A): LinkedListNode[A] = {
  if (this.value == toFind) {
    this
  } else if (this.next == null) {
    null
  } else {
    this.next.find(toFind)
  }
}
```

Find - Recursion v. Iteration

```
def findIterative(toFind: A): LinkedListNode[A] = {
  var node = this
  while (node != null) {
    if (node.value == toFind) {
      return node
    }
    node = node.next
  }
  null
}
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