

To test addFirst, do we have to build the list twice to write assertion?

assertEquals(expected, computed)

assertEquals(~~7~~, L1.addFirst(5))  
                  ?? Lexp

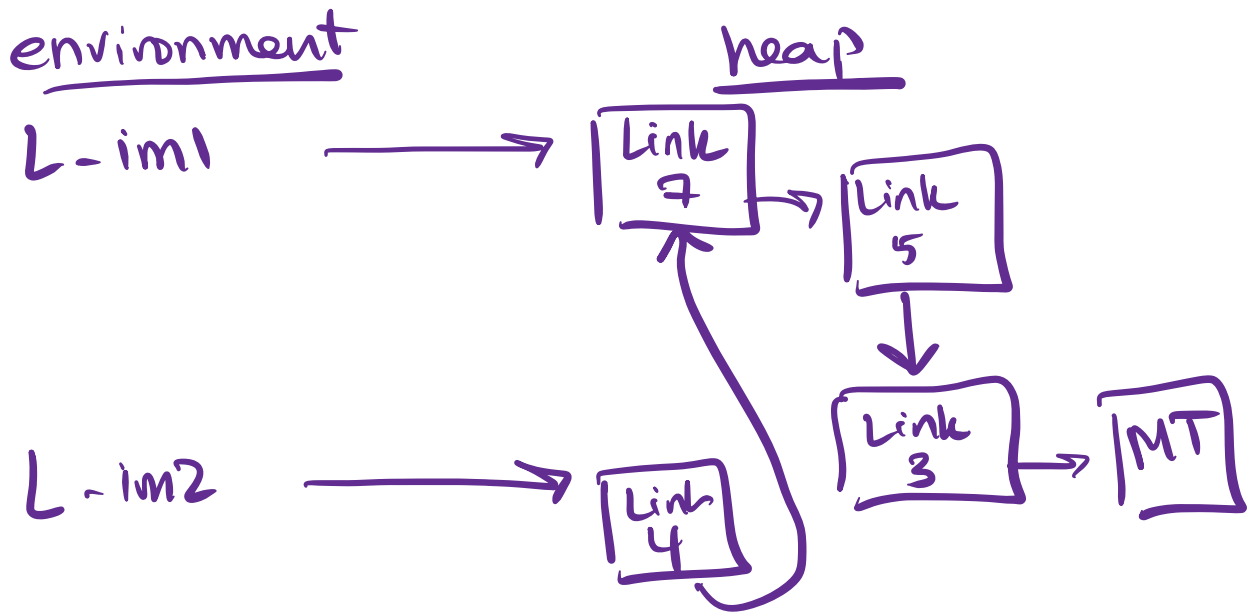
LExp = new EmptyList().addFirst(5)

use your other methods to check new methods

- size after addFirst
- contains after addFirst

Let's make mutable lists instead

Review immutable diagram



This diagram refers to the code

```
L-im1 = new EmphylList().addFirst(3).  
addFirst(5).  
addFirst(7);
```

```
L-im2 = L-im1.addFirst(4)
```

if we were to print out the contents of these lists, `L-im1` would show `[7, 5, 3]` but not 4. `L-im2` would show `[4, 7, 5, 3]`

What should happen in a mutable list?

- if `L-iml` were mutable, then after calling `addFirst`, `L-iml` would also print as `[4, 7, 5, 3]`

The question is how to make that happen. Let's start by looking at the level of the diagrams.

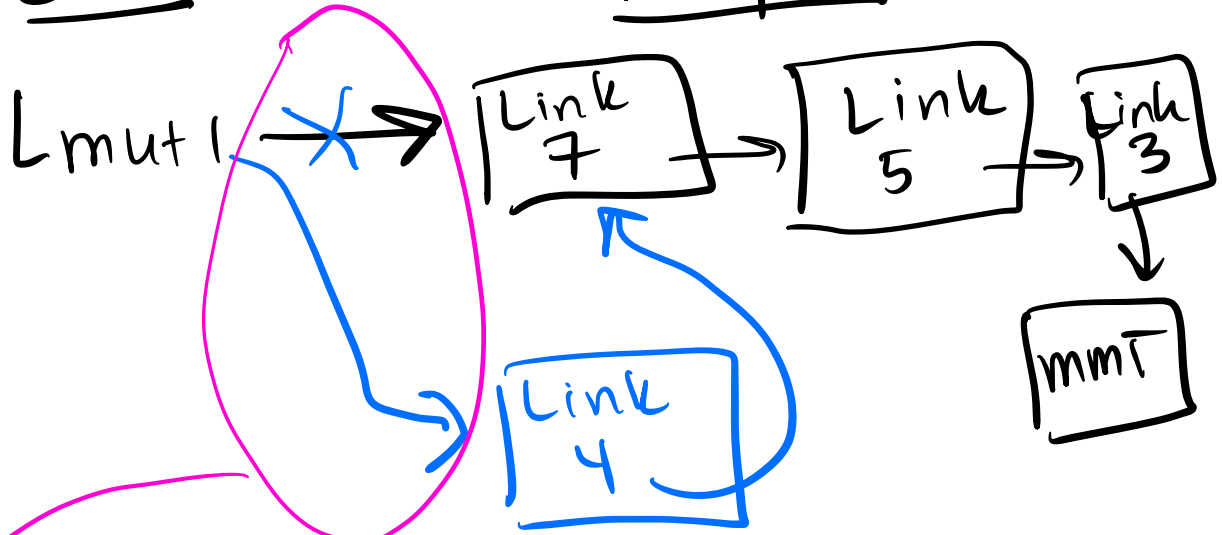
Here's a code sample and the diagram we might want to match the code:

```
Lmutl = new MutEmphylst().  
    addFirst(3).  
    addFirst(5).  
    addFirst(7)  
printing Lmutl shows [7, 5, 3]
```

```
Lmutl.addFirst(4)  
printing Lmutl shows [4, 7, 5, 3]
```

env

heap



The Java code we wrote in blue above does not produce this picture. The only code that can produce this picture is:

`Lmut1 = Lmut1.addFirst(4)`

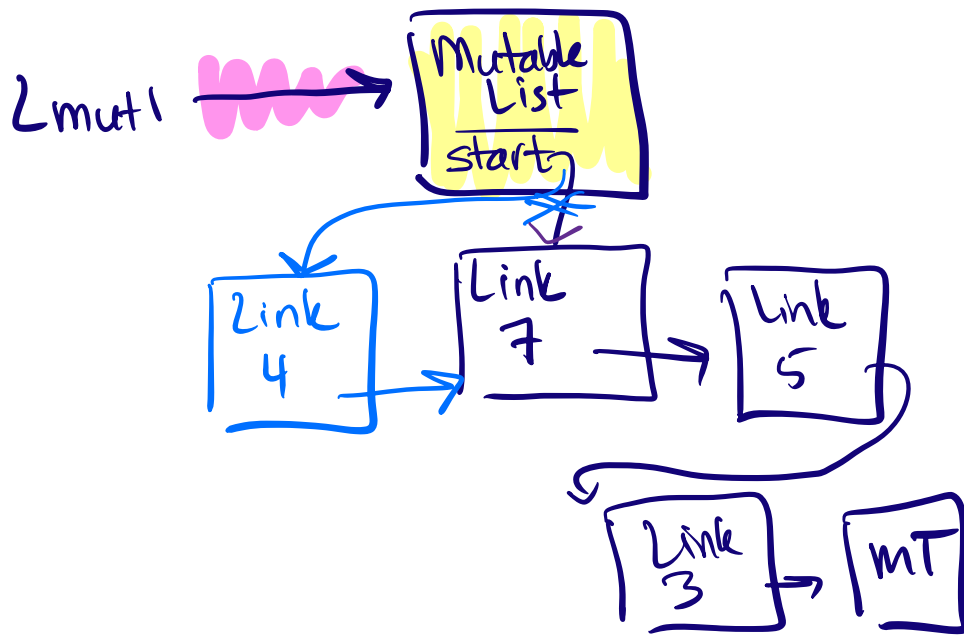
only way to change relationship between `Lmut1` & objects in Java (or other langs)

Let's summarize:

- We want to write the blue code (easier for programmers than the green code)
- By the rules of Java, we have to write the green code given our existing Link class
- No Java code can build the picture that we drew (due to how the language works)

Instead, we need a picture in which no arrows from the names/env have to change, but the list contents in the heap can still change.

Here's a picture that does this:



`lmut1.addFirst(4)`

We introduce a new class called `MutableList` that serves as a consistent access point to the rest of the list. `addFirst` changes what objects the `MutableList` refers to (that's the mutable part), but the mapping from `lmut1` to the `MutableList` object stays fixed.