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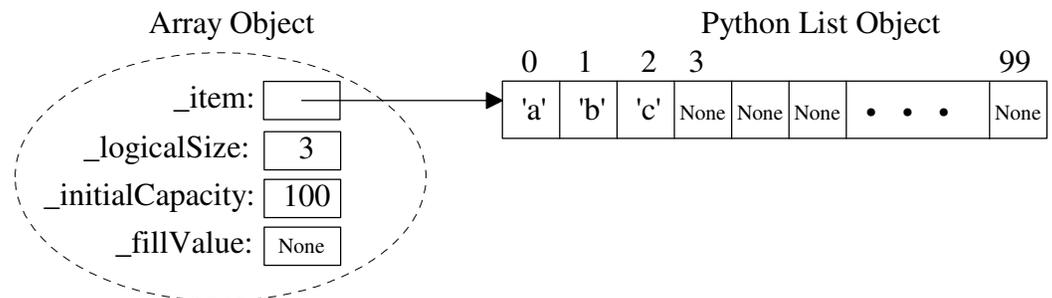
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This file contains the Array class with the following extensions (sensibly modified Projects 1-6 of Ch. 13):

- a `_logicalSize` data attribute to keep track of the number of items in the array. If no `fillValue` is provided, the `_logicalSize` is set to 0. Otherwise, is it set to the `capacity` since we generally use the `fillValue` to initialize actual items in the array.
- a `_initialCapacity` data attribute to remember the `capacity` parameter of `__init__`. If the physical size of the array grows and then later shrinks, we don't want it to shrink below the `_initialCapacity`.
- a `_fillValue` data attribute to remember the `fillValue` parameter of `__init__`. If the physical size of the array grows, we will use it to initialize the extra slots. (this seems pointless since the Array user should be accessing only the items counted in the logical size)
- a `size` method which returns the array's logical size
- a `grow` method to double the physical size of the Array using the `_fillValue` to initialize the extra slots.
- an `insert` method which expects a position and an item as arguments and inserts the item at the given position. If the position is greater than or equal to the logical size, the item is inserted after the last item in the array before `insert` was called. If the position is less than 0, an error should be raised. If the Array is full when `insert` is called, the `grow` method is called.

The following code generates the shown Array object, `myArray`.

```
myArray = Array(100)
myArray.insert(50, 'c')
myArray.insert(0, 'a')
myArray.insert(1, 'b')
```



Part A: Add the following Array methods:

- a `shrink` method to halve the physical size of the Array when it is only a quarter full. However, the physical size of the Array should not be allowed to drop below the `_initialCapacity`.
- a `remove` method which expects a position as an argument. The `remove` method should remove and return the item at that position. The "hole" left by removing the item at position should be filled by sliding the items at larger positions down with the spot vacated by the last item filled by the `_fillValue`. If the Array's logical size drops to a quarter full, the `shrink` method should be called to avoid wasting memory space. Be sure to include a precondition of $0 \leq \text{position index} < \text{size}()$ and code to check the precondition and raise an appropriate exception
- a `__eq__` method to allow two Array objects to be compared using the `==` operator. This method should return `True` if the right-hand-side argument is also an Array with the same logical size and corresponding pairs of items from each logical position in the two arrays are equal. Otherwise, this method should return `False`.

Part B: Update the `testArray.py` to allow testing of your Part A methods

Part C: Answer the following questions raised in Project 6.

- Why should we remove the current implementation of the `__iter__` method? (NOTE: we don't know how to fix this problem yet since it is not addressed until section 16.6.2)
- Explain how the `__str__` method should be modified at this point.

(additional requirements on reverse side)

Implementation Requirements:

- Use meaningful variable names with good style (i.e., useCamelCase or use_underscores)
- Use docstring comments at the module, class, method, and function levels. Include preconditions and postconditions for all functions and class methods. For each function or method with a precondition, include code to check the precondition and raise an appropriate exception.

Implementation Suggestions:

- Don't procrastinate! Start the project early so if you have problems you can get help.
- Test your program thoroughly using your updated testArray.py program

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