82 remove duplicates from sorted list II

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Description

Given the head of a sorted linked list, delete all nodes that have duplicate numbers, leaving only distinct numbers from the original list. Return the linked list **sorted** as well.

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# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode:
# def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
         self.val = val
         self.next = next
class Solution:
   def get_count(self, head):
       if head == None:
          return 0, None
       if head.next is None:
           return 1, None
       count = 0
       val = head.val
       while head is not None and head.val == val:
           count += 1
           head = head.next
        return count, head
    def deleteDuplicates(self, head: Optional[ListNode]) -> Optional[ListNode]:
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print ("82. Remove Duplicates from Sorted List II".lower())
if head is None:
    return head
copy_head = head
prev = None
while copy_head is not None:
    count, next_head = self.get_count(copy_head)
    print (f'count {count} next_head {next_head}')
    if count == 1:
        if prev is None:
           head = copy_head
            prev = head
        else:
            prev.next = copy_head
            prev = prev.next
    copy_head = next_head
if prev is not None:
    prev.next = None
return head if prev is not None else None
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Note: Using a "Sentinal node" as head makes the code much easier