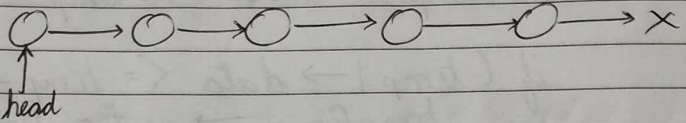


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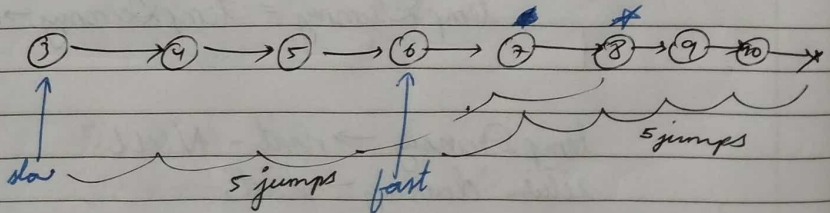


print k^{th} node from end of LL

1. Reverse & k^{th}
2. Print (length - k)
3. Put into array
4. Recursion
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5. Tail Recursion

6 Gap Technique (2 pointers)

$k=3$



- ① $\text{slow} \rightarrow \text{head}, \text{fast} \rightarrow \text{head} + k$
- ② $\text{while} (\text{fast} \neq \text{NULL})$
 $\text{fast}++$
 $\text{slow}++$
- ③ return slow

$\text{slow} = \text{head}$

$\text{fast} = \text{head}$

$\text{while} (k--)$

$\text{fast} = \text{fast} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{while} (\text{fast} \neq \text{NULL}) \{$

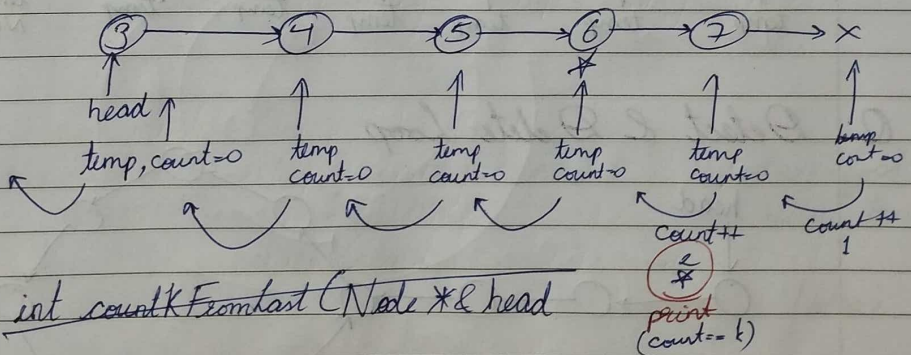
$\text{slow} = \text{slow} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{fast} = \text{fast} \rightarrow \text{next};$

$\}$
 $\text{return slow};$

4. Recursion

$k = 2$



```
int countKFromLast(Node * &head,  
int count, int k) {
```

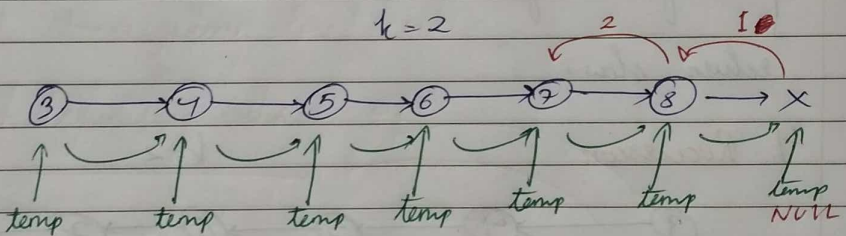
```
    if (head == NULL)  
        return 0;
```

```
    int cnt = countKFromLast(head->next, cnt, k)  
                + 1;
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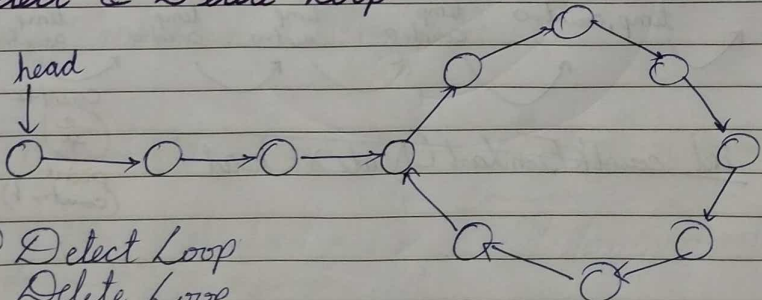
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    if (cnt == k)  
        cnt << head->data;
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```
    return cnt;
```

```
}
```



Q Detect & Delete Loop



- ① Detect Loop
- ② Delete Loop

Techniques

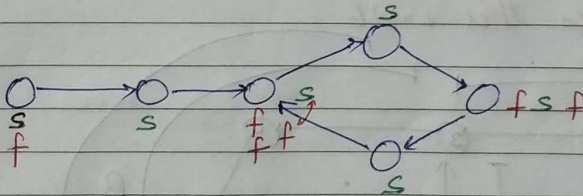
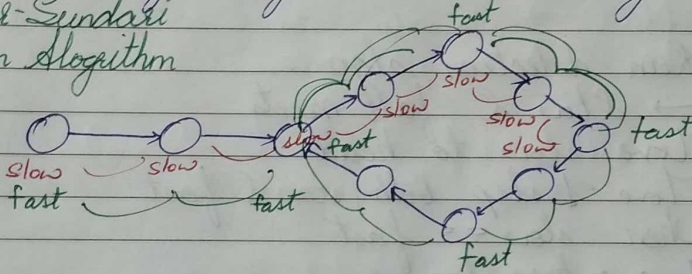
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① Use map to store address
 ↳ if same address found again
 ↳ loop

② Modify given nodes
 ↳ if modification found
 ↳ loop

③ Floyd Cycle Detection Algorithm

Sundar-Sundari
 Detection Algorithm



Loop Detection

```
bool detectLoop (Node * &head) {
    if (head == NULL)
        return false;
```

Node * slow = head;

Node * fast = head;

while (fast && fast->next)

slow = slow->next;
 fast = fast->next->next;

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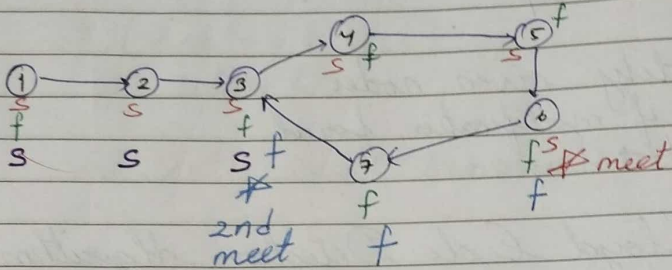
}

if (slow == fast)
 return true;
 return false;

Time complexity
 $O(n/2 + k/2)$

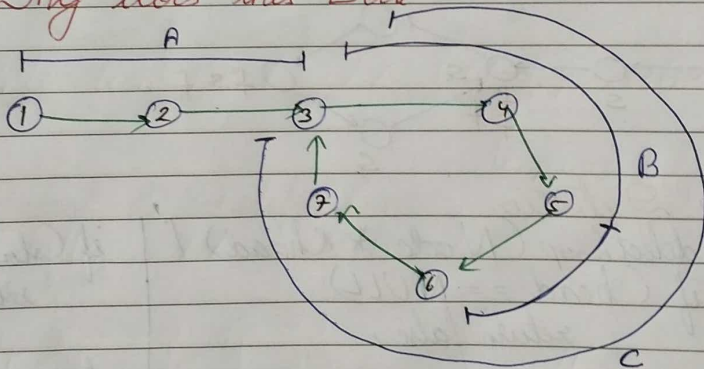
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Find loop point (Intersection)



1. Run detection algo
 \hookrightarrow slow & fast meets
2. Move slow to head
3. Move 1 step both slow & fast
4. When slow == fast
 \hookrightarrow return slow.

Why does this work



Distance of fast = $2 * \text{distance of slow}$

Distance travelled by fast = $A + xC + B$

Dist of slow $\cdot 2A + 2B + yC$

$$A + B + xC = 2A + 2B + yC$$

$$xC - yC = A + B$$

$$(x - y)C = A + B$$

$$\Rightarrow A + B = k * C$$

$$\text{or } A = kC - B \Rightarrow \text{head} \rightarrow \text{intersection 2}$$

\Rightarrow equals

$$\text{intersection 1} \rightarrow \text{intersection 2}$$

Delete Loop

temp = intersection

temp2 = intersection

while (temp2 \rightarrow next \neq temp)

temp2 = temp2 \rightarrow next;

temp2 \rightarrow next = NULL;

Node * deleteLoop(Node * \longrightarrow) {

same as before.

if (slow == fast)

return slow;

return NULL;

}

if (head == NULL)
return false;

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bool detectAndDeleteLoop (Node * &head) {

```
Node * fast = head;
Node * slow = head;
while (fast != slow) {
    slow = slow->next;
    fast = fast->next->next;
}
```

```
Node * begin = slow;
Node * temp = begin;
```

```
while (temp->next != begin)
    temp = temp->next;
```

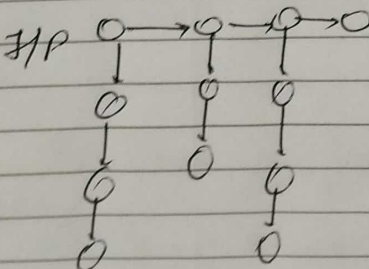
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temp->next = NULL;
return true;
```

}

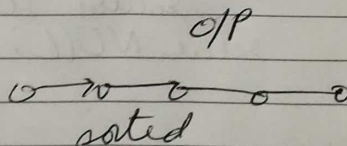
H/W Intersection Point of LL (4 Approaches)

loop, visited flag,

H/W Flatten a LL (recursion)



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H/W Remove Duplicate from sorted/unsorted

H/W Add 1 to LL

H/W Add 2 LL

H/W Clone LL with random ptr

H/W Delete m nodes after n nodes.

H/W Reverse alternate k nodes.

Q Why is quick sort preferred for arrays and why merge sort is preferred for LL?