

## Reverse Linked List II

Reverse a linked list from position  $m$  to  $n$ . Do it in-place and in one-pass.

For example:

Given `1->2->3->4->5->NULL`,  $m = 2$  and  $n = 4$ ,

return `1->4->3->2->5->NULL`.

### **Note:**

Given  $m, n$  satisfy the following condition:

$1 \leq m \leq n \leq \text{length of list}$ .

## Solution 1

Simply just reverse the list along the way using 4 pointers: dummy, pre, start, then

```
public ListNode reverseBetween(ListNode head, int m, int n) {
    if(head == null) return null;
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(0); // create a dummy node to mark the head of
    this list
    dummy.next = head;
    ListNode pre = dummy; // make a pointer pre as a marker for the node before r
    eversing
    for(int i = 0; i<m-1; i++) pre = pre.next;

    ListNode start = pre.next; // a pointer to the beginning of a sub-list that w
    ill be reversed
    ListNode then = start.next; // a pointer to a node that will be reversed

    // 1 - 2 -3 - 4 - 5 ; m=2; n =4 ----> pre = 1, start = 2, then = 3
    // dummy-> 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5

    for(int i=0; i<n-m; i++)
    {
        start.next = then.next;
        then.next = pre.next;
        pre.next = then;
        then = start.next;
    }

    // first reversing : dummy->1 - 3 - 2 - 4 - 5; pre = 1, start = 2, then = 4
    // second reversing: dummy->1 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 5; pre = 1, start = 2, then = 5 (
    finish)

    return dummy.next;
}
```

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## Solution 2

```
ListNode *reverseBetween(ListNode *head, int m, int n) {  
    if(m==n) return head;  
    n-=m;  
    ListNode prehead(0);  
    prehead.next=head;  
    ListNode* pre=&prehead;  
    while(--m) pre=pre->next;  
    ListNode* pstart=pre->next;  
    while(n--)  
    {  
        ListNode *p=pstart->next;  
        pstart->next=p->next;  
        p->next=pre->next;  
        pre->next=p;  
    }  
    return prehead.next;  
}
```

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## Solution 3

The basic idea is as follows:

- (1) Create a `new_head` that points to `head` and use it to locate the immediate node before the `m`-th (notice that it is 1-indexed) node `pre`;
- (2) Set `cur` to be the immediate node after `pre` and at each time move the immediate node after `cur` (named `move`) to be the immediate node after `pre`. Repeat it for `n - m` times.

```
class Solution {
public:
    ListNode* reverseBetween(ListNode* head, int m, int n) {
        ListNode* new_head = new ListNode(0);
        new_head -> next = head;
        ListNode* pre = new_head;
        for (int i = 0; i < m - 1; i++)
            pre = pre -> next;
        ListNode* cur = pre -> next;
        for (int i = 0; i < n - m; i++) {
            ListNode* move = cur -> next;
            cur -> next = move -> next;
            move -> next = pre -> next;
            pre -> next = move;
        }
        return new_head -> next;
    }
};
```

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