

## Reorder List

Given a singly linked list  $L: L_0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_n$ ,  
reorder it to:  $L_0 \rightarrow L_n \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots$

You must do this in-place without altering the nodes' values.

For example,

Given  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , reorder it to  $\{1, 4, 2, 3\}$ .

## Solution 1

This question is a combination of **Reverse a linked list I & II**. It should be pretty straight forward to do it in 3 steps :)

```
public void reorderList(ListNode head) {
    if(head==null||head.next==null) return;

    //Find the middle of the list
    ListNode p1=head;
    ListNode p2=head;
    while(p2.next!=null&& p2.next.next!=null){
        p1=p1.next;
        p2=p2.next.next;
    }

    //Reverse the half after middle 1->2->3->4->5->6 to 1->2->3->6->5->4
    4
    ListNode preMiddle=p1;
    ListNode preCurrent=p1.next;
    while(preCurrent.next!=null){
        ListNode current=preCurrent.next;
        preCurrent.next=current.next;
        current.next=preMiddle.next;
        preMiddle.next=current;
    }

    //Start reorder one by one 1->2->3->6->5->4 to 1->6->2->5->3->4
    p1=head;
    p2=preMiddle.next;
    while(p1!=preMiddle){
        preMiddle.next=p2.next;
        p2.next=p1.next;
        p1.next=p2;
        p1=p2.next;
        p2=preMiddle.next;
    }
}
```

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## Solution 2

```
// O(N) time, O(1) space in total
void reorderList(ListNode *head) {
    if (!head || !head->next) return;

    // find the middle node: O(n)
    ListNode *p1 = head, *p2 = head->next;
    while (p2 && p2->next) {
        p1 = p1->next;
        p2 = p2->next->next;
    }

    // cut from the middle and reverse the second half: O(n)
    ListNode *head2 = p1->next;
    p1->next = NULL;

    p2 = head2->next;
    head2->next = NULL;
    while (p2) {
        p1 = p2->next;
        p2->next = head2;
        head2 = p2;
        p2 = p1;
    }

    // merge two lists: O(n)
    for (p1 = head, p2 = head2; p1; ) {
        auto t = p1->next;
        p1->next = p2;
        p2 = t;
    }

    //for (p1 = head, p2 = head2; p2; ) {
    //    auto t = p1->next;
    //    p1->next = p2;
    //    p2 = p2->next;
    //    p1 = p1->next->next = t;
    //}
}
```

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## Solution 3

*# Splits in place a list in two halves, the first half is  $\geq$  in size than the second.*

*# @return A tuple containing the heads of the two halves*

```
def _splitList(head):  
    fast = head  
    slow = head  
    while fast and fast.next:  
        slow = slow.next  
        fast = fast.next  
        fast = fast.next  
  
    middle = slow.next  
    slow.next = None  
  
    return head, middle
```

*# Reverses in place a list.*

*# @return Returns the head of the new reversed list*

```
def _reverseList(head):  
  
    last = None  
    currentNode = head  
  
    while currentNode:  
        nextNode = currentNode.next  
        currentNode.next = last  
        last = currentNode  
        currentNode = nextNode  
  
    return last
```

*# Merges in place two lists*

*# @return The newly merged list.*

```
def _mergeLists(a, b):  
  
    tail = a  
    head = a  
  
    a = a.next  
    while b:  
        tail.next = b  
        tail = tail.next  
        b = b.next  
        if a:  
            a, b = b, a  
  
    return head
```

```
class Solution:
```

*# @param head, a ListNode*

*# @return nothing*

```
def reorderList(self, head):
```

```
if not head or not head.next:  
    return  
  
a, b = _splitList(head)  
b = _reverseList(b)  
head = _mergeLists(a, b)
```

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