

## Linked List (sequential Data Structure)

### Disadvantages of array

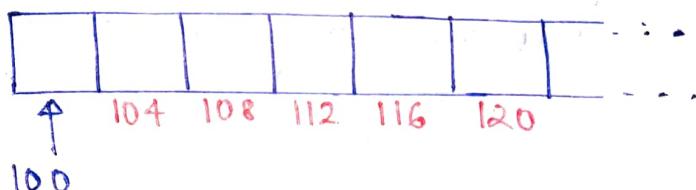
#### \* types of array in C++ :-

- `int arr[100];` → Fixed size
  - `int arr[n];` → user defined size
  - `int *arr = new int[n];`
  - `vector<int> v;` → dynamic arrays
- } allocated on stack frame of function  
→ allocated dynamically on heap

The main problem is we have fixed size for arrays.

Suppose we've an array of size 6.

`int arr[6];`



Now if I want to add one more element, we have to insert it at  $(124)^{\text{th}}$  address. But we are not aware whether this position is free or not.

Also in vectors, when the initial size is finished, and we have to add one more element that operation is too costly.

There will be one operation ~~for~~ of complexity  $O(n)$

As the average complexity is  $O(1)$  but <sup>in</sup> the runtime we can't allow any operation to be costly.

- Also the insertion in the middle is costly, deletion too.

Implementation of Data Structures like queue, deque is complex with linked list



insert 5 at  $i=1$

we have to shift all the element after  $i=0$  to one position ahead.

Suppose we've an array of 1000 elements and we have to insert at  $i=2$ , we have

to shift the remaining 998 element one step forward.

If my memory is fragmented, then it's usually difficult to allocate large space using array.

### Introduction

- \* linear data structure
- \* contiguous memory requirement is dropped.
- \* store pointers of next node.
- \* no need to pre-allocate space



[ $\text{head} = 10$ ]

Every node contains own data reference to next node.

`data * p`

→ You type of storage is not

type

→ This is achieved by classes

primitive types

data

structure

Now, what are the requirement

- ① int data / char data / bool data ... etc
- ② ~~int~~ \* address → address of next node

\* next

type = node type (Node \* next)

class Node {

```
    int data;
    Node * next;
```

};

• last node contains NULL to know, that there is no node after that.

\* we can also implement this using structures

struct Node {

```
    int data;
    Node * next;
```

};

```
Node (int x) {
    data = x;
    next = NULL;
```

};

→ pointer type is same as type of structure

(self referencing structure)

we will create our own data

type

→ This is achieved by classes

structure

## Implementation

```
int main() {
```

```
    Node * head = new Node(20);
```

```
    Node * temp1 = new Node(30);
```

```
    Node * temp2 = new Node(50);
```

```
    head->next = temp1;
```

```
    temp1->next = temp2;
```

```
    return 0;
```



## Simple implementation

```
Node * head = new Node(20);
```

```
head->next = new Node(30);
```

```
head->next->next = new Node(50);
```

```
return 0;
```



## Creating Node statically

```
Node n1(10);
```

```
Node * head = &n1;
```

## Traversal of linked list



O/P → 10, 20, 40, 50

```
void printList(Node * head)
```

```
Node * curr = head;
```

```
while (curr != NULL) {
```

```
    cout << curr->data;
```

```
    curr = curr->next;
```

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## Recursive function to print linked list

```
void print(Node * head)
```

```
{ if (head == NULL)
```

```
    return;
```

```
cout << (head->data) << " ";
```

```
print(head->next);
```



## Inserion of a Node in linked list

### ① In beginning -

```
Node * insertBegin(Node * head, int n) {
```

```
    Node * temp = new Node(20);
```

```
    temp->next = head;
```

```
    head = temp; // or return temp;
```

```
    return head;
```



## Creating Node dynamically

```
Node * head = new Node(10);
```

```
Node n1(10);
```

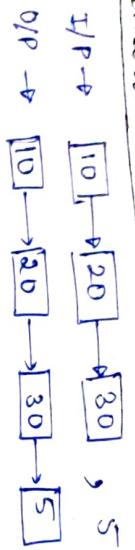
```
head->next = &n1;
```

```
head->next->next = NULL;
```

```
return head;
```

we can directly  
use the head  
pointer  
in C++ when  
we pass pointer  
to a function  
it is passed by  
value ~~not~~ by  
reference

\* Insertion at End



void insertEnd (Node \*head, int data) {

Node \*temp = new Node (data);

temp  $\rightarrow$  next = NULL;

while (temp  $\rightarrow$  next != NULL) {

temp  $\rightarrow$  next = head  $\rightarrow$  next;

head  $\rightarrow$  next = temp;

traverse upto last node

}.



Node \*insertEnd (Node \*head, int x) {

Node \*temp = new Node (x);

If head is NULL, temp becomes head

return temp;

Node \*curr = head;

while (curr  $\rightarrow$  next != NULL)

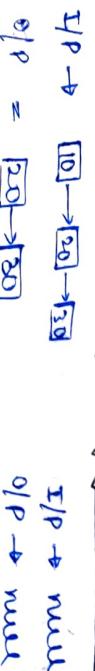
curr = curr  $\rightarrow$  next;

curr  $\rightarrow$  next = temp;

return head;

}.

\* Delete First Node of Singly Linked List:



I/P  $\rightarrow$  null  
O/P  $\rightarrow$  null.

① Delete First Node of linked list

Node \*deleteBegin (Node \*head) {

If (head == NULL) {

return NULL;

if (head  $\rightarrow$  next == NULL) {

delete (head);

return NULL;

}

Node \*tmp = head;

while (tmp  $\rightarrow$  next != NULL) {

tmp = tmp  $\rightarrow$  next;

tmp = tmp  $\rightarrow$  next;

Node \*curr = tmp  $\rightarrow$  next;

delete (curr);

curr  $\rightarrow$  next = NULL;

return head;

$\Theta(n)$

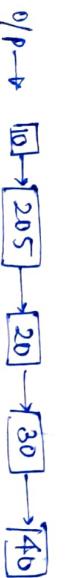
Ensuring atleast two nodes will present

Node \*DeleteBegin (Node \*head) {  
if (head == NULL)  
return NULL;  
Node \*temp = head;  
temp = temp  $\rightarrow$  next;  
delete (head);  
return temp;  
} deleting memory  
deallocating  
space

\* next at given position at singly linked list



I/P → pos = 2  
data = 205



I/P → pos = 4



I/P → pos = 6



I/P → pos = 8

• we have to run a loop (pos-2) times as we want the previous node to link

- we also want that curr = NULL

Node \* wantpos ( Node \* head, int pos, int data) {

Node \* temp = new Node(data);  
if ( pos == 1) {

temp → next = head;

return temp;

for (int i = 0; i < pos - 2 && curr != NULL; i++)

if (curr == NULL) {  
curr (temp);  
return head;

temp → next = curr → next;  
curr → next = temp;  
return head;

## Search in a linked list

I/P → [10] → [5] → [20] → [15]      x = 20

I/P → 3.

int search ( Node \* head, int x) {

int pos = 1;

Node \* curr = head;

while (curr != NULL) {

if (curr → data == x)

return pos;

else {

pos++;

curr = curr → next;

3.

return -1;

### Recursive solution

$O(n)$

int search ( Node \* head, int x) {

if (head == NULL)

return -1;

if (head → data == x)

return 1;

int res = search(head → next, x);

if (res == -1) return -1;

return res + 1;

$O(n) \rightarrow$  Aux space

## Taking Input as Linked List

- we assume that when user enters -1, we have to terminate our linked list or we doesn't want to continue.

\* If we allocate node statically.

for ex:- while (data != -1) {

    Node \*n (data);

}

Now the scope of n is ~~what~~ within the while loop only, everything the loop runs the previous allocated node is deleted.

To prevent this we use dynamic allocation, the allocated node will not be deallocated unless the programmer itself deletes that.

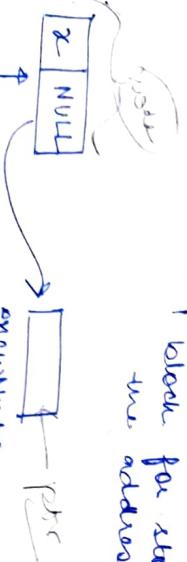
Node \*newNode = new Node (data);

\* we have to store the address of head node.

In this we

Node \*newNode = new Node (data)

2 variables → 1 block of memory storing [data]  
one made ↓  
1 block for storing the address.



created  
dynamically

(deleted statically)  
deleting

(will be deleted  
once out of loop)

```
Node *takeinput() {
    int data;
    cin >> data;
    Node *head = NULL;
    Node *prev = NULL;
    while (data != -1) {
```

```
        Node *created = new Node(data);
        if (head == NULL) {
            head = created;
        }
        else {
```

```
            prev->next = created;
```

```
            prev = created;
```

```
            cin >> data;
        }
    }
    return head;
}
```

## DOUBLY LINKED LIST

- Has two pointers pointing to next node
- pointing to previous node



struct Node {

    int data;

    Node \*prev;

    Node \*next;

    Node (int d) {

        data = d;

    }

};

structure for  
doubly linked  
list

prev = NULL; next = NULL;

$O(n)$

Implementation to create a doubly linked list

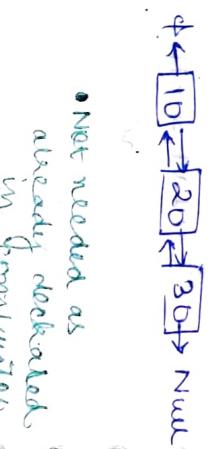
```
int main() {
```

```
    Node *head = new Node(10);
```

```
    Node *n1 = new Node(20);
```

```
    Node *n2 = new Node(30);
```

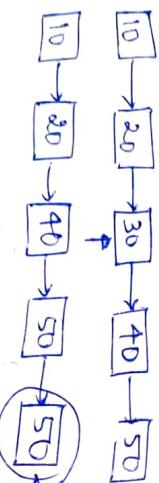
- head → prev = NULL;
- head → next = n1;
- n1 → prev = head;
- n2 → prev = n1;
- n1 → next = n2;
- n2 → next = NULL;



### Singly vs Doubly linked lists

#### Advantages

- can be traversed in both directions
- A given node can be deleted in O(1) time  
(In singly linked list, this is not possible, the only solution is:



But this is not possible when the given node is tail of linked list.

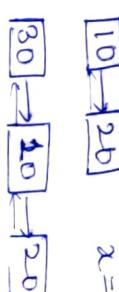
- insert / delete before the given node.
- insert / delete at the end in O(1) time.

#### Disadvantages

- extra space for prev
- code becomes complex.

Insert data at the beginning of linked list

I/P →  $\boxed{10} \rightarrow \boxed{20}$     x = 30  
O/P →  $\boxed{30} \rightarrow \boxed{10} \rightarrow \boxed{20}$



I/P → NULL, 30  
O/P →  $\boxed{30}$

```
Node *insertBegin (Node *head) int x) {
```

```
    Node *temp = new Node(x);  
    if (head == NULL)
```

```
        return temp;
```

```
    temp → next = head;
```

```
    head → prev = temp;
```

• temp becomes the new head

```
    return temp;
```

### Insert at the End of linked list

I/P →  $\boxed{10} \rightarrow \boxed{20}$     x = 30  
O/P →  $\boxed{10} \rightarrow \boxed{20} \rightarrow \boxed{30}$

```
Node *insertEnd (Node *head, int x) {
```

```
    Node *temp = new Node(x);  
    if (head == NULL)
```

```
        return temp;
```

```
    Node *curr = head;
```

```
    while (curr → next != NULL) {  
        curr → next;
```

```
        curr → next = temp;  
        temp → prev = curr;
```

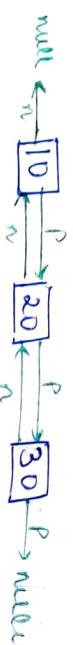
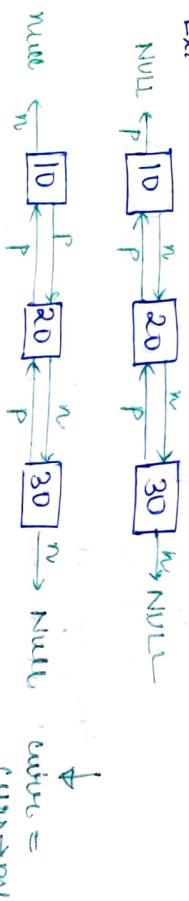
```
    return head;
```

## Reverse a Doubly Linked List

I/P →  $\boxed{10} \rightarrow \boxed{20} \rightarrow \boxed{30}$   
 O/P →  $\boxed{30} \leftarrow \boxed{20} \leftarrow \boxed{10}$

we need to swap the prev and next pointer of every node.

Ex:-



(Reversed)

Note \* reversal (Node \* head) {

if (head == NULL)  
 return NULL;

if (head->next == NULL) {

delete (head);

return NULL;

while (

Node \* curr = head;

while (curr != NULL || head->next == NULL)

return head;

while (

temp = curr->next;

curr->next = curr->next->prev;

curr->prev = temp;

curr = curr->prev;

return curr->prev;

## Delete head node of doubly linked list

I/P →  $\boxed{10} \rightarrow \boxed{20} \rightarrow \boxed{30}$   
 O/P →  $\boxed{20} \rightarrow \boxed{30}$

Node \* deletehead (Node \* head) {

if (head == NULL)  
 return NULL;

if (head->next == NULL)  
 delete (head);

return NULL;

Node \* curr = head;

while (curr->next->next != NULL) {

curr = curr->next;

delete (curr->next);

curr->next = curr->next->next;

curr->next->next = NULL;

return head;

if (head->next == NULL)  
 delete (head);

return NULL;

Node \* curr = head;

while (curr->next->next != NULL) {

curr = curr->next;

delete (curr->next);

curr->next = curr->next->next;

curr->next->next = NULL;

return head;

if (head->next == NULL)  
 delete (head);

curr->next = curr->next->next;

curr->next->next = NULL;

return head;

if (head->next == NULL)  
 delete (head);

curr->next = curr->next->next;

curr->next->next = NULL;

return head;

## Circular linked list

tail's next is linked back to head



### advantages

- we can traversal the whole list from any node
- implementation of algorithm like round robin
- we can insert at beginning / end by maintaining one tail pointer.

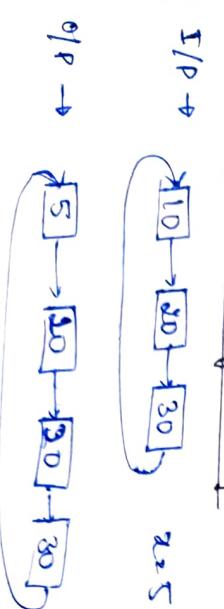
### Traversal of circular LL

#### Method-1

```
void print (Node){  
    if (head == NULL)  
        return;  
    else  
        Node *p = head;  
  
    do {  
        cout << p->data;  
        p = p->next;  
        if (p == head);  
    }  
}
```

Not required.

start in the beginning



#### Method-2

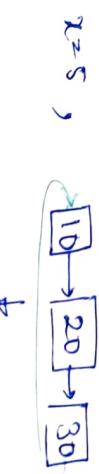
return temp;

#### 2nd Method O(1) time

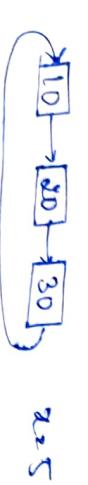
we can maintain a tail pointer and then every operation is done in O(1)-time

OR.

we can insert a node after head and then swap the values of head & head->next



1/P →



0/P →



2/P → NULL 2=10



## 1st Method

```
Node *insertBegin (Node *head, int x) {  
    Node *temp = new Node (x);  
    if (head == NULL) {  
        temp->next = temp;  
    } else {  
        Node *curr = head;  
        while (curr->next != head) {  
            curr = curr->next;  
        }  
        curr->next = temp;  
        temp->next = head;  
    }  
    return temp;  
}
```

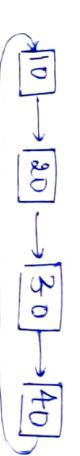
```
Node *curr = head;  
while (curr->next != head) {  
    curr = curr->next;  
}  
curr->next = temp;  
temp->next = head;
```

} For updating the tail link.

swapping the values only

## Insert at the end of circular linked list

I/P → 

O/P → 

### Method-1

just traverse to the tail of linked list and add the new node.

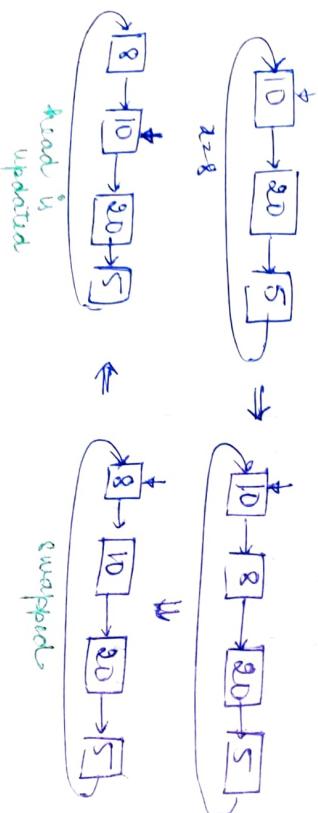
### Method-2

Maintain a tail pointer

### Method-3

Want a node after head

- swap the data of new node and head
- shift the head pointer to the new node.



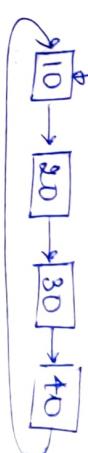
## Delete the head of CLL

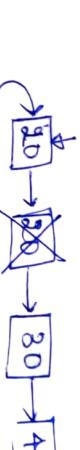
### Method-1

loop through the till linked list and move to the tail and then delete the head node.

### Method-2

copy the content of 'head → next' to 'head' node & and then delete the head node.





### delete k<sup>th</sup> Node in linked list

I/P →  k = 2.

O/P → 

No of node ≥ k

Nodes \* deleteK<sup>th</sup> (Node \* head, int k) {

    if (head == NULL) return head;

    if (k == 1) return deleteHead (head);

    Node \* curr = head;

    for (int i=0 ; i < k-2 ; i++)

        curr = curr->next;

    Node \* temp = curr->next;

    curr->next = curr->next->next->next;

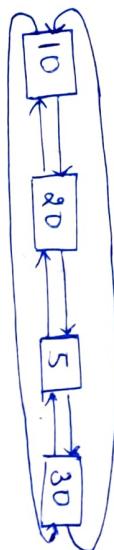
    delete temp;

    return head;

    return temp;

    New head

## Circular linked list



having only one node →

### Advantages

- All advantages of circular & doubly LL.
- we can get tail pointer in O(1) operation.

Insert in CDLL (head)

```
Node * temp = new Node(x);
```

```
if (head == NULL) {
```

```
    temp->next = temp;
```

```
    temp->prev = temp;
```

```
    return temp;
```

```
}
```

```
temp->prev = head->prev;
```

```
temp->next = head->next;
```

```
head->prev = temp->prev;
```

```
head->next = temp;
```

```
return temp;
```

```
}
```

- Insert at the end has exactly the same code.
- we just need to return head only, which means what we don't need to change head.

(return temp) +

return head ↴

## sorted insert in the linked list

I/P → x = 35

O/P → x = 35

Node \* sorted\_Insert (Node \* head, int x) {

```
    Node * temp = new Node(x);
```

```
    if (head == NULL)
```

```
        return temp;
```

```
    if (x < head->data) {
```

```
        temp->next = head;
```

```
        return temp;
```

```
}
```

```
    Node * curr = head;
```

```
    while (curr->next) = NULL &
```

```
        curr->next->data < x) {
```

```
            curr = curr->next;
```

```
}
```

```
    temp->next = curr->next;
```

```
    curr->next = temp;
```

```
    return head;
```

```
}
```

### MID Element of a linked list

There are two possible questions

① even length

① → ② → ③ → ④ → ⑤ → ⑥ → null

mid element → 3, 4

② odd length

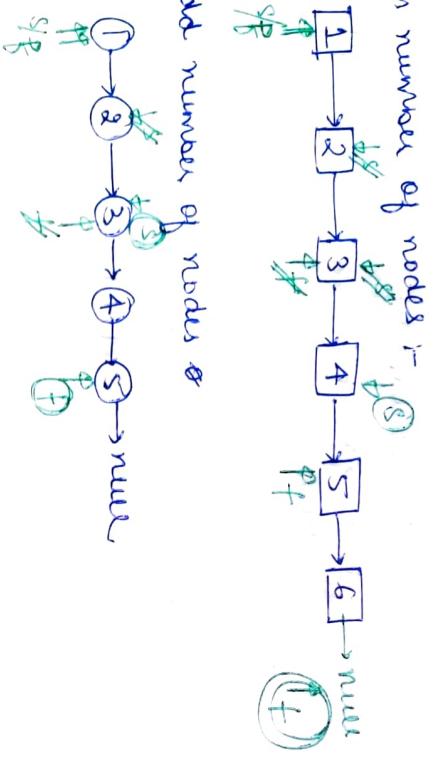
① → ② → ③ → ④ → ⑤ → null

mid → 3

### Method-1

calculate length of linked list and just do  $\frac{len}{2}$ .  
 If we want the first node in even length linked list, we can calculate pos:  $\left(\frac{len-1}{2}\right)$ .

Method-2:  
 • declare 2 pointers → slow (moves 1 pos ahead)  
 ↳ fast (moves 2 pos ahead).



For even number of nodes →  
 For even number of nodes → slow (moves 1 pos ahead)

condition → fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL.

void printmiddle (Node \*head) {

if (head == NULL) return;

Node \*slow = head, \*fast = head;

while (fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL){

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

y.  
 cout << slow->data;

cout << slow->data;

I/P → [10] → [20] → [30] → [40] → [50] n=2

O/P → 40

I/P → [10] → [20] n=3

O/P → —

### Method-1

If we calculate length, then the nth node from end will be the  $(n - \frac{n}{2})^{th}$  node from beginning.

calculating → for (Node \*curr = head; curr != NULL; curr++)  
 $n = curr + 1$ ;

curr = curr->next;

Now  
 checking

if ( $n < n$ ) {

return;

printing the  
 node  
 node  
 for (int i = 1; i < len/2; i++)

curr = curr->next

cout << curr->data;

### Method-2

[n=2] 10 → 20 → 30 → 10 → 50 → 60  
 second  
 fast

• move first pointer  
 n positions ahead.

• maintain a pointer named second starting from head

- we now move first & second pointer at same speed
- went when first reaches null, second pointer reaches at required position

int printNtoEnd (Node \*head, int n) {

if (head == NULL) return;

Node \*first = head;

for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {

if (first == NULL) return;

first = first->next;

Node \*second = head;

while (first != NULL) {

second = second->next;

first = first->next;

cout << second->data;

Reverse a linked list

I/P → [10] → [20] → [30]      O/P → [30] → [20] → [10]

Name Solution

copy the contents of linked list into a vector  
and then create a linked list in reverse order.

Node \*revList (Node \*head) {

for (Node \*curr = head; curr != NULL; curr = curr->next) {

ans.push\_back (curr->data);

for (Node \*curr = head; curr != NULL; curr = curr->next) {

curr->data = ans.back();

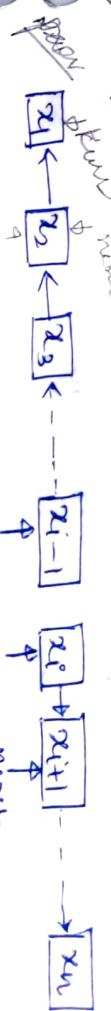
ans.pop\_back();

return head;

## Efficient solution



After reversing nodes from  $x_1$  to  $x_{i-1}$ .



keep track of prev to link curr → next

store next so that we don't lose the remaining  
linked list

c++

Node \*reverse (Node \*head) {

Node \*curr = head;

Node \*prev = NULL;

while (curr != NULL) {

Node \*next = curr->next;

curr->next = prev;

prev = curr;

curr = next;

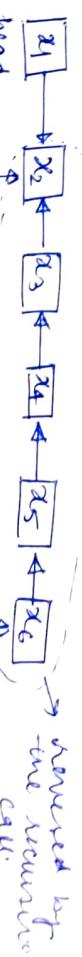
O(n)

next = curr->next  
curr->next = prev  
prev = curr;  
curr = next;

Reverse a linked list



head



reversed by  
the recursive  
call

ans->head

Node \* reverse (Node \* head) {

if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL)  
return head;

Node \* new\_head = reverse (head->next);

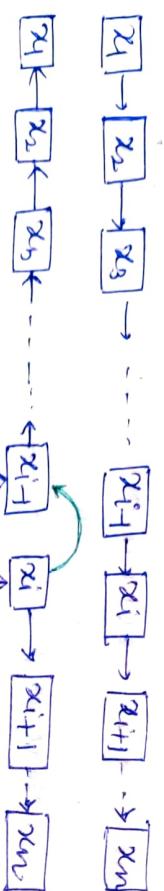
Node \* new\_tail = head->next

new - tail  $\rightarrow$  next = head;

head  $\rightarrow$  next = NULL  
return new\_head;

y

Method-2 (Recursive)



Node \* reverse (Node \* curr, Node \* prev) {

if (curr == NULL) return prev;

Node \* next = curr->next;

curr  $\rightarrow$  next = prev;

return reverse (next, curr);

y.

- we just update the curr and call the next (leftover) list where we update the curr and call the leftover ...

## Remove Duplicates from sorted Linked list

I/P  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  NULL  
O/P  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  NULL

void removeDup (Node \* head) {

Node \* curr = head;

while (curr != NULL && curr->next != NULL) {

if (curr->data == curr->next->data) {

Node \* temp = curr->next;

curr  $\rightarrow$  next = curr  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next;

delete (temp);

y

curr = curr  $\rightarrow$  next;

y.

Reverse linked list in groups of size 'k'

I/P  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  [40]  $\rightarrow$  [50]  $\rightarrow$  [60]  $\xrightarrow{k=3}$   
O/P  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [60]  $\rightarrow$  [50]  $\rightarrow$  [40]

I/P  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  [40]  $\rightarrow$  [50]  $\rightarrow$  [40]  $\xrightarrow{k=3}$   
O/P  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [50]  $\rightarrow$  [40]

R  $\rightarrow$  4

I/P  $\rightarrow$  [10]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [30]  
O/P  $\rightarrow$  [30]  $\rightarrow$  [20]  $\rightarrow$  [10]

- if  $k >$  remaining number of nodes, then reverse the remaining



- we reverse the first  $k$  nodes ~~iteratively~~
- and then call for reversing the next  $k$ .

- we have to connect the tail of previous reversed linked list to the new head.

- on recursive call we return the new-head to next reversed list and we store the tail of our list in the calling function.

- we then update the links.

```
Node * reversek( Node * head, int k) {
```

```
Node * curr = head;
```

```
Node * next = NULL;
```

```
int count = 0;
```

```
while (curr != NULL && count < k) {
```

```
Node * next = curr->next;
```

```
curr->next = prev;
```

```
prev = curr;
```

```
curr = next;
```

```
count++;
```

```
} // in
```

```
return curr;
```

```
Node * curr = head;
```

```
Node * next = reversek(next, k);
```

```
head->next = next->head;
```

```
return prev;
```

```
}
```

$\Theta(n)$

Auxiliary space  $\rightarrow O(k)$

$=$

## Iteration caution to reduce complexity (Space)

```
Node * reversek( Node * head, int k) {
```

```
Node * curr = head;
```

```
bool isFirstPass = true;
```

```
while (curr != NULL) {
```

```
Node * first = curr;
```

```
* count = 0;
```

```
while (curr != NULL && count < k) {
```

```
Node * next = curr->next;
```

```
curr->next = prev;
```

```
prev = curr;
```

```
curr = next;
```

```
count++;
```

$i$  (isFirstPass)? head = prev;  $i$   $\text{FirstPass} = \text{false};$

```
else { prevFirst -> next = prev; }
```

```
prevFirst = first;
```

```
} // in
```

```
return head;
```

$\Theta(n)$

Detect Loop in Linked List



I/P  $\rightarrow$

O/P  $\rightarrow$

I/P  $\rightarrow$  head = NULL

O/P  $\rightarrow$  NO

I/P  $\rightarrow$  head

O/P  $\rightarrow$  NO

## Name Solution

At any node, run the loop from head to that node to check if next of cur or is same as any of previous node.



→ at cur->data = 15  
run loop from 10 to 15

→ at 10, run a loop from

10 to 15,  $10 \rightarrow 15$



we traverse the linked list and at every node we change the next of it to temp whenever whenever we reach a node whose next is already pointing to temp, we detect

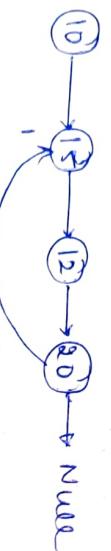
a loop. we stop, when  $curr \rightarrow next = NULL$

### Algorithm :-

```

book No iloop (Node * head) {
    Node * temp = new Node;
    Node * curr = head;
    while (curr != NULL) {
        if (curr->next == NULL) return false;
        if (curr->next == temp) return true;
        Node * curr-next = curr->next;
        curr->next = temp;
        curr = curr-next;
    }
    return false;
}
  
```

### Structure of linked list



```

struct Node{
    int data;
    Node * next;
};

Node::Node(int data){
    data = data;
    next = NULL;
    visited = false;
}

Node::~Node()
{
    delete next;
}
  
```

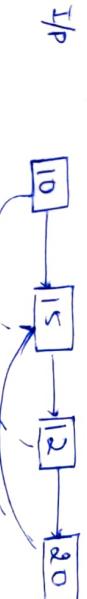
### Method - 4 (Using Hashmap)

```

bool iloop (Node * head) {
    unordered_set<Node *> s;
  
```

```

    for (Node * curr = head; curr != NULL; curr = curr->next) {
        if (s.find(curr) != s.end()) return true;
        s.insert(curr);
    }
    return false;
}
  
```



I/P  
we traverse



## (Method-3) Modification to linked list pointer

## Detect loop (Floyd's cycle detection) (Hare & Tortoise Algorithm)

- there is a slow and fast pointer running one & two steps at a time respectively



slow  
fast



slow  
fast

slow

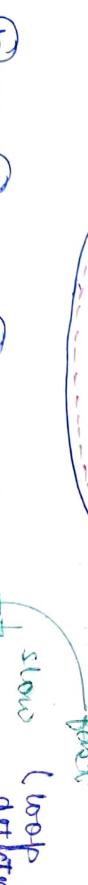


slow

slow



slow  
fast



slow  
fast



slow  
fast

```
bool isLoop(Node *head){
```

```
    Node *slow = head, *fast = head;
```

```
    while (fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL){
```

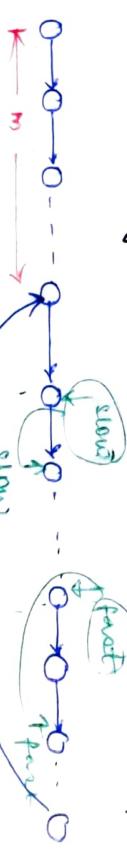
```
        slow = slow->next;
```

```
        fast = fast->next->next;
```

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

}; return false;

How does the algorithm work (mathematically).



- ① fast will enter the loop before slow

- ② on every iteration the distance b/w them is increased by 1.

- ③ after some iteration there may be a case when distance becomes  $n \rightarrow$  linked list length.  
→ they are at the same node

- Time complexity  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$   $\rightarrow n \rightarrow$  length of loop

$\hookrightarrow$  Ob linked list

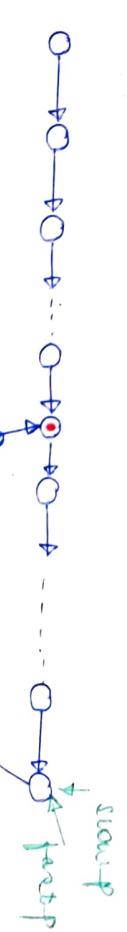
Detect and Remove the loop



I/P  $\rightarrow$  10  $\rightarrow$  20  $\rightarrow$  30  $\rightarrow$  40  $\Rightarrow$  10  $\rightarrow$  20  $\rightarrow$  30  $\rightarrow$  40

slow  
fast

slow  
fast



- ④ move after loop detection

→ move slow to beginning

- ⑤ and move both slow and fast pointers by 1 position ahead

- ⑥ the claim is they both will meet at the starting of loop (red node)

```
void detectLoop (Node *head)
```

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

```
    slow = slow->next;
```

```
    fast = fast->next->next;
```

```
    if (slow == fast)
```

```
        break;
```

```
    } // loop detection
```

```
} // slow != fast
```

```
return;
```

```
slow = head;
```

```
while (slow->next != fast->next) {
```

```
    slow = slow->next;
```

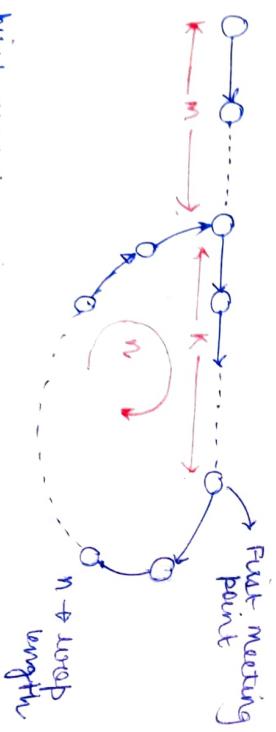
```
    fast = fast->next;
```

```
    fast->next = NULL;
```

```
    return;
```

```
loop removal
```

How this algorithm work?



Before first meeting point  
distance travelled by slow \* 2 = distance travelled by fast

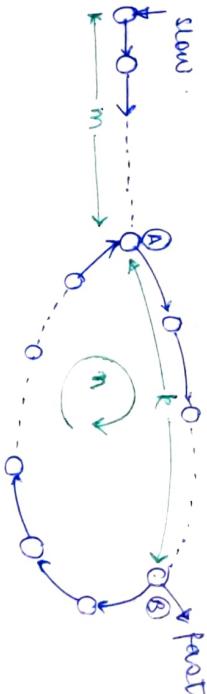
Distance travelled by slow \* 2 = distance travelled by fast

$$(m+k + x*n)*2 = (m+k + y*n)$$

$$(m+k) = n(y - 2x)$$

$m+k$  is multiple of  $n$ :

before fast reaching pt  
slow reaches pt



- \* Slow will have to travel  $m$  distance to reach A.
- \* Fast will travel ' $n$ ' or  $(m+k)$  to reach at same position ie B.

- \* To reach B, fast has to travel ' $k$ ' steps less. ( $A-B$ )
- $m+k-k = m$  steps

i.e. at  $m$  steps slow and fast both will reach A,  
their second meeting point

- Find length of loop
- Find first node of loop → just did it, i.e. we have to calculate A

- Just fix slow pointer and move fast one step  
ahead and then increment the count till it reaches the same position.

delete the node with only pointer given to it:-

Input - ⑩ → ⑪ → ⑫ → ⑬ → ⑭ → ⑮

reference of node ⑬ is given

O/P → ⑩ → ⑪ → ⑫ → ⑬ → ⑮

Trick → copy the content of next node to the curr node  
whose pointer is given and then delete the next node

next node

```
void delNode (Node *ptr) {
    Node *temp = ptr->next
    ptr->data = temp->data
    temp->next = ptr->next->next
    delNode (ptr);
}
```

- \* Will not work for last node

Separate Even and odd value in linked list.

I/P → 17 → 15 → 8 → 12 → 10 → 5 → 4  
O/P → 8 → 12 → 10 → 4 → 17 → 15 → 5

I/P → 8 → 12 → 10  
O/P → 8 → 12 → 10

- we maintains pointers like Eventail (ES), Eventail (ET), Oddtail (OS), Oddtail (OT)

return es;

- ① whenever we see a even node we append it after eventail, same goes with odd.

- ② At the end, we just append the odd start after even tail.

Node \* segregate (Node \* head) {

```
Node * es = NULL, * et = NULL, * os = NULL, ot=NULL;
for (Node * curr = head, curr != NULL; curr = curr->next){
```

```
    int x = curr->data;
```

```
    if (x % 2 == 0) {
```

```
        if (es == NULL) {
```

```
            es = curr;
```

```
            et = es;
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            et->next = curr;
```

```
            et = et->next;
```

```
} else {
```

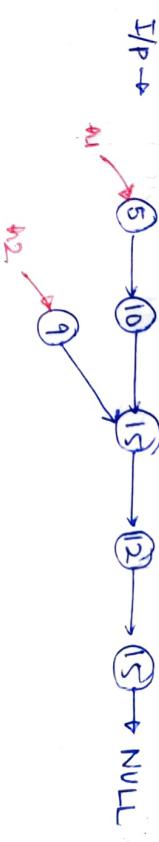
```
    if (os == NULL) {
```

```
        os = curr;
```

```
        ot = os;
```

```
} else {
```

Intersection point of two linked list



I/P → 5 → 10 → 15 → 12 → 15 → NULL

41 → 10 → 15

42 → 1

Method-1

\* Create a hash set storing every node we encounter

\* As soon as we found a node whose address is already present that is an intersection

O(n^2) space

O(n+m) time complexity

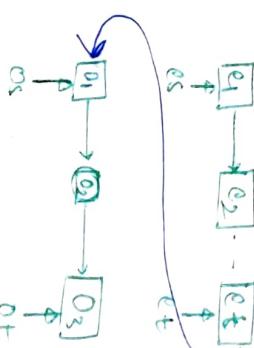
Method-2

- ① count the number of nodes in both the list as C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>

- ② Now Traverse the bigger list abs(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-times

- ③ Now both the list at same speed and they will meet at intersection point

// After for loop  
if (ot == NULL || et == NULL)  
 return head;



## Pairwise swap nodes.

I/P → 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6  
O/P → 2 → 1 → 4 → 3 → 6 → 5

### Method-1 (Swapping data)

Swap the values of curr and curr → next and move curr to curr → next → next.

```
void pairwise(Node *head){
```

```
Node *curr = head;
```

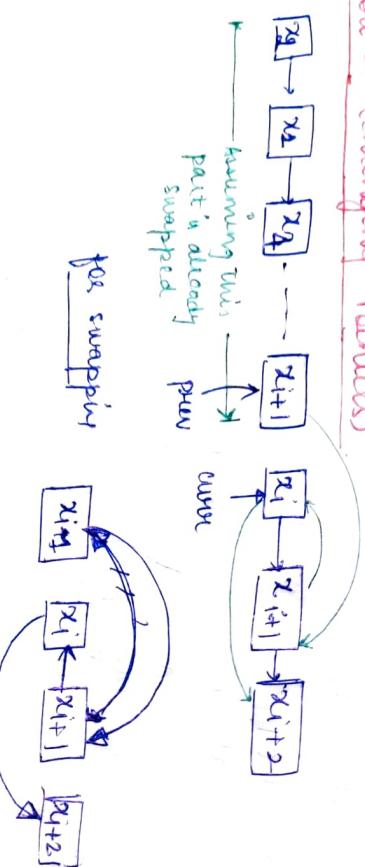
```
while (curr != NULL && curr->next != NULL)
```

```
swap (curr->data, curr->next->data)
```

```
curr = curr->next->next;
```

y.

### Method-2 (Changing Pointers)



```
Node *pairwise (Node *head){
```

```
Node *curr = head, *next, *prev = NULL;
```

```
*temp = NULL;
```

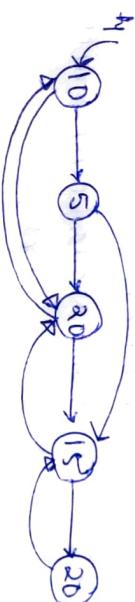
```
while (curr != NULL && curr->next != NULL){
```

```
next = curr->next->next;
```

```
temp = curr->next;
```

```
temp->next = curr;
```

Clone the linked list with Random pointers



### Method-1

Using hash maps.

- ① Create a hashmap, m.
- ② for (curr = h1, curr != null; curr = curr->next)  
m[curr] = new Node (curr->data);

③ for (curr = h1; curr != NULL; curr = curr->next)

```
{
```

- clone curr = m[hash[curr]]
- clone curr->next = m[hash[curr->next]]
- clone curr->random = m[curr->random]

```
}
```

y.

```
Node *head2 = m[head];
```

```
return head2;
```

y.

curr → next = next;  
y (prev != NULL)  
prev → next = temp;

```
else
    head = temp;
    prev = curr;
    curr = next;
```

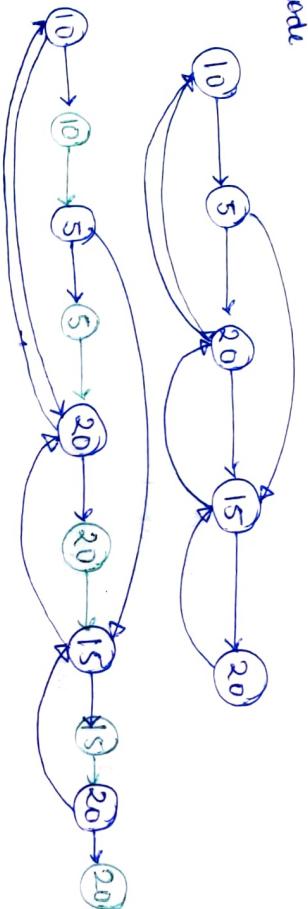
prev = curr;

```
curr = next;
```

```
return head;
```

## Method - 2      O(1) Aux. space

- \* we will add another node in front of each node



```

for (curr = head; curr != NULL; ) {
    next = curr->next;
    curr->next = new Node((curr->data));
    curr->next->next = next;
    curr = next;
}

```

Creation of copy nodes

Step-3 extracting the green nodes from the linked list.

linked list :

(remove the LRU item)

## LRU Cache Design

→ least recently used  
node  
→ really close to  
CPU and less  
access time  
→ small in size so  
we need to have  
efficient utilization

concept of - temporal locality

give item which is just accessed has a  
very high probability to be accessed  
again.

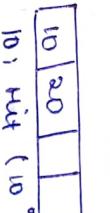
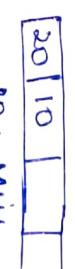
\* we keep the L recently used items in cache and  
we remove the least recent items.

Ex:-

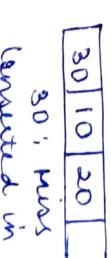
cache-size - 4

Reference sequence - 10, 20, 10, 30, 40, 50, 30,  
40, 60, 30.

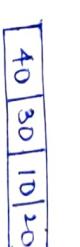
Expected cache behaviour:



recently used i.e.  
comes in front)



(wanted in  
front)



(wanted in  
front)



(removed the LRU  
item)



(removed the LRU  
item)

## Simple Implementation - Array

Time complexity —  $O(n)$  of both hit and miss.

$n \rightarrow$  capacity of cache.

### Effective approach

- use of hashing for quick access and insert
- use of doubly linked list to maintain order

10: Miss

(10, R<sub>1</sub>)

10  
R<sub>1</sub>

20: Miss

(10, R<sub>1</sub>)(20, R<sub>2</sub>)

20  
R<sub>2</sub>  
10  
R<sub>1</sub>

10: Hit

No change

10  
R<sub>1</sub>  
20  
R<sub>2</sub>

30: Miss

(10, R<sub>1</sub>)(20, R<sub>2</sub>)

30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
10  
R<sub>1</sub>  
20  
R<sub>2</sub>

40: Miss

(40, R<sub>4</sub>)(10, R<sub>1</sub>)

40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
10  
R<sub>1</sub>  
20  
R<sub>2</sub>

50: Miss

(10, R<sub>1</sub>)(30, R<sub>3</sub>)

50  
R<sub>5</sub>  
40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
10  
R<sub>1</sub>  
20  
R<sub>2</sub>

30: Hit

No change

30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
50  
R<sub>5</sub>  
40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
10  
R<sub>1</sub>  
20  
R<sub>2</sub>

40: Hit

No change

40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
50  
R<sub>5</sub>  
40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
10  
R<sub>1</sub>  
20  
R<sub>2</sub>

60: Miss

(40, R<sub>4</sub>), (30, R<sub>3</sub>)

(50, R<sub>5</sub>), (60, R<sub>6</sub>)

60  
R<sub>6</sub>  
40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
50  
R<sub>5</sub>

30: Hit

No change

30  
R<sub>6</sub>  
60  
R<sub>6</sub>  
40  
R<sub>4</sub>  
30  
R<sub>3</sub>  
50  
R<sub>5</sub>

ref(x) {

Look for x in the hash table.

- If found (Hit), find the reference of the node. ~~head~~ Move it to front.
- If Not found (Miss),
  - insert a new node at front of DLL
  - insert an entry into the H.T

merge sorted linked list

I/P : a: 10 → 20 → 30      b: 15 → 25 → 30

o/p : 10 → 15 → 20 → 25 → 30

we maintain four pointers

- a → curr element in A
- b → curr element in B
- head → head of resultant
- tail → tail of res.

Node \*sortMerge (Node \*a, Node \*b) {

```
    if (a == NULL) return b;
    if (b == NULL) return a;
```

```
    Node *head = a;
    *tail = NULL;
```

- using tail pointer we can remove the last node, when cache the full.
- Removal of any middle node is possible in O(1) time in doubly linked list.
- Doubly linked list works as queue, but supports additional operation of moving the middle item (hit) in the front.

$\hat{y}(a \rightarrow \text{next})$

$\hat{y}(a \rightarrow \text{data} \Leftarrow b \rightarrow \text{data})$  {

    tail = a;

    a = a  $\rightarrow$  next;

} else {

    head = b

    b = b  $\rightarrow$  next;

    tail = head;

    while a != NULL && b != NULL) {

$\hat{y}(a \rightarrow \text{data} \Leftarrow b \rightarrow \text{data})$  {

            tail  $\rightarrow$  next = a;

            a = a  $\rightarrow$  next;

        }

    else {

        tail  $\rightarrow$  next = b;

        b = b  $\rightarrow$  next;

    }

$\hat{y}(a == \text{NULL})$  tail  $\rightarrow$  next = b;

    else tail  $\rightarrow$  next = a;

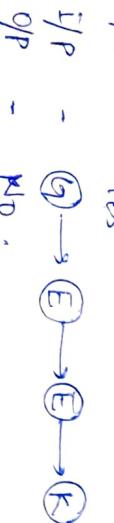
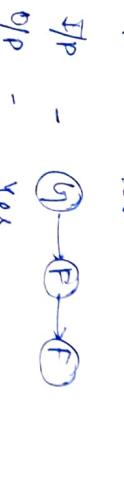
return head;

$\hat{y}$

Auxiliary space - O(1)

Time complexity - O(m+n)

Palindrome linked list



## Name solution

- use a stack and push all the elements into it

- Run second loop and check if it is equal to curr  $\rightarrow$  data.

bool isPalindrome (Node \* head) {

stack <int> st;

for (Node \* curr = head; curr != NULL; curr = curr  $\rightarrow$  next) {

st.push (curr  $\rightarrow$  data);

}

for (Node \* curr = head; curr != NULL; curr = curr  $\rightarrow$  next) {

$\hat{y}(\text{st.top}() \Leftarrow \text{curr} \rightarrow \text{data})$

    return false;

    return true;

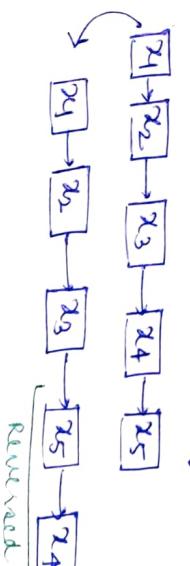
return false;

return true;

## Efficient approach

- Find the middle point and reverse the second part

- Now one by one compare first half and reversed second half.



compare one by one.

x1 with x5  
x2 with x4

```
bool isPalindrome (Node *root) {
    if (head == NULL) return true;
    Node *slow = head, *fast = head;
    while (fast->next != NULL &&
           fast->next->next != NULL) {
        slow = slow->next;
        fast = fast->next->next;
    }
    Node *rev = reverseList (slow->next);
    Node *curr = head;
    while (rev != NULL) {
        if (rev->data != curr->data)
            return false;
        rev = rev->next;
        curr = curr->next;
    }
    return true;
}
```