

Remove Duplicates From Unsorted Linked List

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Write a C++ program to remove duplicates from a unsorted singly linked list.

Approach 1: Remove duplicates from a linked list using a brute force approach

- Traverse the linked list with two nested loops.
- The outer loop iterates through each node.
- The inner loop checks for duplicates with subsequent nodes and removes them as necessary.

Time Complexity: $O(n^2)$, where n is the number of nodes in the linked list.

Space Complexity: $O(1)$, as no additional data structures are used.

Approach 2: Remove duplicates from a linked list using a hash map (unordered_map)

- Traverse the linked list while using a hash map (unordered_map) to keep track of visited nodes.
- If a node's value is already present in the hash map, it indicates a duplicate. Remove the duplicate node.
- Maintain a pointer to the previous node to update the next pointers after removing duplicates.

Time Complexity: $O(n)$, where n is the number of nodes in the linked list.

Space Complexity: $O(n)$, as the hash map may store up to n nodes' values.