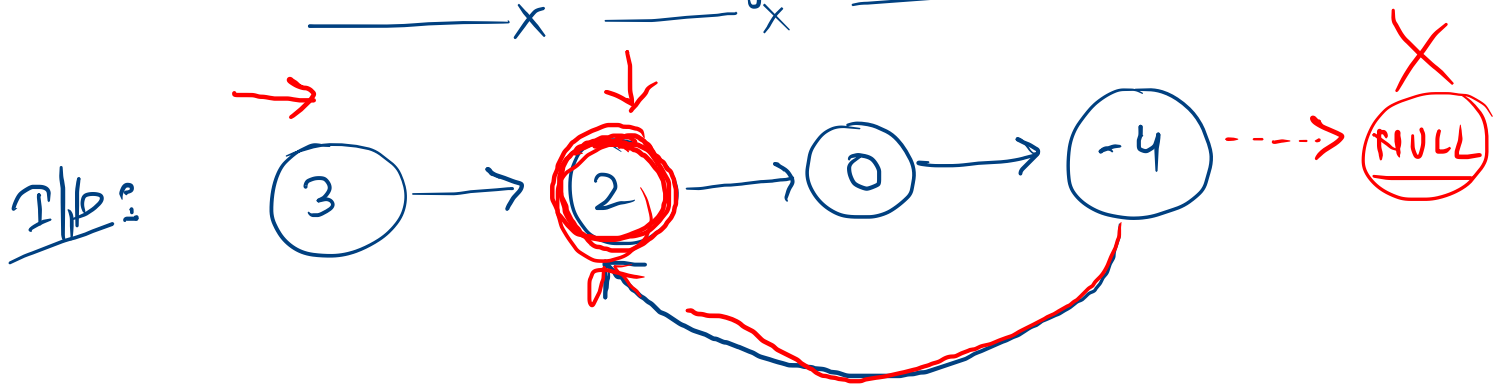
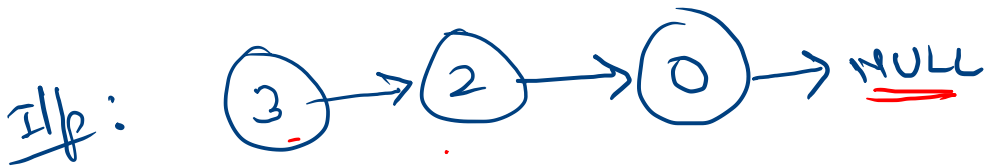
Linked List Cycle II



o/p: 2

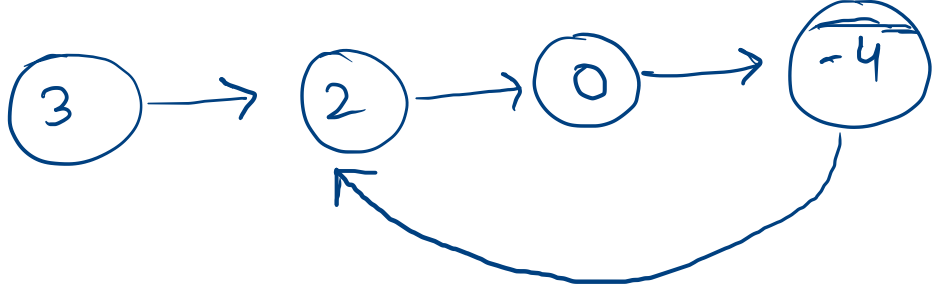


o/p: NULL

NAIVE Sol? :

Basic Approach

I/P :



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i) if curr is present
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else
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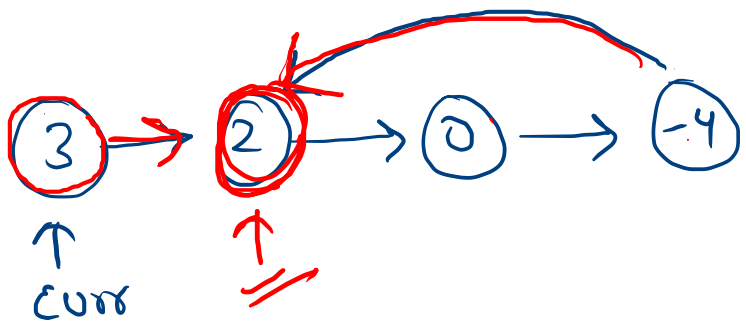

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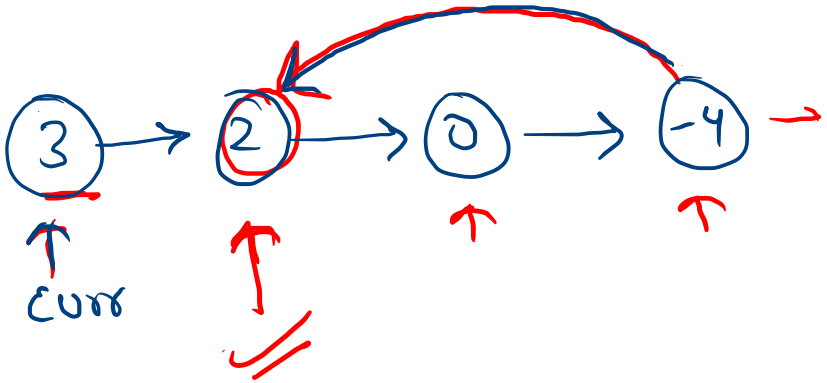
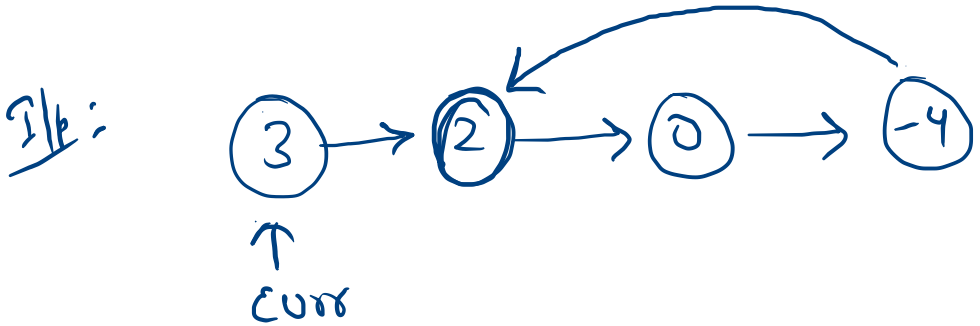


o/p:

{3, 2, 0, -4}

Space O(N)

Best Approach



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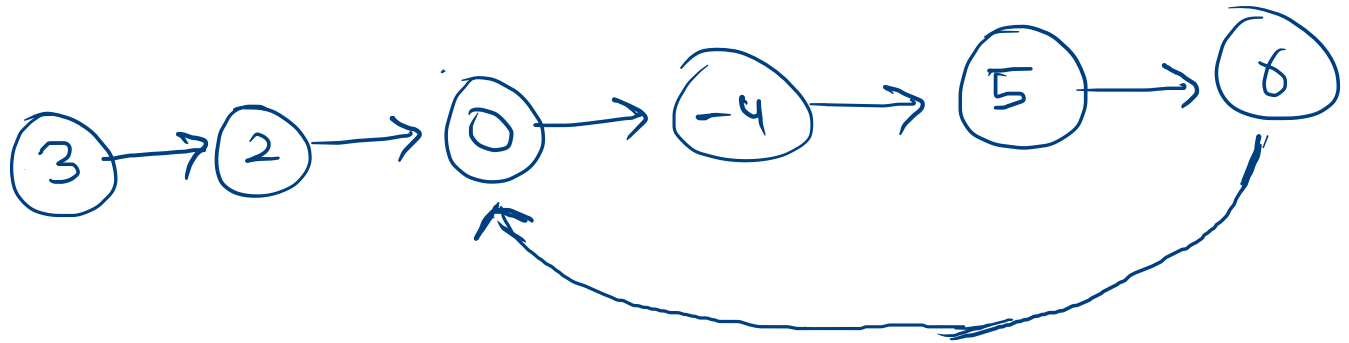

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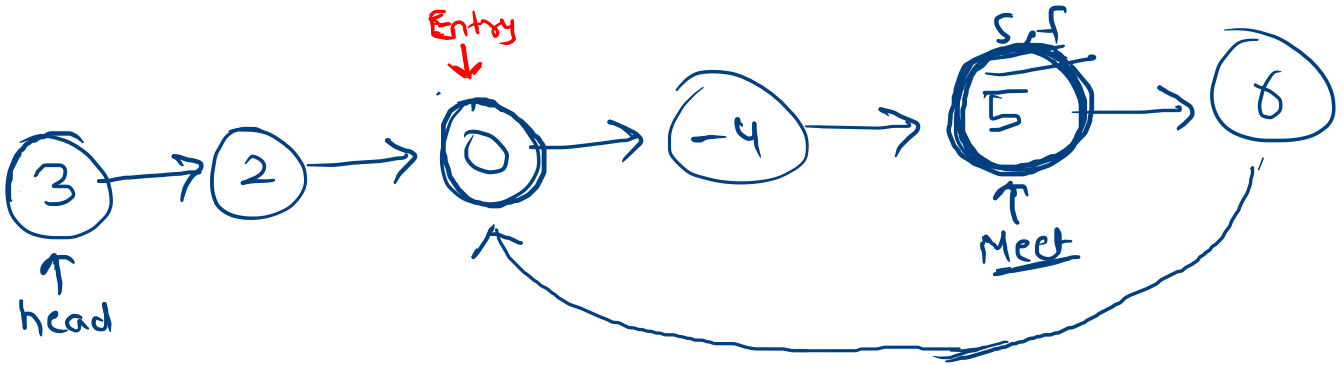

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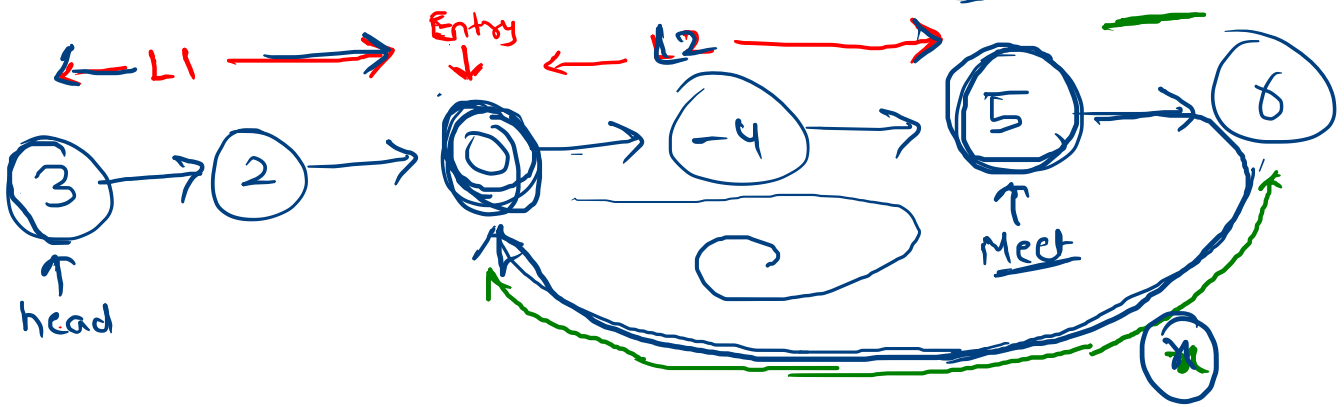

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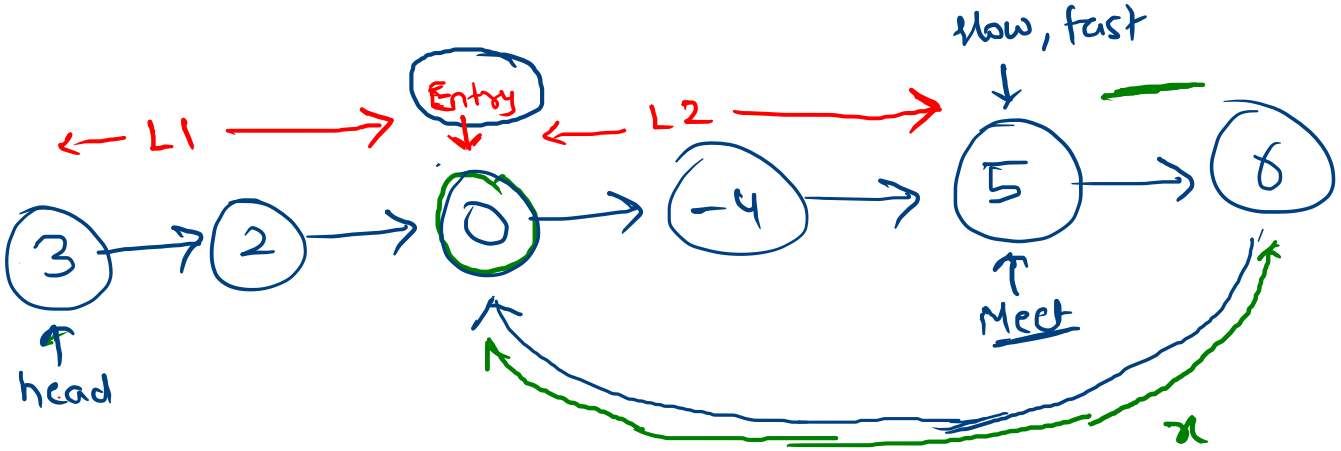


if we can find L1 then we can find Entry point

✓ distance travelled by slow = L1 + L2

✓ distance travelled by fast = L1 + L2 + n*(L2+x)

(where n is no. of cycle rotation of linked list cycle)

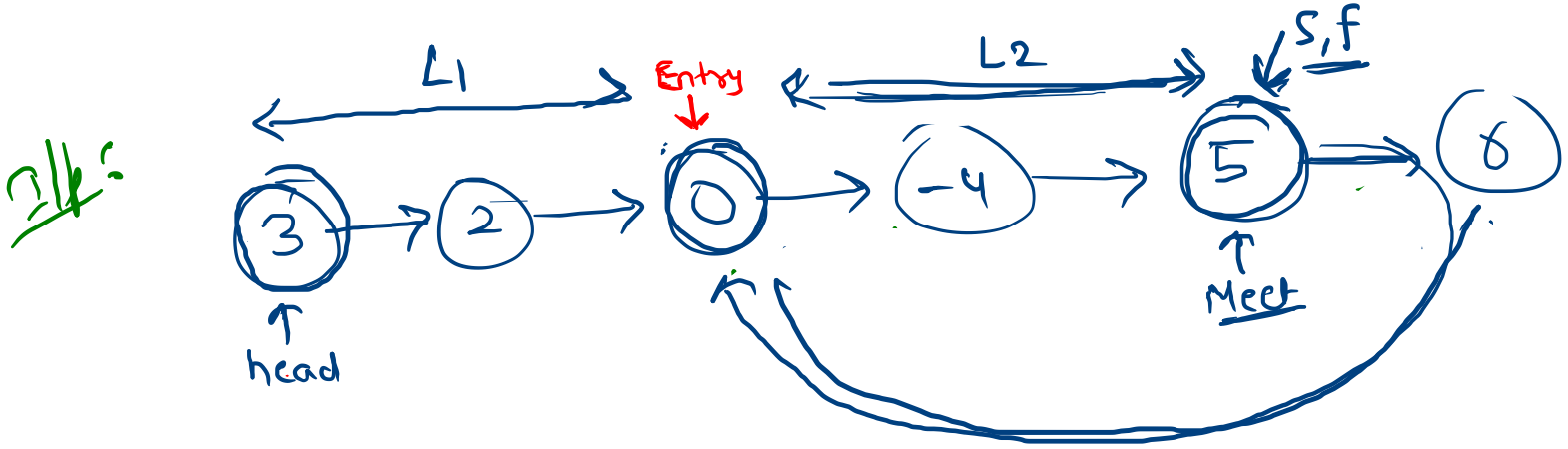
(fast has double speed than slow)

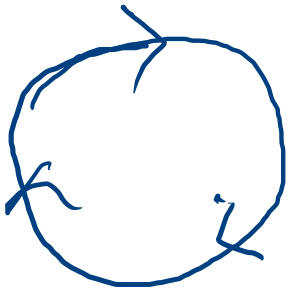
$\Rightarrow 2(L1 + L2) = L1 + L2 + n*(L2+x)$

$\Rightarrow 2L1 + 2L2 = L1 + L2 + nL2 + nx$

$\Rightarrow x = L1$

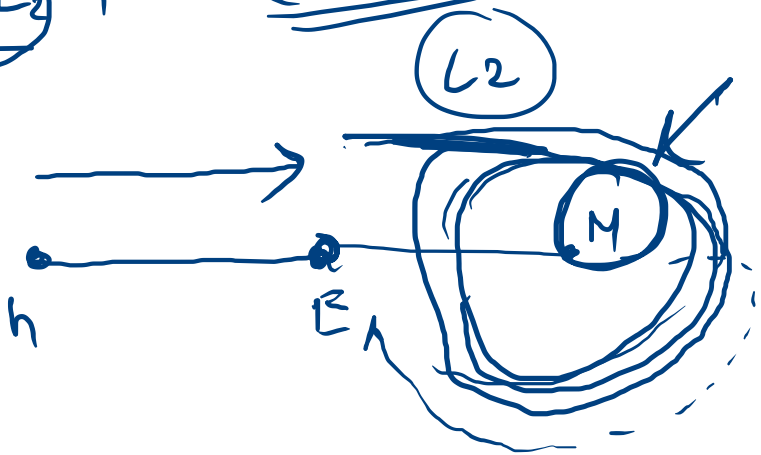
For once let's suppose n = 1

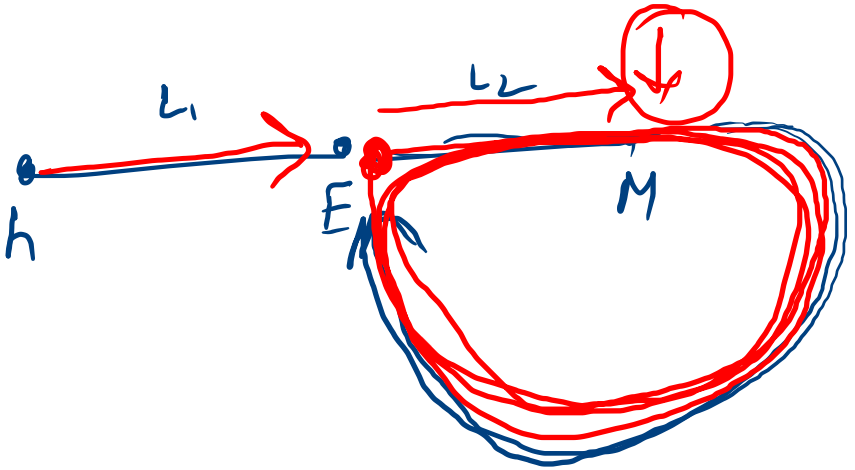




$(S = l_1 + l_2)$

$$f = l_1 + l_2 + n(L_2 + x)$$



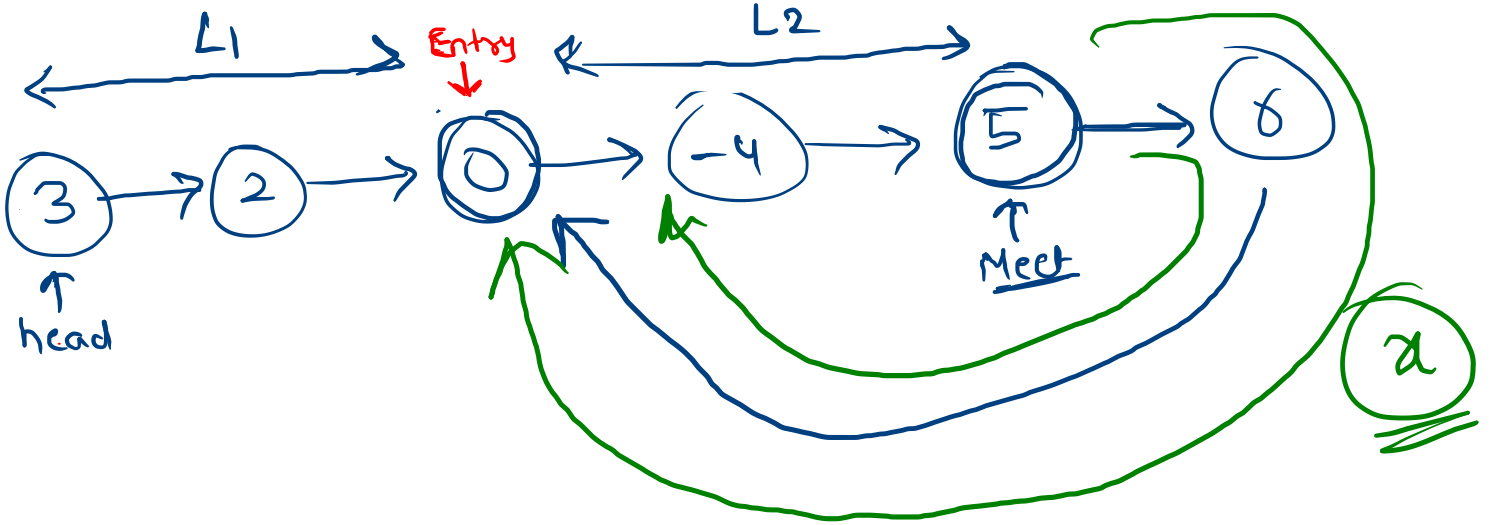


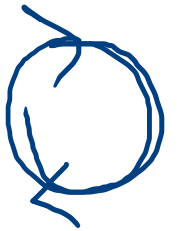
$$L_1 + n(L_2 + x) + L_2$$

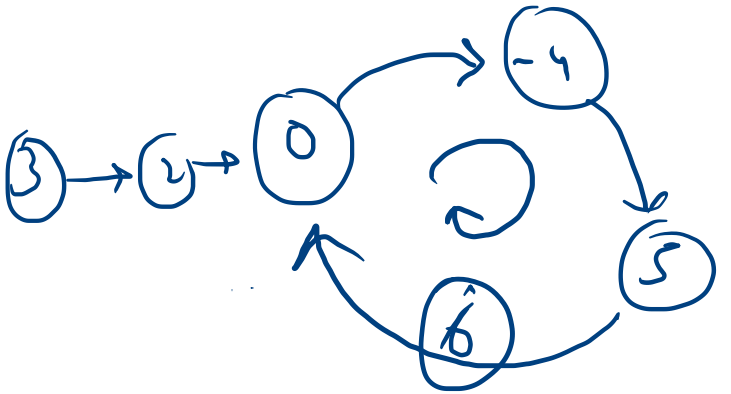
$$\boxed{L_1 + L_2 + n(L_2 + x)}$$

Rough calculation

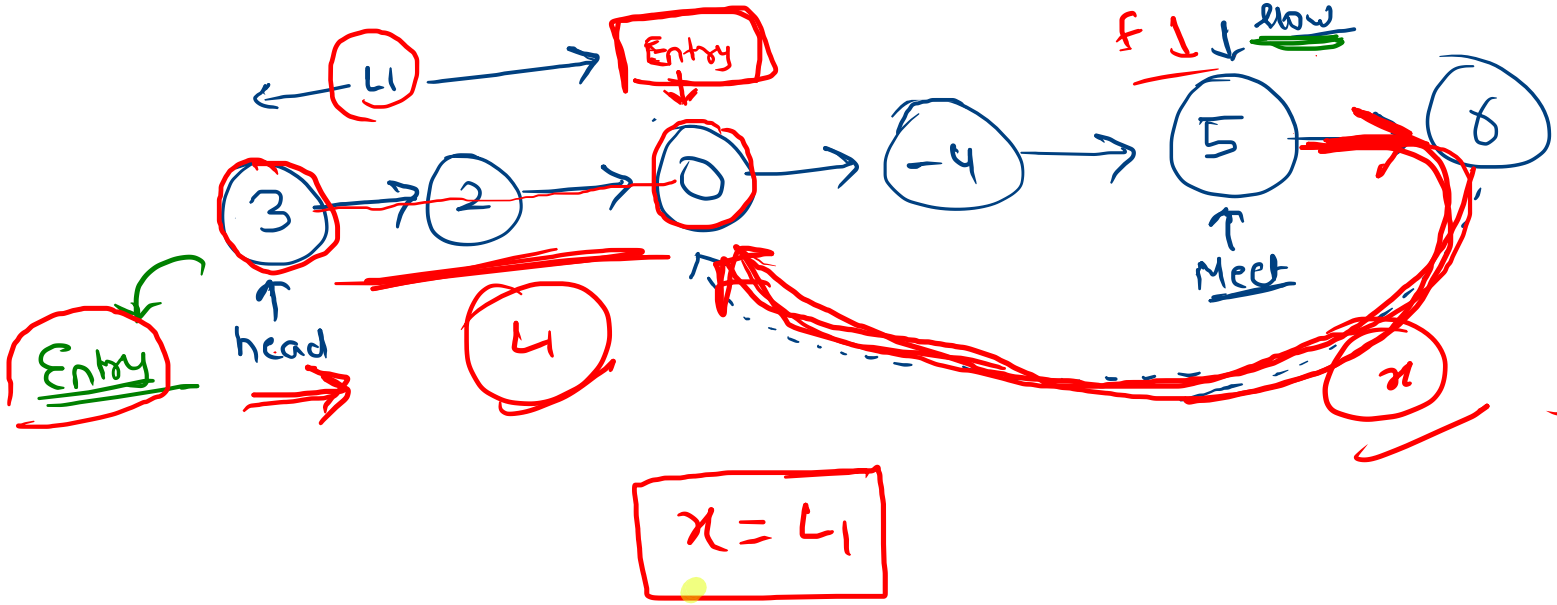
for distance







Rough Calculation



$x = L_1$

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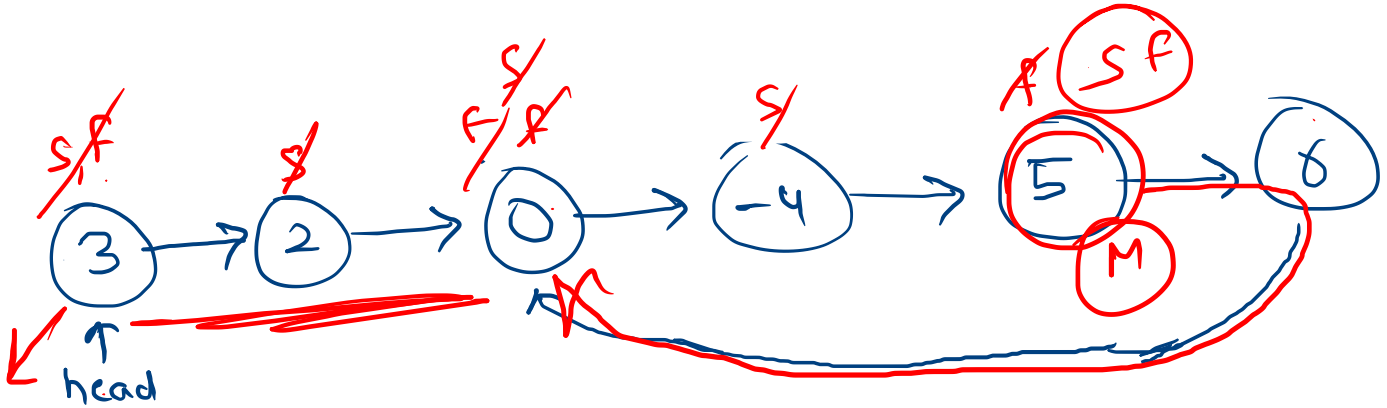
(Both run at same speed)

Place they meet is Entry point)

Final traversal



Entry

Entry = Entry → next

slow = slow → next

(Entry != slow)