

Q Given two sorted linked list. Merge them into a single sorted LL!

Ex 1 $h_1 \rightarrow$
(3) \rightarrow (8) \rightarrow (10) \rightarrow (14) \rightarrow (20) \rightarrow NULL

$h_2 \rightarrow$
(2) \rightarrow (6) \rightarrow (11) \rightarrow (12) \rightarrow NULL

\Rightarrow $h \rightarrow$
(2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (6) \rightarrow (8) \rightarrow (10) \rightarrow (11) \rightarrow (12) \rightarrow (14) \rightarrow (20) \rightarrow NULL

Node merge (Node head1, Node head2) {

}

Tc : $O(m+n)$

Sc : $O(1)$

Merge Sort in linked list

Q Given a linked list. Sort it!

Ans.

4 → 8 → 3 → 1 → 6 → 7 → null

↑
mid.

↑
x = mid.next

1 → 3 → 4 → 6 → 7 → 8 → null

4 → 8 → 3 → null

↑
mid

3 → 4 → 8

4 → 8

3

4

8

1 → 6 → 7 → null

1 → 6 → 7

1 → 6

7

1

6

$$T_c : n + 2T(n/2)$$

SC: log(n)

$T_c : O(n \log n)$

Pseudo Code!

Node mergeSort (Node head) {

if (head == null || head.next == null) {
return head;
}

//O(n) Node mid \Rightarrow findMiddleNode (head);
Node h2 \Rightarrow mid.next
mid.next = null;

head = mergeSort (head);
h2 = mergeSort (h2);

//O(n) return merge (head, h2);

}

$$T(n) : n + 2T(n/2)$$

$$T(n) : \underline{O(n \log n)}$$

Q1 Given a Linked list. Every node has 2 pointers.

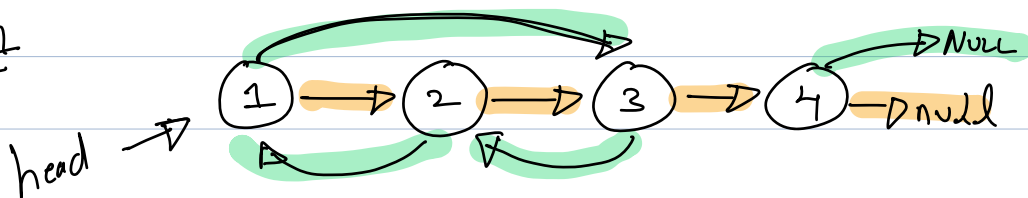
1) next pointer : As usual.

2) random pointer : Can point to any node or null

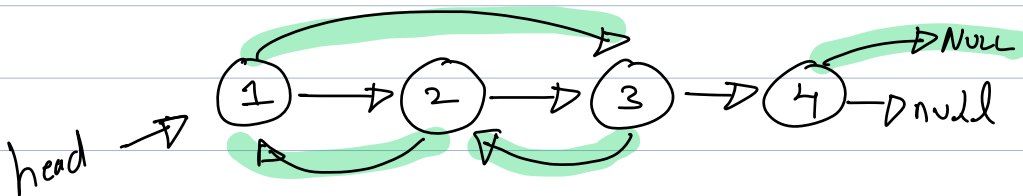
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Make a deep clone of this. Brand new n nodes which the same structure.

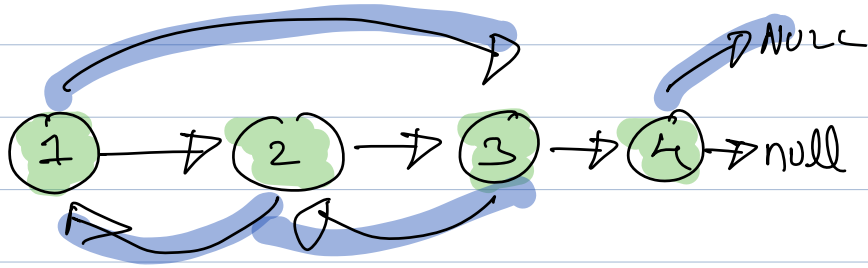
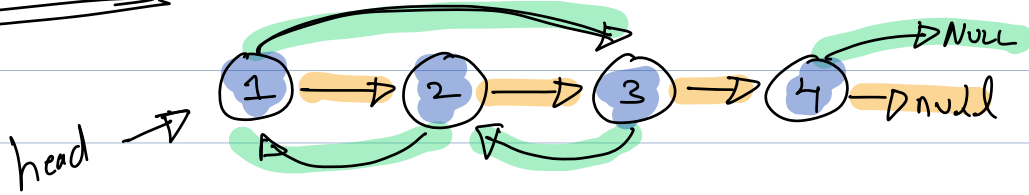
Ex 1



new set of n nodes.



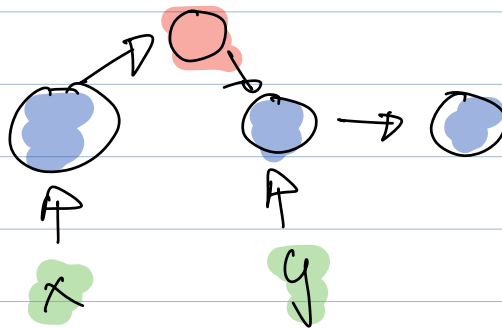
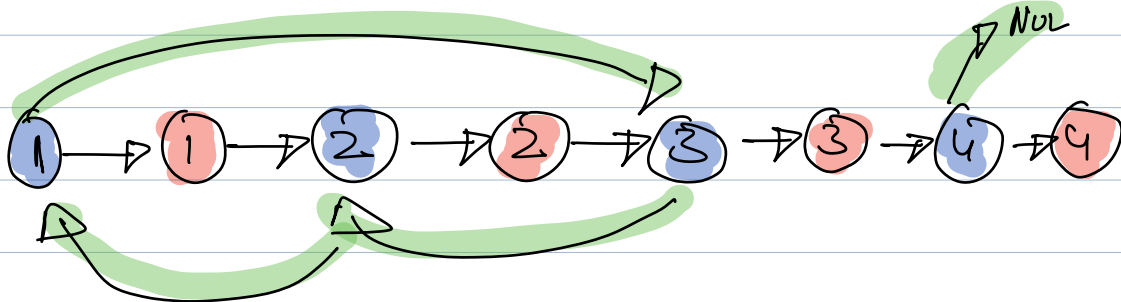
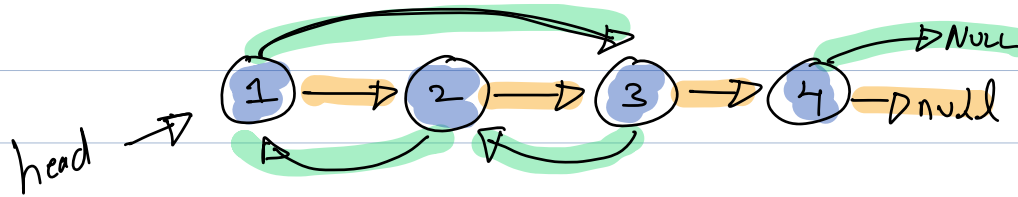
Approach 1 :



1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

TC: $O(n)$
SC: $O(1)$

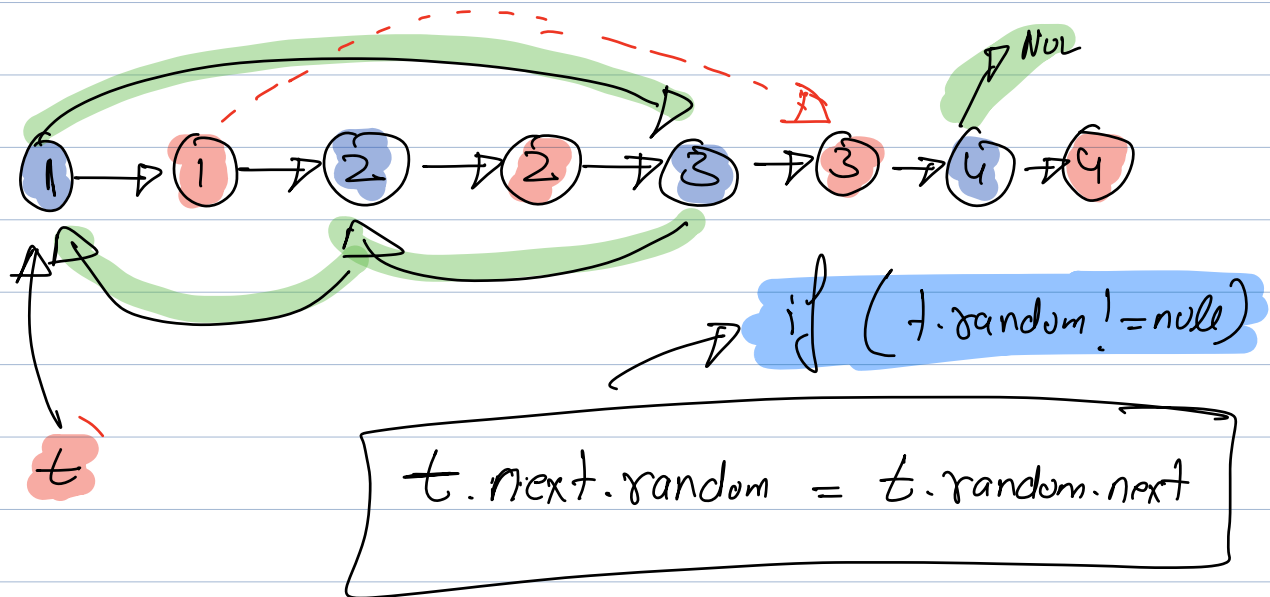
Step 1: Create new nodes and attach it to the odd linked list.



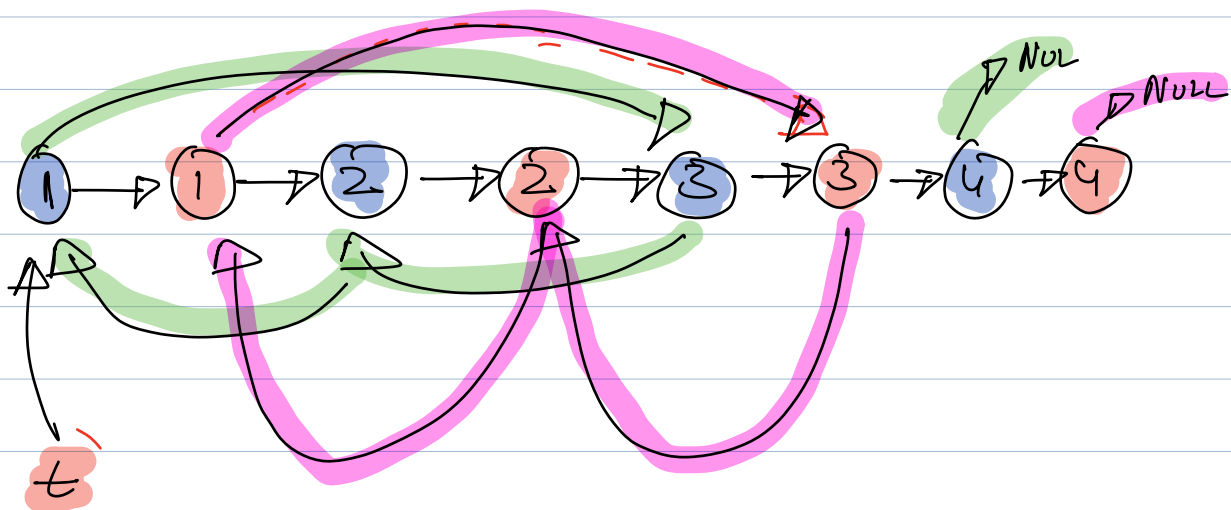
$x.next = \text{new Node}(x.val)$

$x.next.next = y.$

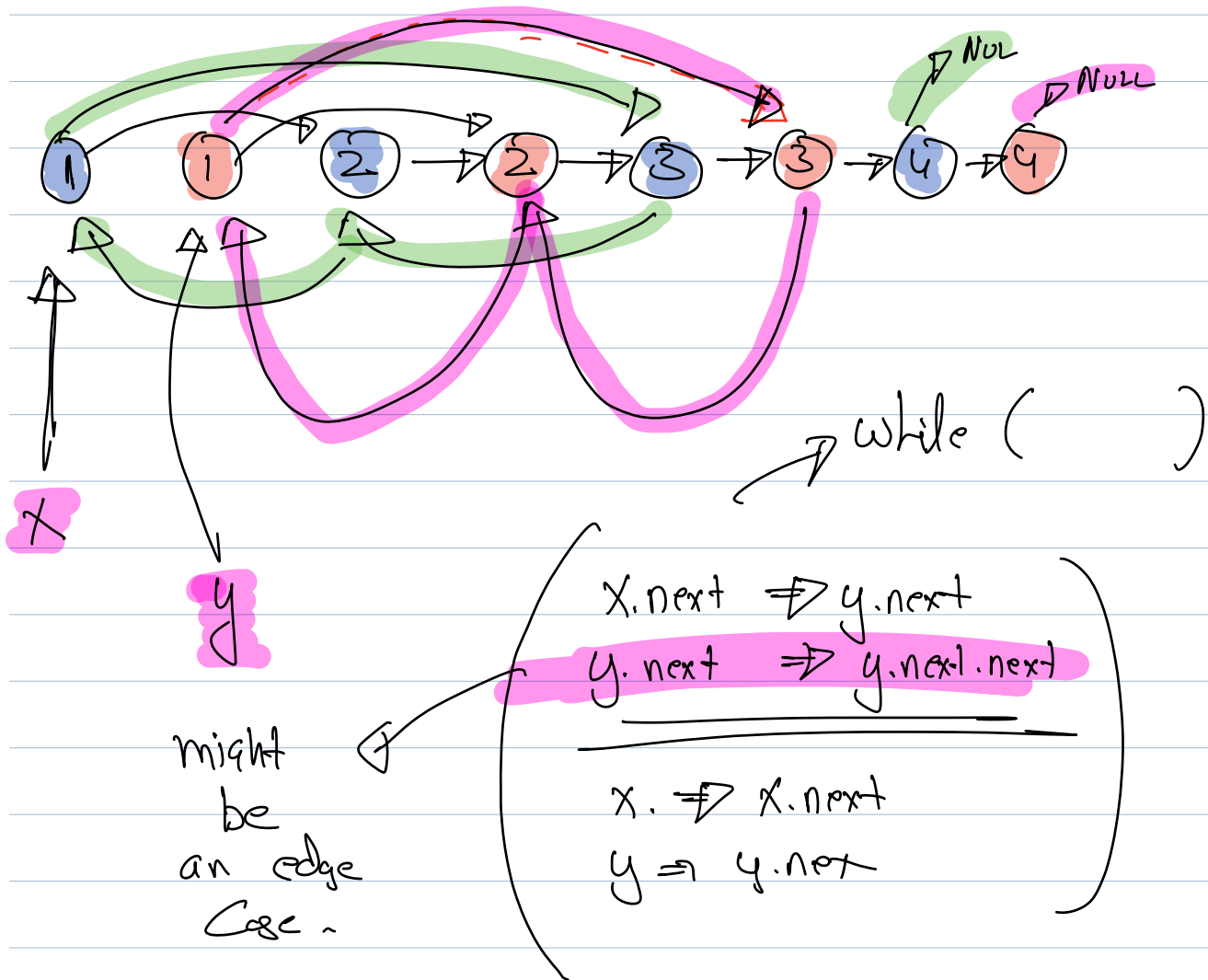
Step 2 : Point the random links to the correct Node



⇒ Run while
`t = t.next.next;`



Step 3:



Tc: O(n) Sc: O(1)

Q2 Flatten a linked list.

⇒ We have a linked of a different structure.

Each node has 2 pointers.

next pointer : Pointer to the next node.

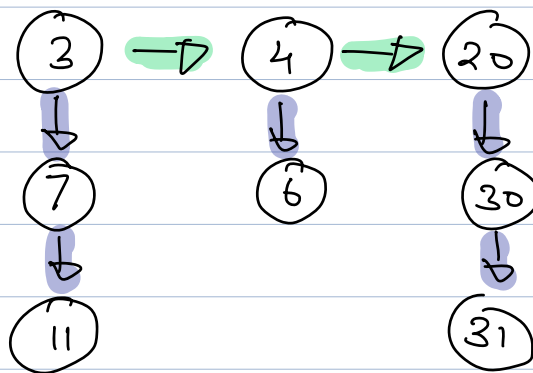
down pointer : Pointer to the linked list where this node is the head.

All linked list are sorted.

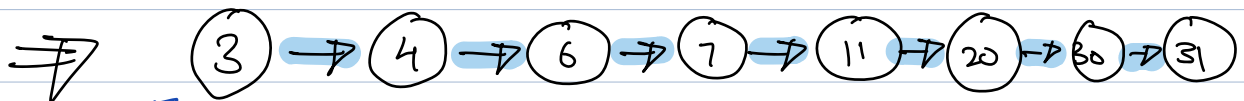
Flatten everything to a single sorted list. Use down pointers to link node in the flattened list.

length of any linked $\leq n$

Ex1



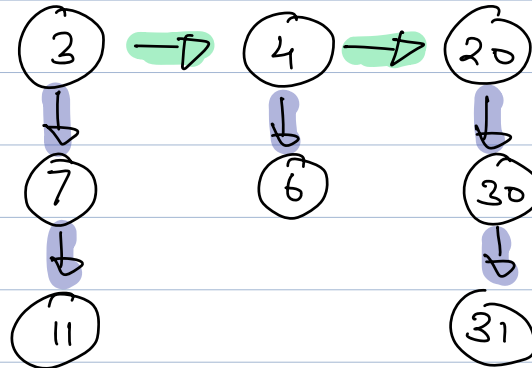
Down
Next



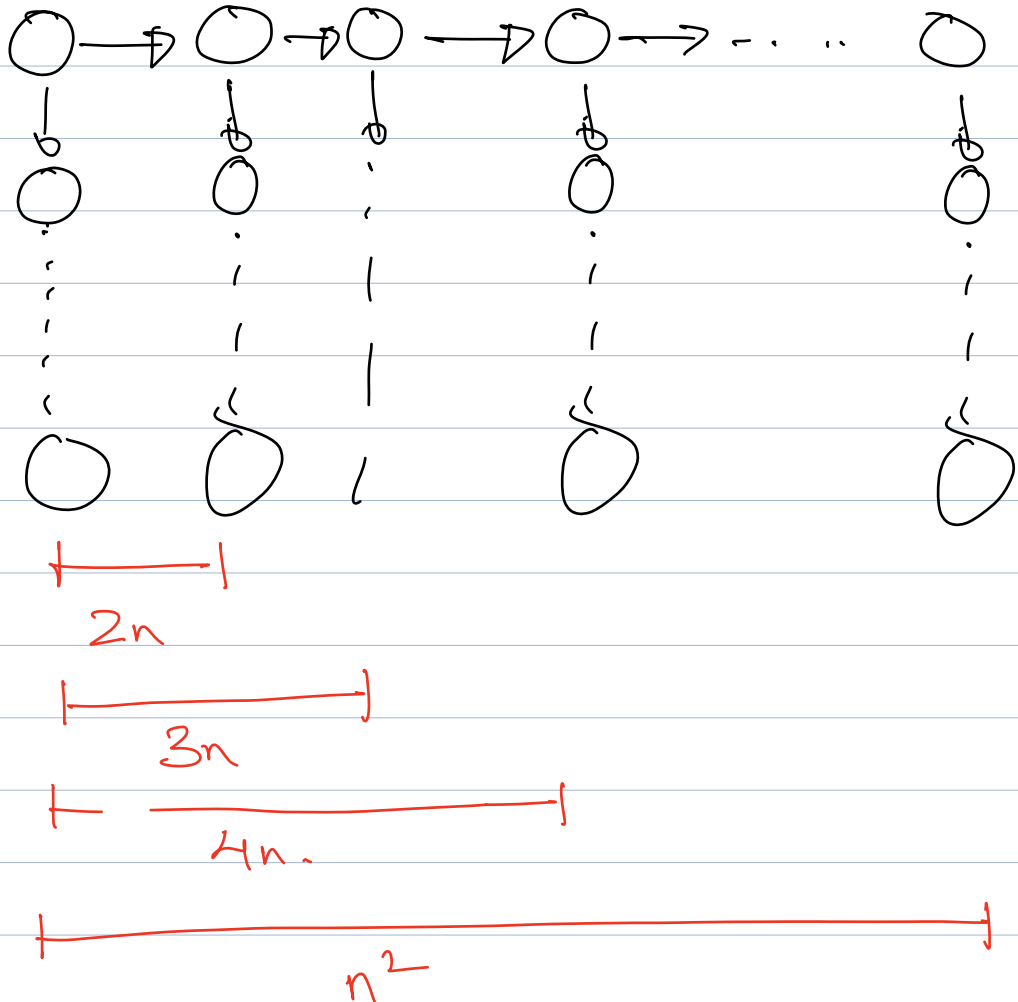
head

Down pointers

Approach 1 :



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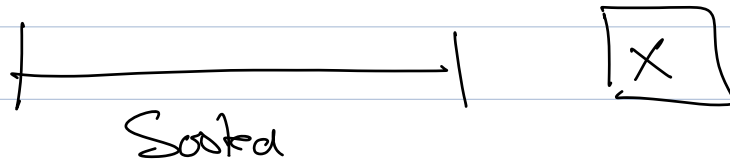
$$T.C: 2n + 3n + 4n + n^2$$

$$n \left\{ \underline{2+3+\dots+n} \right\}$$

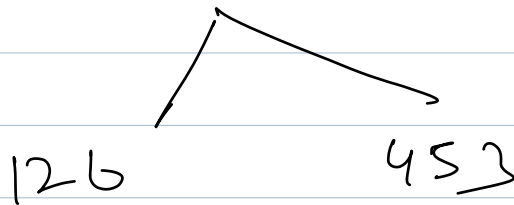
$$n \times n^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$n^3$$

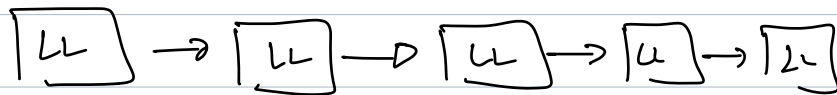
Insertion Sort

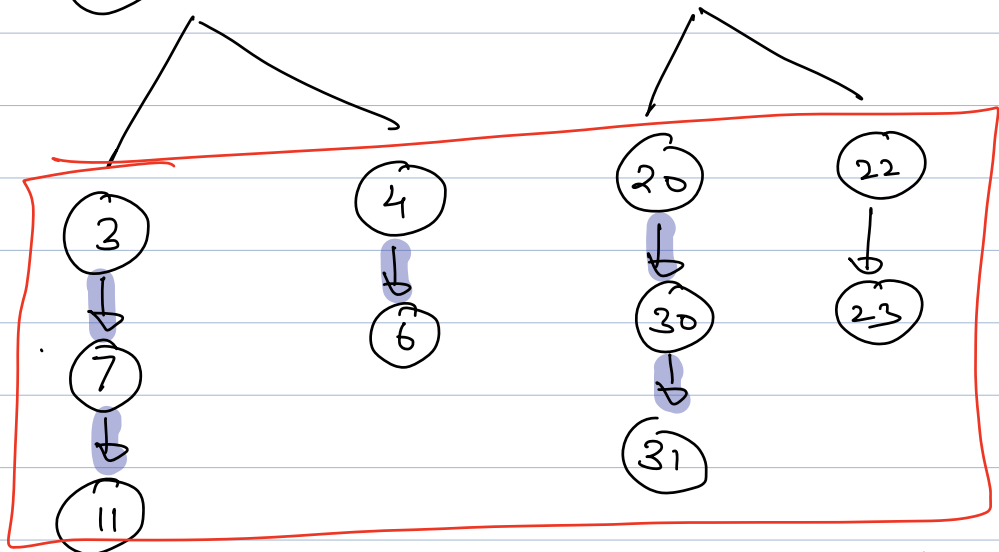
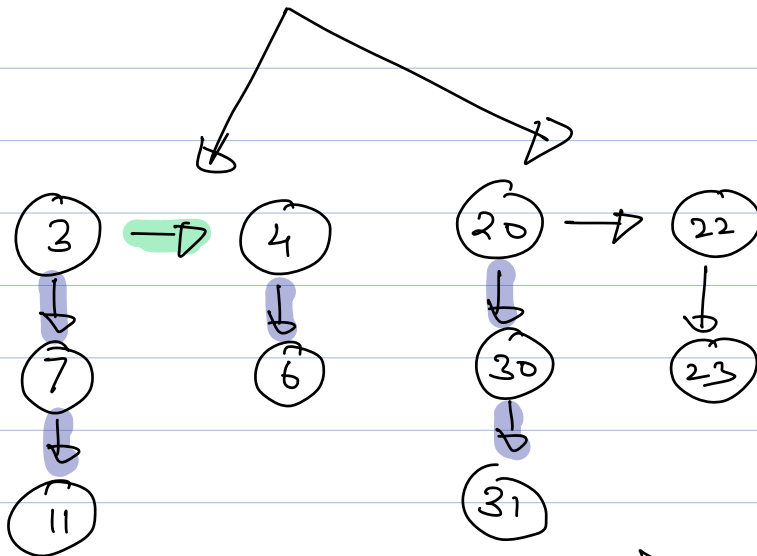
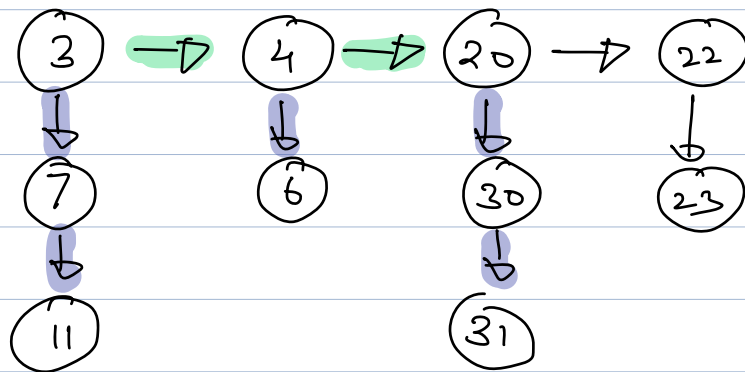


1 2 6 4 5 3

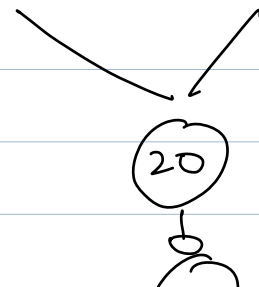
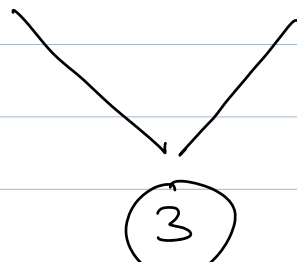


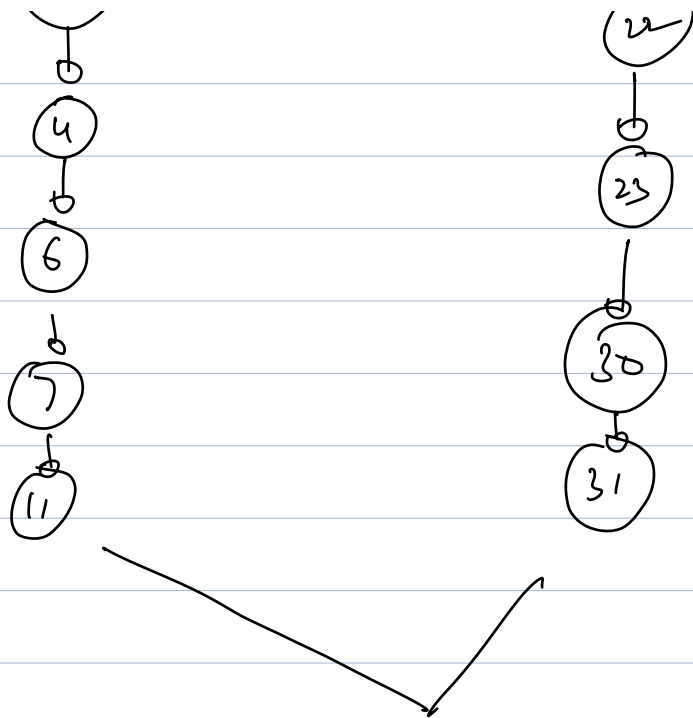
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Base Case





Total Elements $\Rightarrow x$

$$TC \Rightarrow x \log x$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 \log n^2$$

$$\left| x = n^2 \right|$$

Sc: $\log n$

$$2n^2 \log n$$

$$\sim n^2 \log n$$

$$T(x) \Rightarrow x + 2T(x/2)$$

Pseudo code

Node flatten (Node head) {

if (head == null || head.next == null)
return head;

Node mid \Rightarrow findMiddleNode (head);

Node h2 \Rightarrow mid.next

mid.next \Rightarrow null

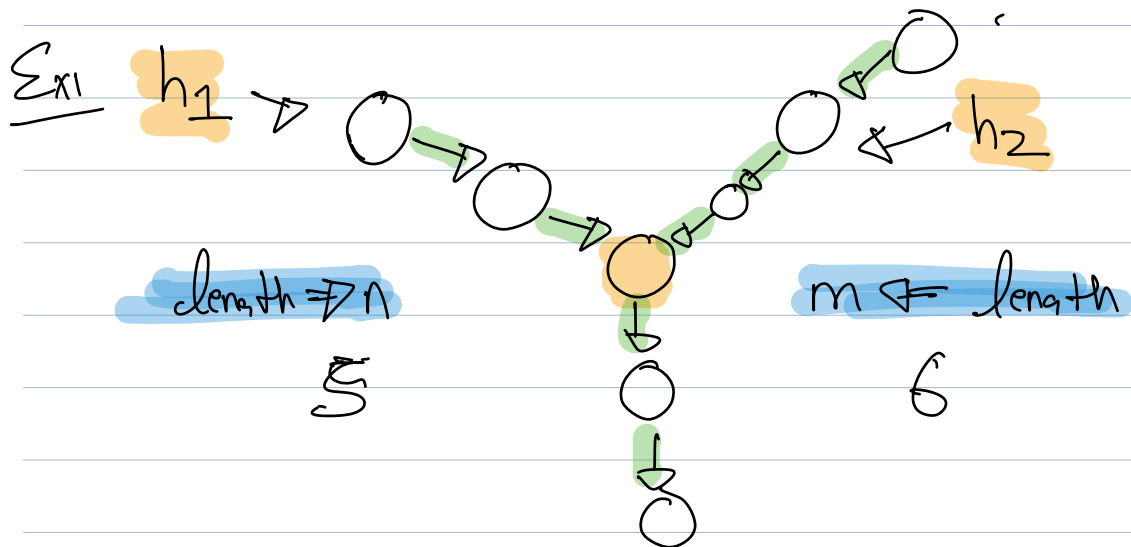
Node head \Rightarrow flatten (head);

Node h2 \Rightarrow flatten (h2);

return merge (head, h2);

}

Q.3 Given a Y shaped Linked list. Find the intersection.



Approach 1: Find length of both linked list.

$$\boxed{\text{diff} = |m - n|}$$

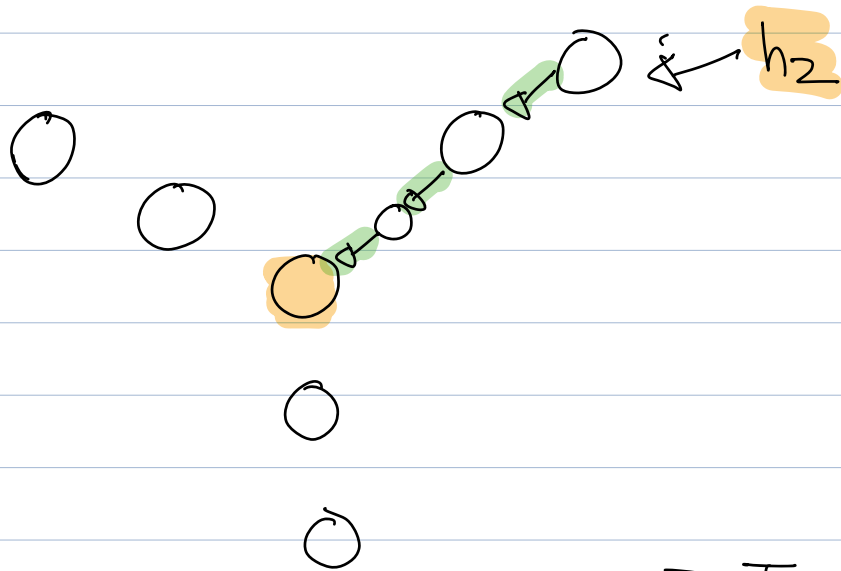
⇒ Traverse $|m - n|$ nodes in the longer list.

$$\begin{aligned} T_c &: O(m+n) \\ S_c &: O(1) \end{aligned}$$

Approach 2: Hashset.

$$\begin{aligned} T_c &: O(m+n) \\ S_c &: O(\min(m, n)) \end{aligned}$$

Approach 3



$\Rightarrow T_c: O(m+n)$
 $Sc: O(1)$

We are detecting the linked list.

Approach 4

