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Cycle Detection



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A linked list is said to contain a cycle if any node is visited more than once while traversing the list.

Complete the function provided for you in your editor. It has one parameter: a pointer to a Node object named head that points to the head of a linked list. Your function must return a boolean denoting whether or not there is a cycle in the list. If there is a cycle, return true; otherwise, return false.

Note: If the list is empty, head will be null.

Input Format

Our hidden code checker passes the appropriate argument to your function. You are not responsible for reading any input from stdin.

Constraints

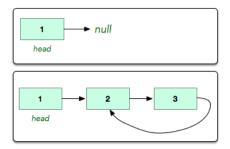
• $0 \le list size \le 100$

Output Format

If the list contains a cycle, your function must return true. If the list does not contain a cycle, it must return false. The binary integer corresponding to the boolean value returned by your function is printed to stdout by our hidden code checker.

Sample Input

The following linked lists are passed as arguments to your function:



Sample Output

0

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Explanation

- 1. The first list has no cycle, so we return false and the hidden code checker prints $\mathbf{0}$ to stdout.
- 2. The second list has a cycle, so we return true and the hidden code checker prints 1 to stdout.

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13 ▼ def has_cycle(head):

a=head

b=head

class Node(object):

self.data = data self.next = next_node

while(a and b and b.next):

a=a.next

b=b.next.next

def __init__(self, data = None, next_node = None):

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