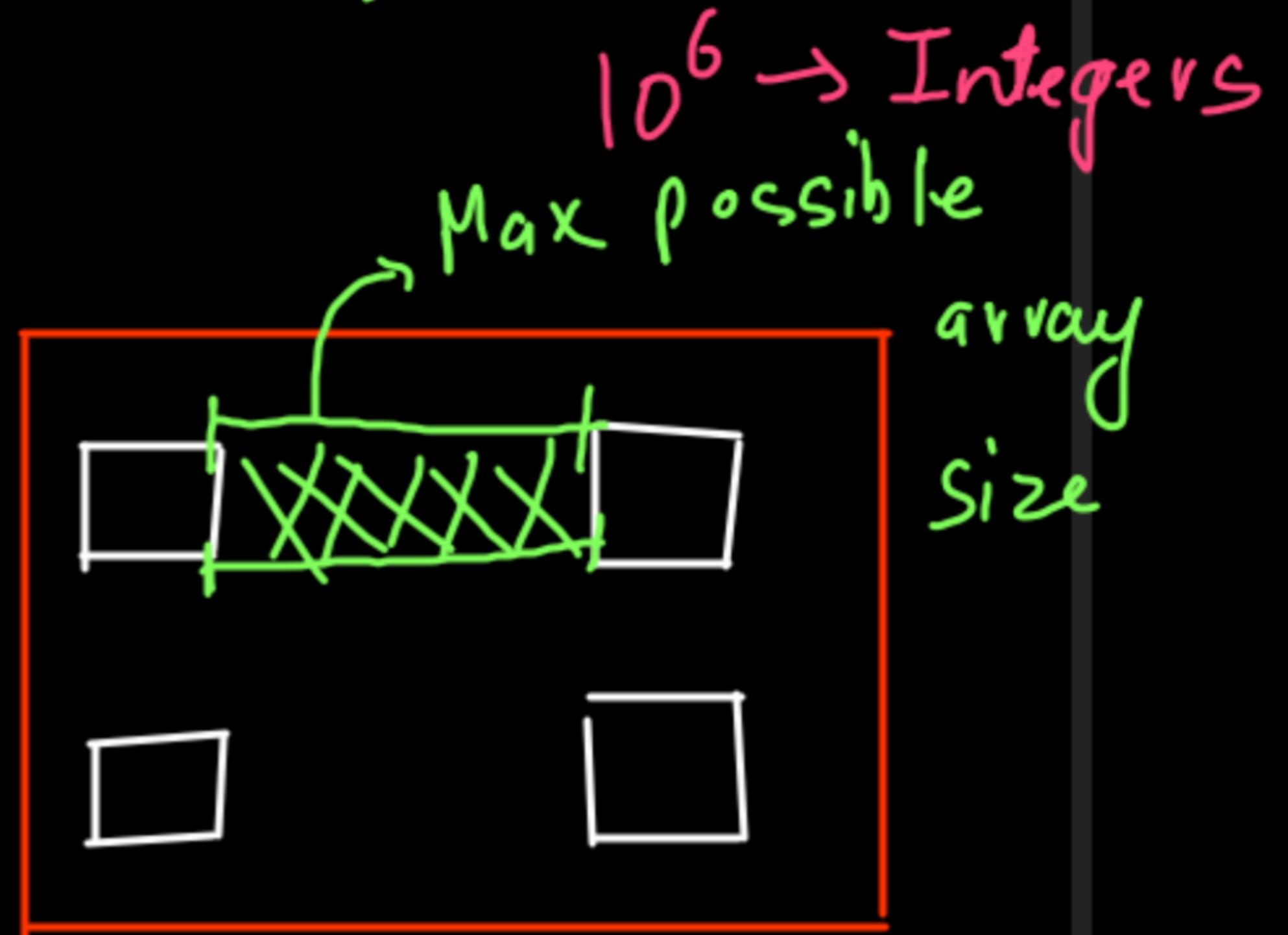
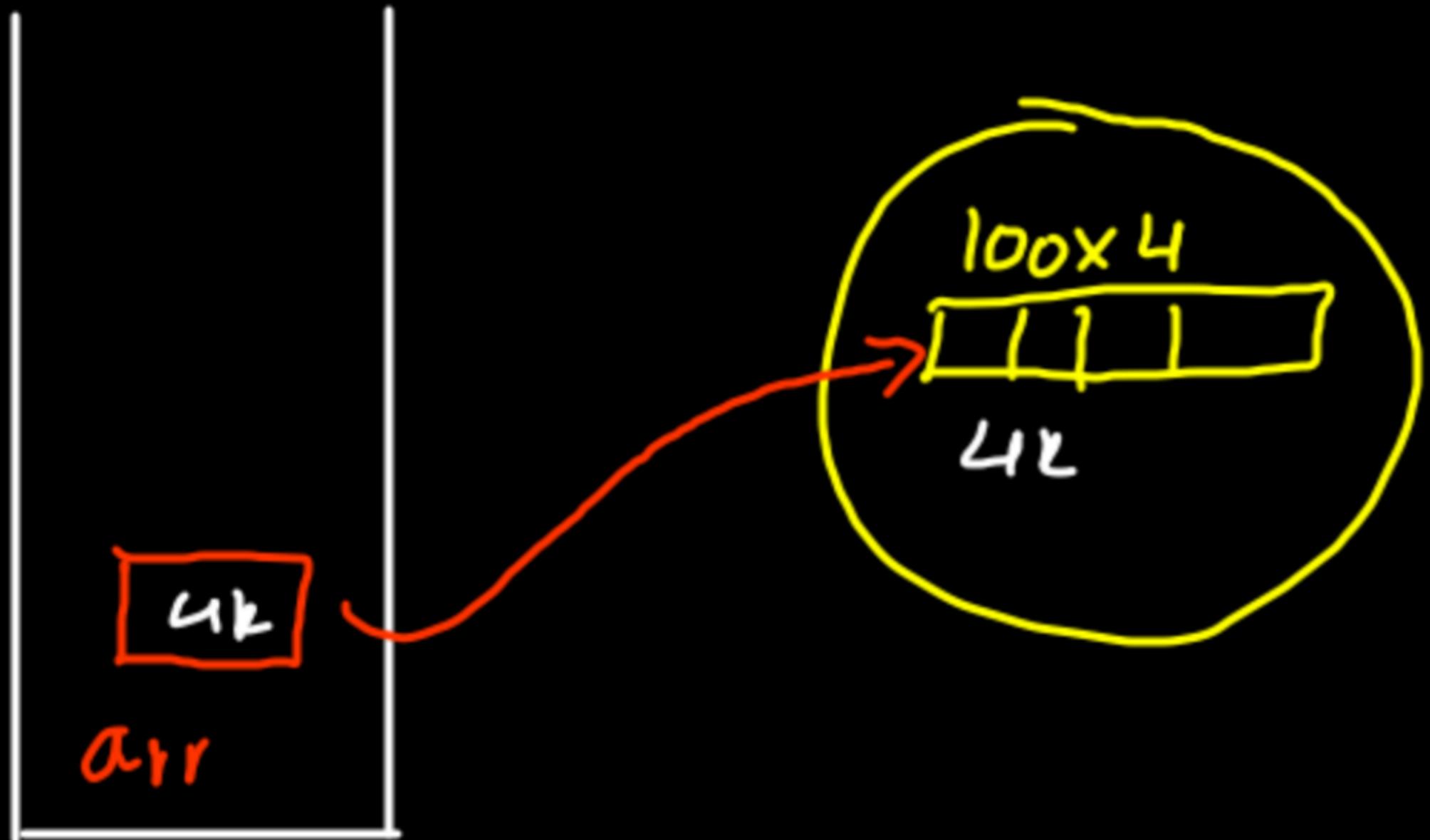


Linked List (Level 1+2)

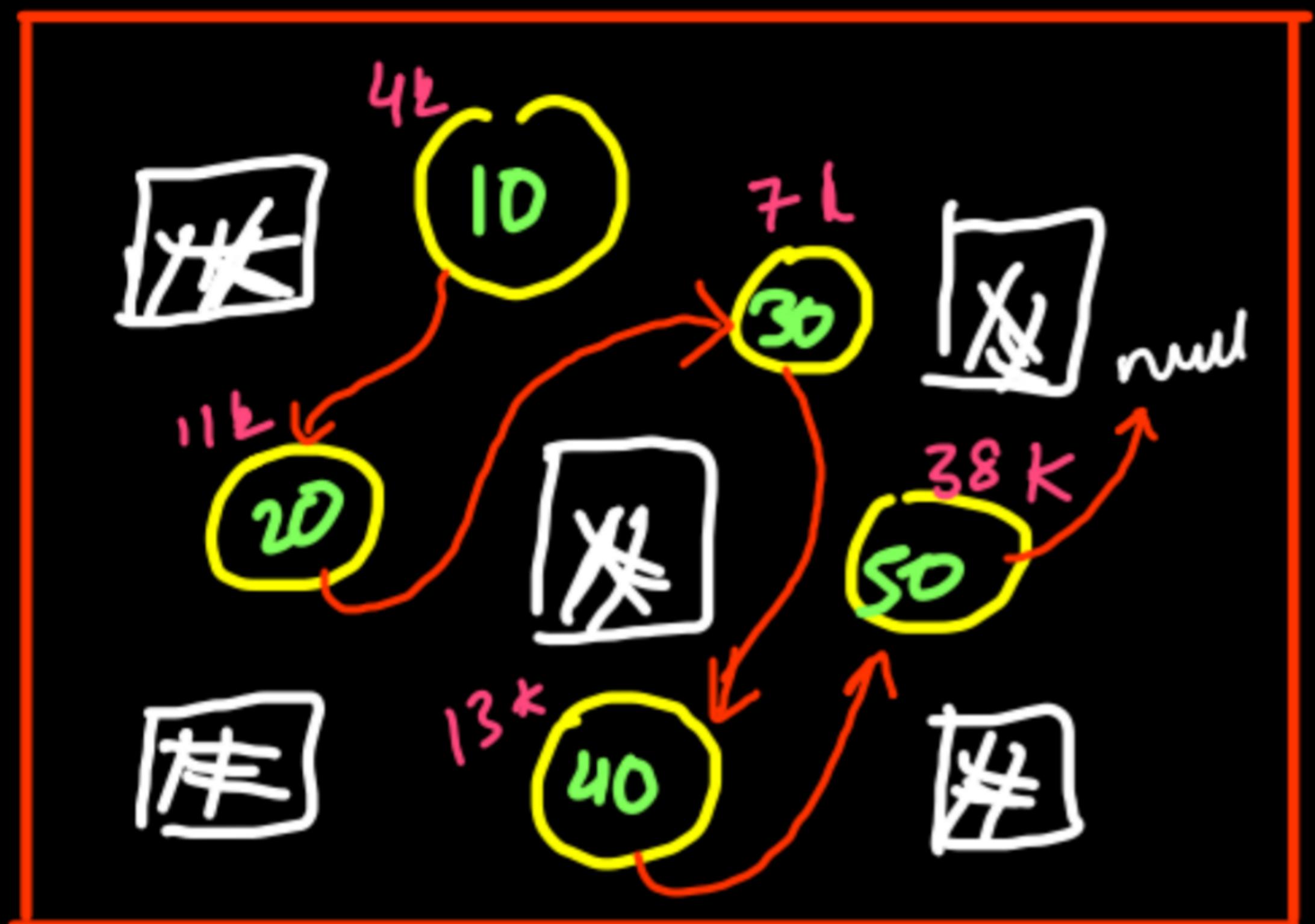
Arrays

`int [] arr = new int [100];`



fragmentation
issue (Memory got divided into
fragments & enough Mem not avail)

Linked List: Non contiguous memory allocation.



```
public static Node {  
    int data;  
    Node next;
```

We need links to connect data-

10, 20, 30, 40, 50
4k 11k 7k 13k 38k

Node { object } {

int data;

Node next; → Address of
Next

3

Node

Inner class ko static banana hai.

```
public static class Node {  
    int data;  
    Node next; //self referential data member  
}
```

class
↓
data members
functions

We only need one node (first Node) to get all the elements of the linked list because second ele will get from first's next & so on.

```
public static class LinkedList {  
  
    Node head;  
  
    public void display() {}  
  
    public void addFirst(int data) {}  
  
    public void addLast(int data) {}  
  
    public int get(int index) {}  
  
}
```

```
public static class Node {  
    int data;  
    Node next; //self referential data member  
}
```

```
public static class LinkedList {  
    Node head;  
    Node tail;  
    int size;  
  
    public void display() {  
    }  
  
    public void addFirst(int data) {  
    }  
  
    public void addLast(int data) {  
    }  
  
    public int get(int index) {  
    }  
}
```

psv main() {

LinkedList list = new LinkedList();

3

list = 2k
Stack

head = null
tail = null
size = 0

2k

Heap

```
public static class Node {  
    int data;  
    Node next; //self referential data member  
}  
  
public static class LinkedList {  
    Node head;  
    Node tail;  
    int size;  
  
    public void display() {  
    }  
  
    public void addFirst(int data) {  
    }  
  
    public void addLast(int data) {  
    }  
  
    public int get(int index) {  
    }  
}
```

list = 2k

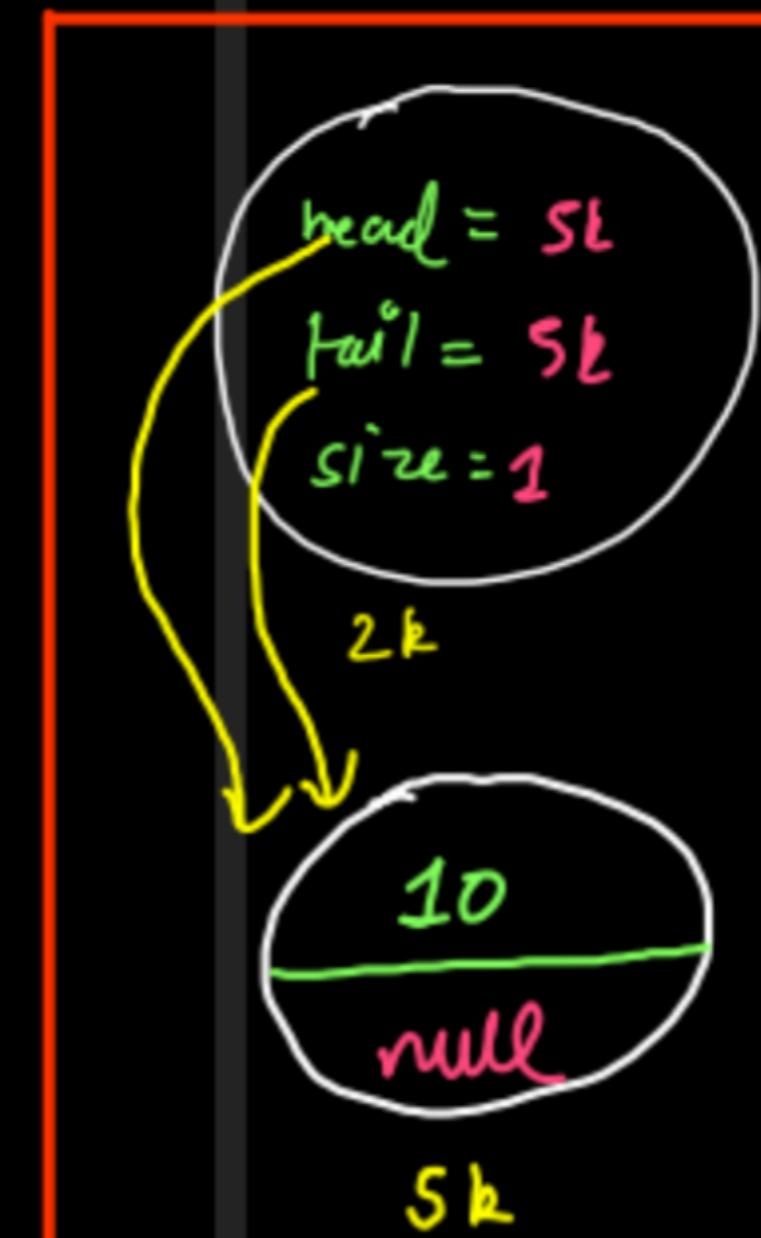
Stack

psv main() {

LinkedList list = new LinkedList();

list.addLast(10);

3



Heap

```

public static class Node {
    int data;
    Node next; //self referential data member
}

public static class LinkedList {
    Node head;
    Node tail;
    int size;

    public void display() {
    }

    public void addFirst(int data) {
    }

    public void addLast(int data) {
    }

    public int get(int index) {
    }
}

```

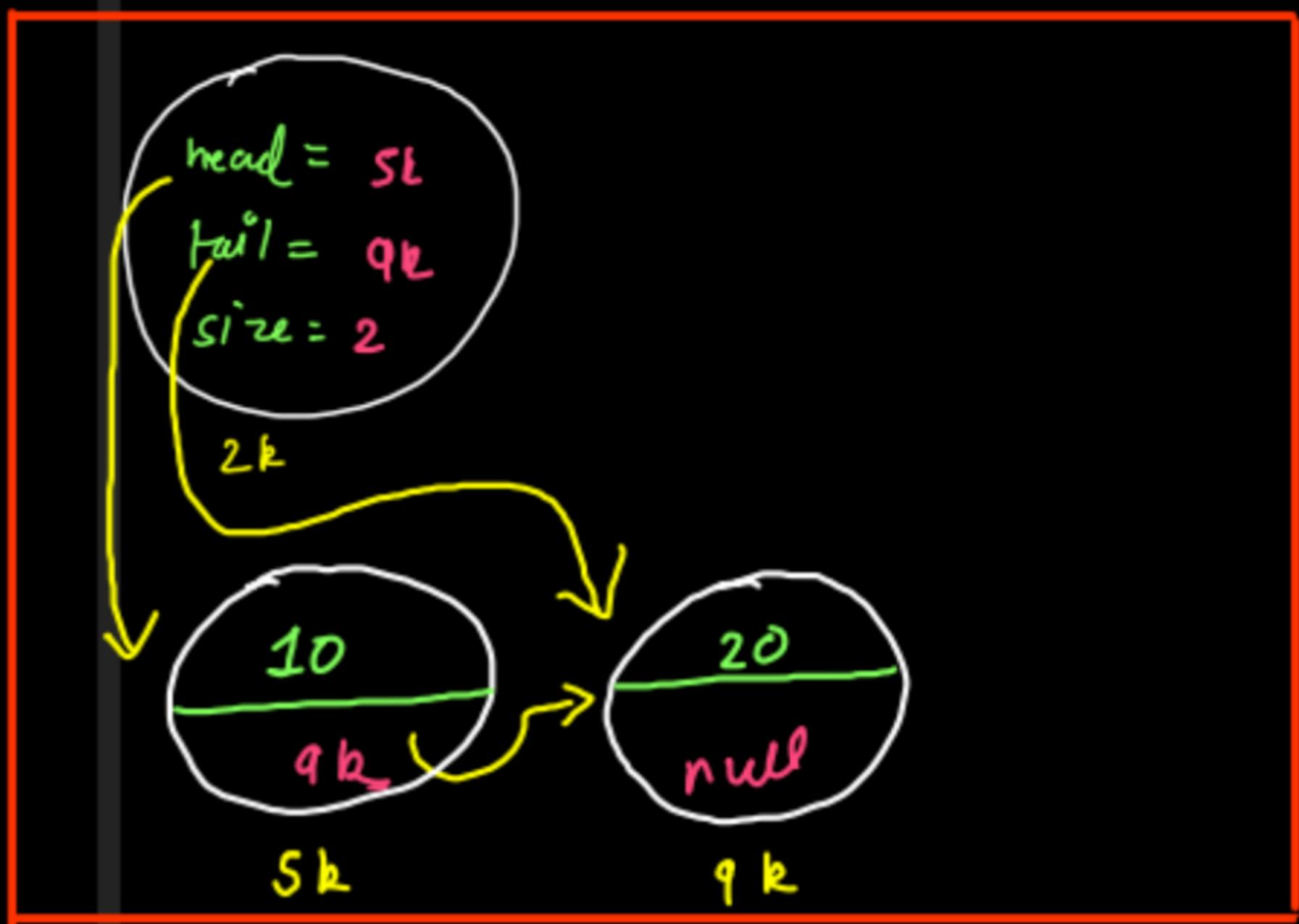
list = 2k

Stack

```

public void main() {
    LinkedList list = new LinkedList();
    list.addLast(10);
    list.addLast(20);
}

```



Heap

```
public static class Node {  
    int data;  
    Node next; //self referential data member  
}
```

```
public static class LinkedList {  
  
    Node head;  
    Node tail;  
    int size;  
  
    public void display() {  
    }  
  
    public void addFirst(int data) {  
    }  
  
    public void addLast(int data) {  
    }  
  
    public int get(int index) {  
    }  
}
```

PSV main() {

LinkedList list = new LinkedList();

list.addLast(10);

list.addLast(20);

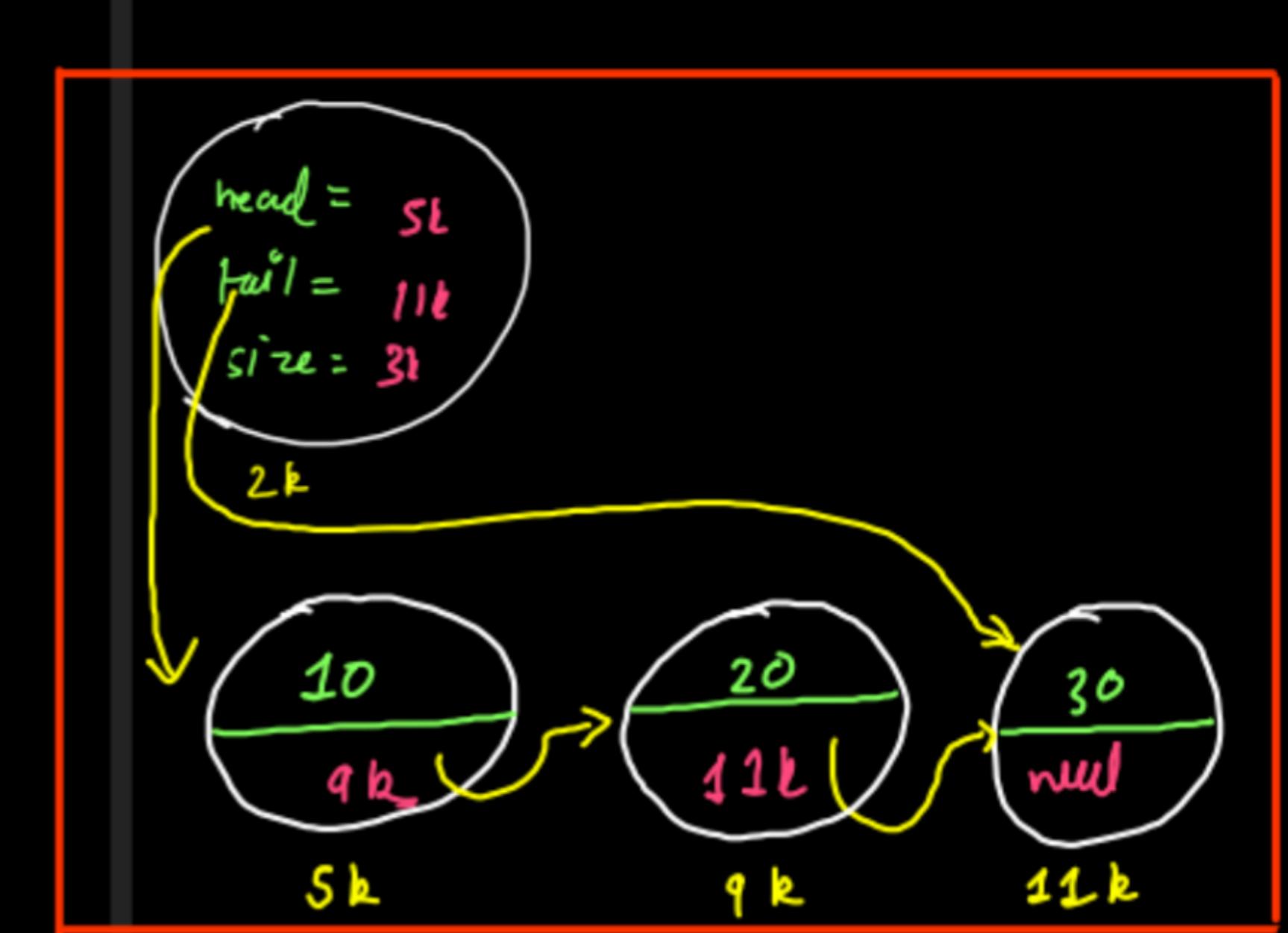
list.addLast(30);

}

list = 2k

Stack

++ Size of reference is
unknown in LL.



Heap

LL is taking lot of extra space

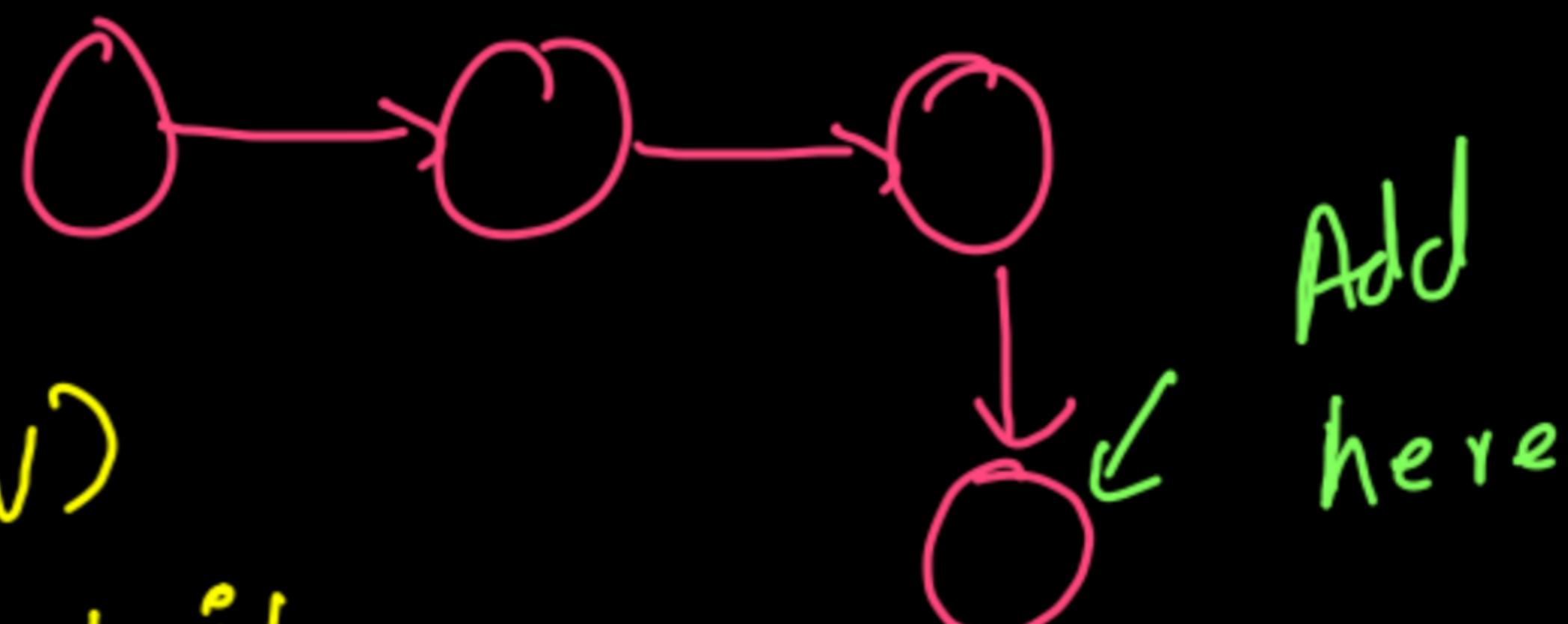
Random Access is not allowed
in LL

Add Last Code

```
void addLast(int val) {  
    // Write your code here  
    Node temp = new Node();  
    temp.data = val;  
  
    if(size == 0) {  
        head = temp;  
        tail = temp;  
    } else {  
        tail.next = temp;  
        tail = temp;  
    }  
  
    size++;  
}
```

$TC = O(1)$ \rightarrow using tail
addLast is a constant operation

#If tail is not given



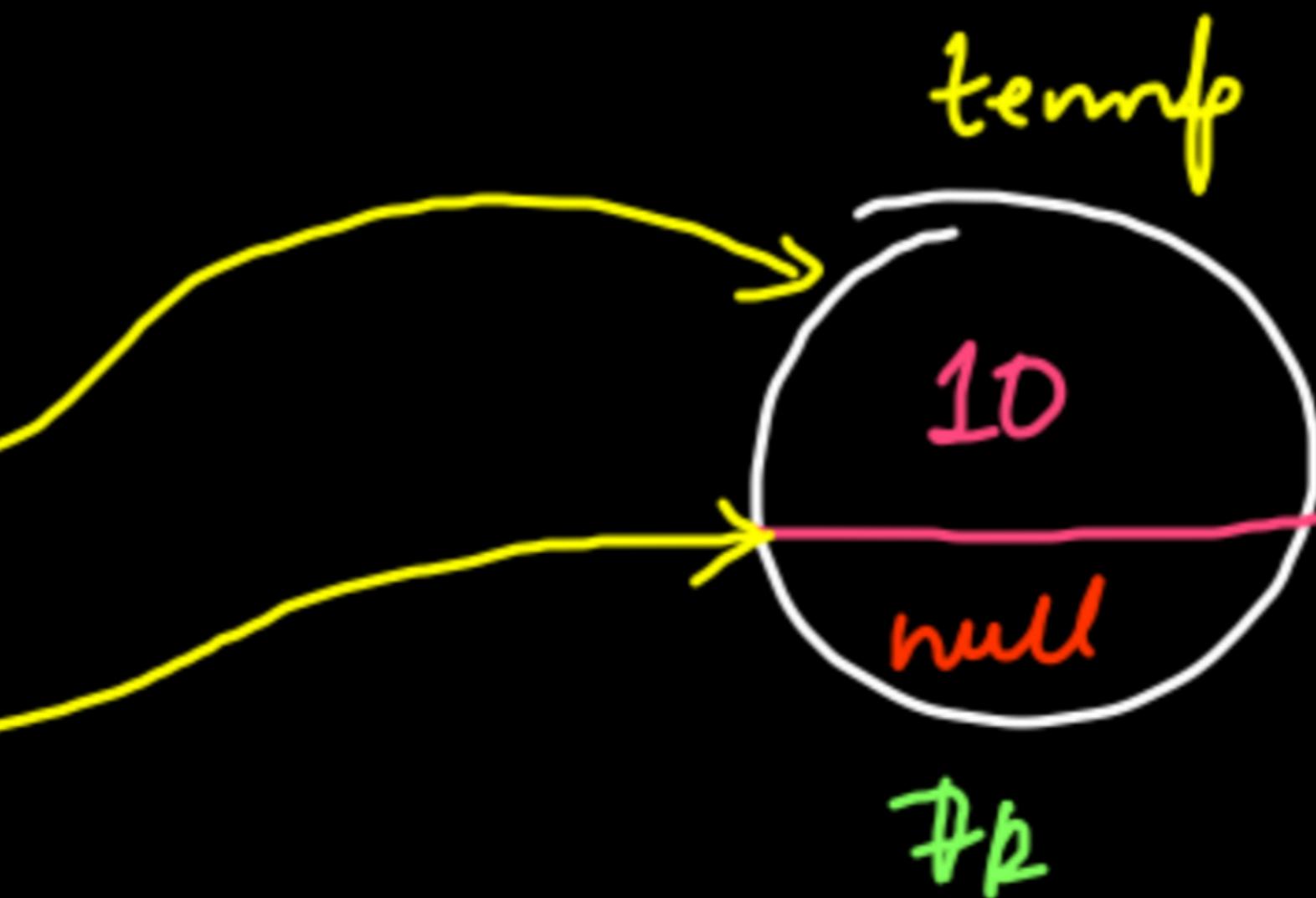
$TC = O(N)$
without tail

Add first

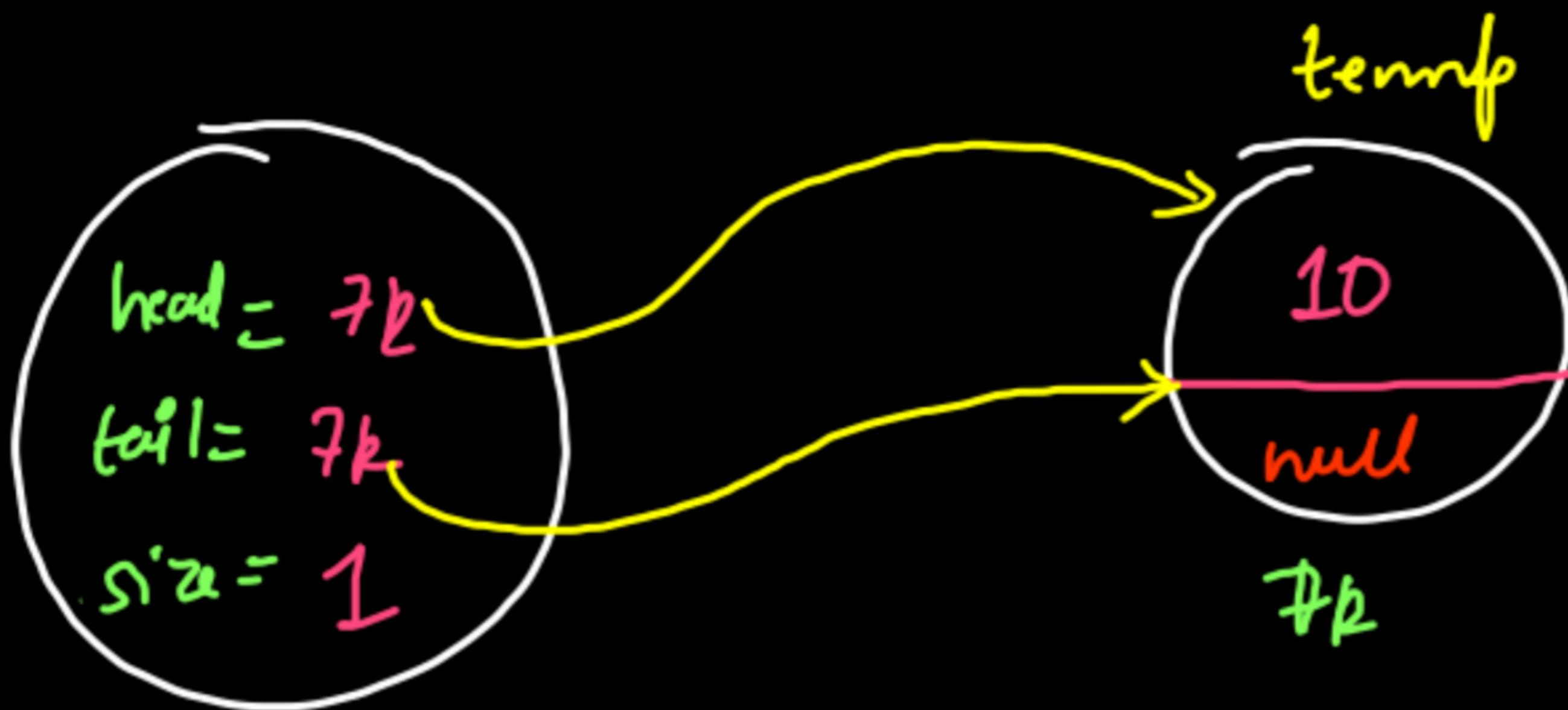
```
LinkedList list = new LinkedList();
```



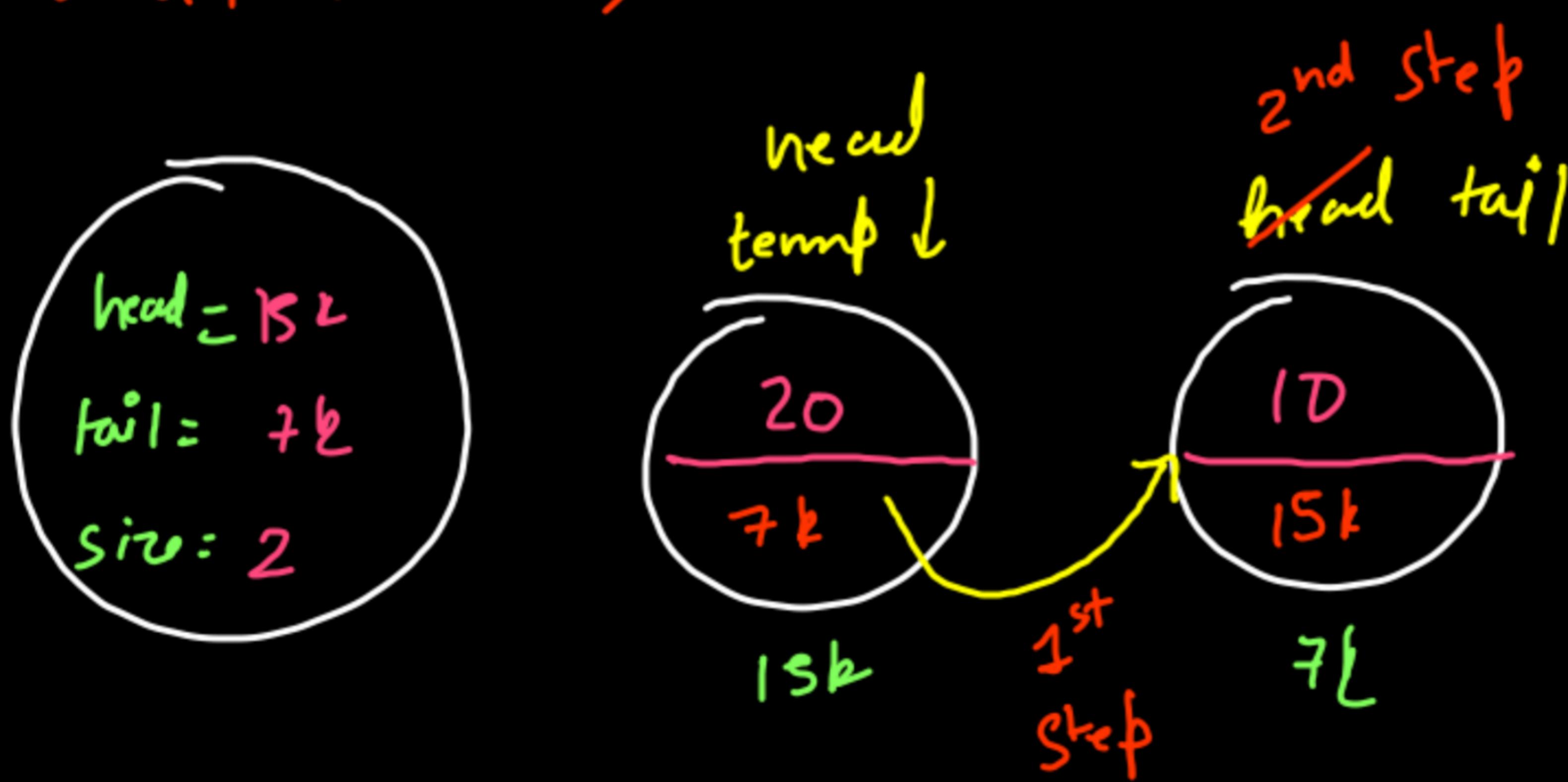
addFirst(10);



if (size == 0)
{
 head = temp;
 tail = temp;
}



`addFirst(20);`



if `size == 0`
 1 `temp.next = head;`
 2 `head = temp;`

Add first Code

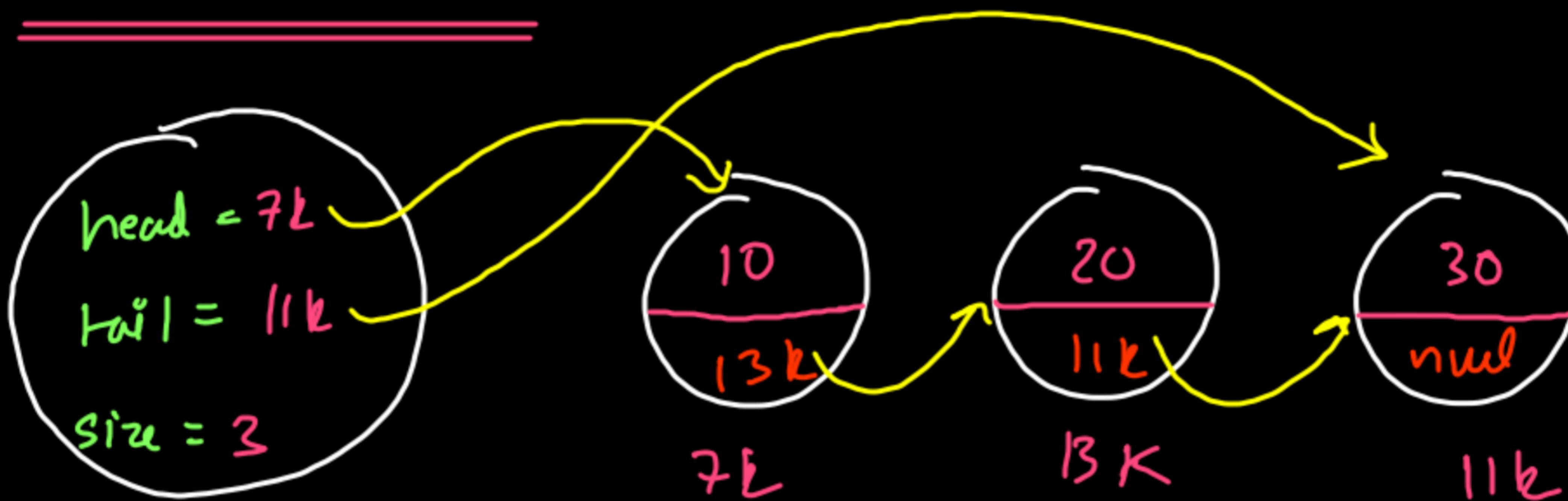
```
public void addFirst(int val) {  
    // write your code here  
  
    Node temp = new Node();  
    temp.data = val;  
  
    if(size == 0) {  
        head = temp;  
        tail = temp;  
    } else {  
        temp.next = head;  
        head = temp;  
    }  
  
    size++;  
}
```

$T C = O(1)$

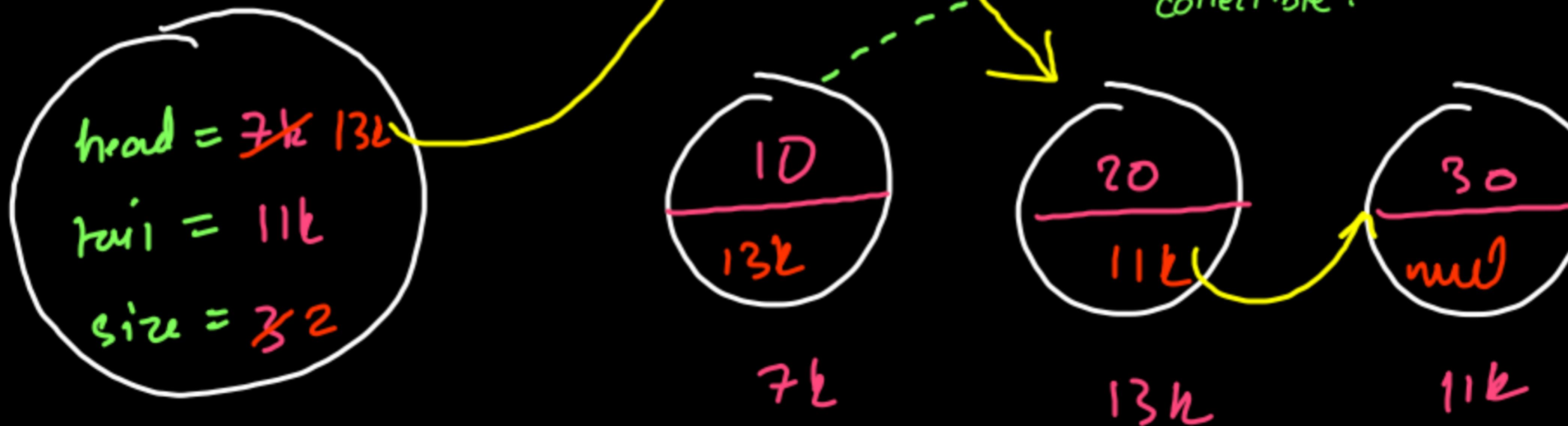


always constant because
head will always be
there.

Remove first



removeFirst();

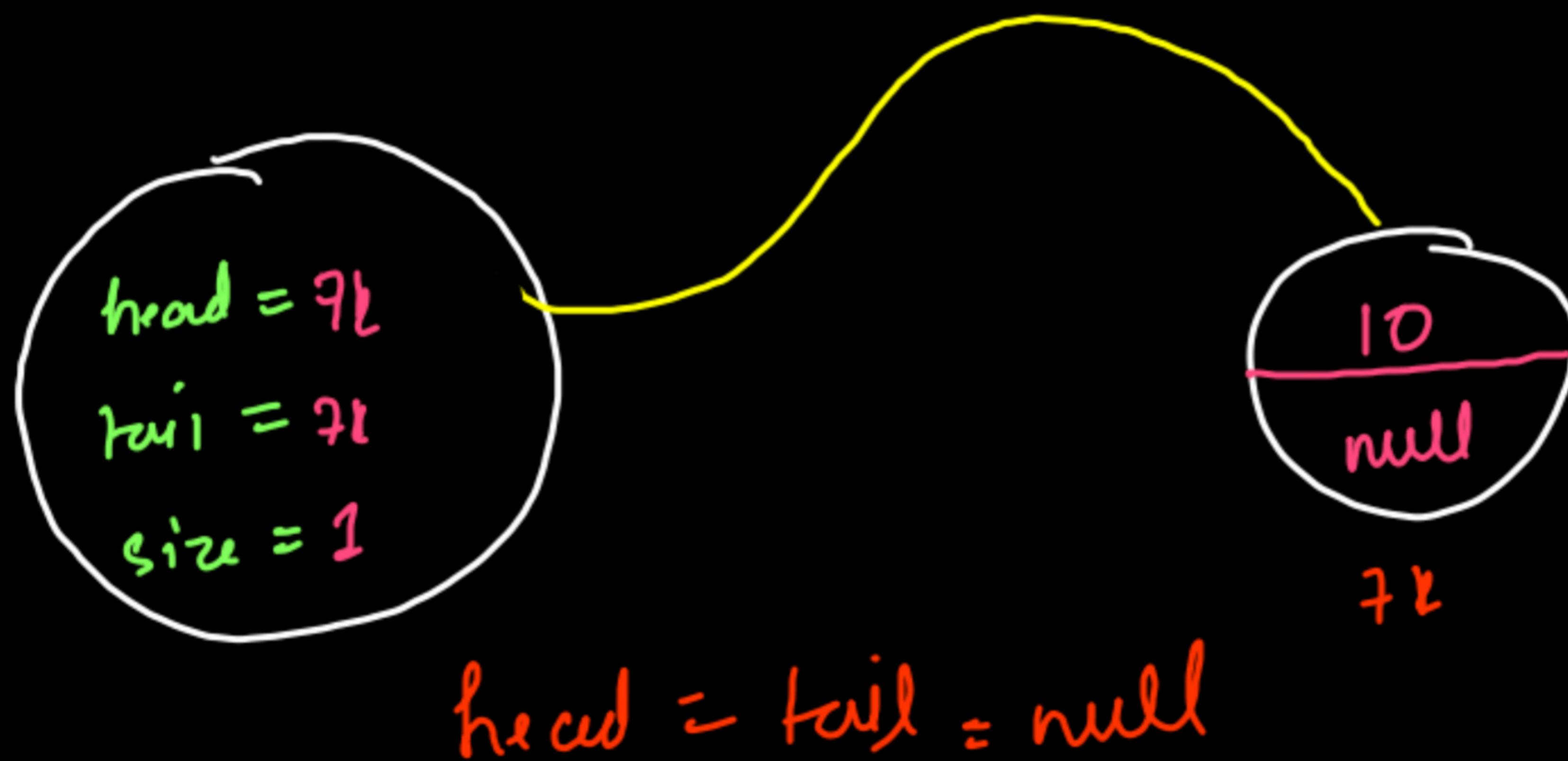


if (size > 1) head = head.next;

Now this is garbage
collectible.

H if size is 1 then deleting node will empty the LL.

when LL is empty, head = tail = null



Removefirst Code

```
public void removeFirst(){
    // write your code here
    if(size == 0) {
        System.out.println("List is empty");
        return;
    }

    if(size == 1) {
        head = tail = null;
    } else {
        head = head.next;
    }

    size--;
}
```

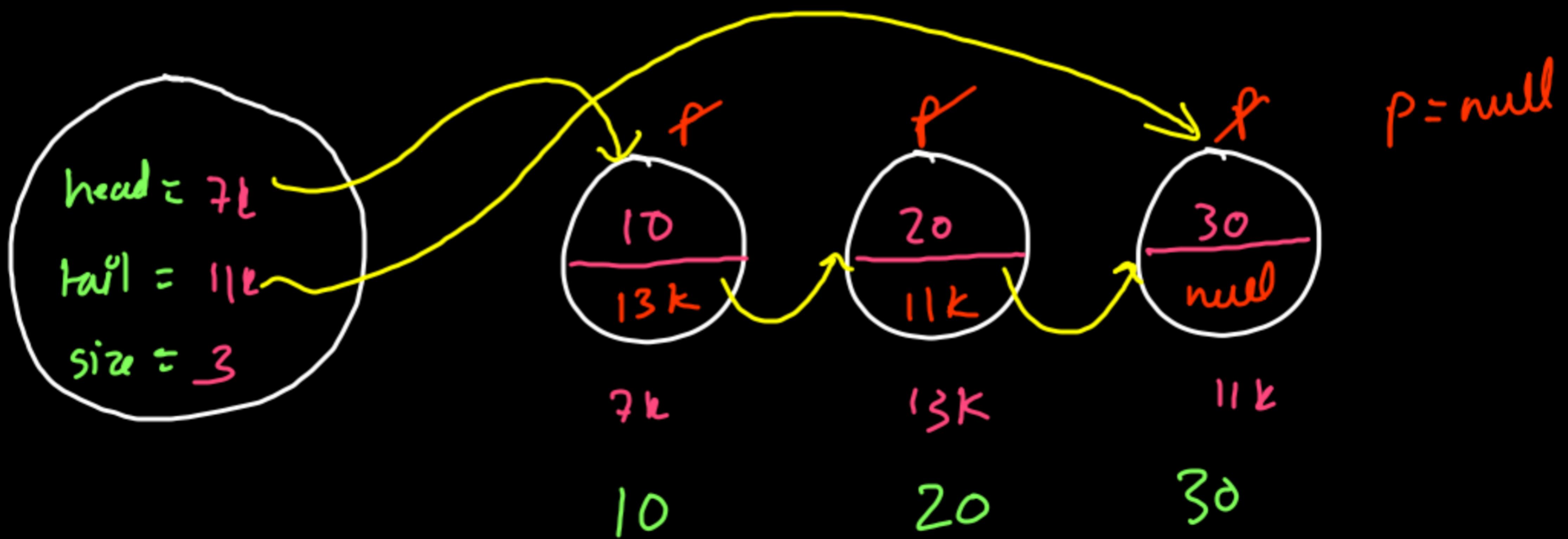
Display List

→ Using
size

```
public void display(){  
    // write code here  
  
    if(size == 0) return;  
  
    Node p = head;  
  
    for(int i=1;i<=size;i++) {  
        System.out.print(p.data + " ");  
        p = p.next;  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

→ Without using size.

```
public void display(){  
    // write code here  
  
    if(size == 0) return;  
  
    Node curr = head;  
  
    while(curr != null) {  
        System.out.print(curr.data + " ");  
        curr = curr.next;  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```



Get Value in LL

GetFirst()

```
return head.data; } In case of invalid index  
else return -1; } print "Invalid arguments"
```

If list is empty print "List is empty"

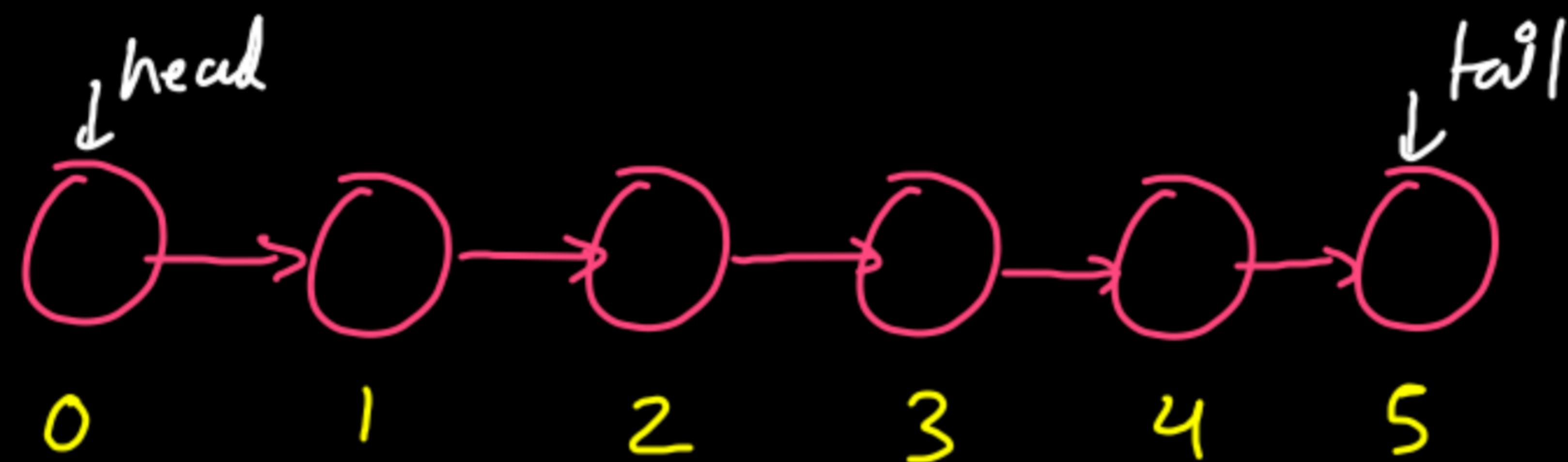
GetLast()

```
return tail.data; } In case of invalid index  
else return -1; } print "Invalid arguments"
```

If list is empty print "List is empty"

GetAt(Index)

Indexing is 0 based



Apply a Loop now starting from 0 to idx - 1
& return curr.data.

All Get Codes

```
public int getFirst(){
    // write your code here
    if(size == 0) {
        System.out.println("List is empty");
        return -1;
    } else {
        return head.data;
    }
}

public int getLast(){
    // write your code here
    if(size == 0) {
        System.out.println("List is empty");
        return -1;
    } else {
        return tail.data;
    }
}
```

```
public int getAt(int idx){
    // write your code here
    if(size == 0) {
        System.out.println("List is empty");
        return -1;
    }

    if(idx < 0 || idx >= size) {
        System.out.println("Invalid arguments");
        return -1;
    }

    if(idx == 0) return getFirst();

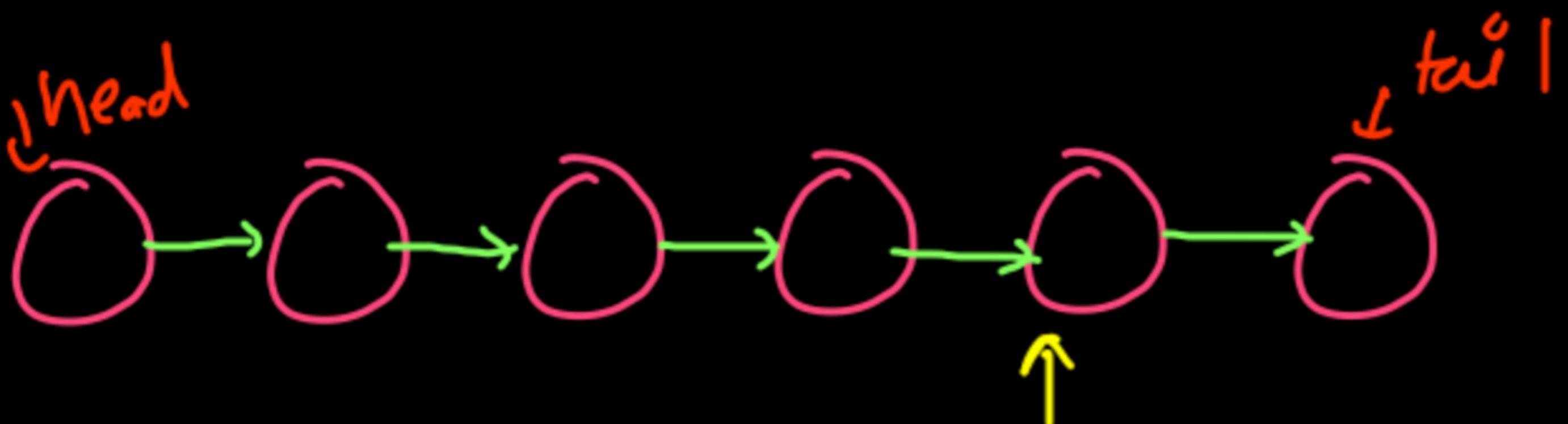
    if(idx == size - 1) return getLast();

    Node curr = head;

    for(int i=0;i<idx;i++) {
        curr = curr.next;
    }

    return curr.data;
}
```

Remove last



We need previous of tail to delete tail.

Hence, even if we have tail, we have to traverse the LL to delete the lastNode.

Hence, the Time Complexity will always be $O(N)$.

① Go till prev of tail.

Node prevTail = get(size-2); }
prevTail.next = null; }
tail = prevTail;

if (size == 1)

head = tail = null;

Remove last (ode)

```
public void removeLast(){
    // write your code here
    if(size == 0) {
        System.out.println("List is empty");
        size--;
        return;
    }

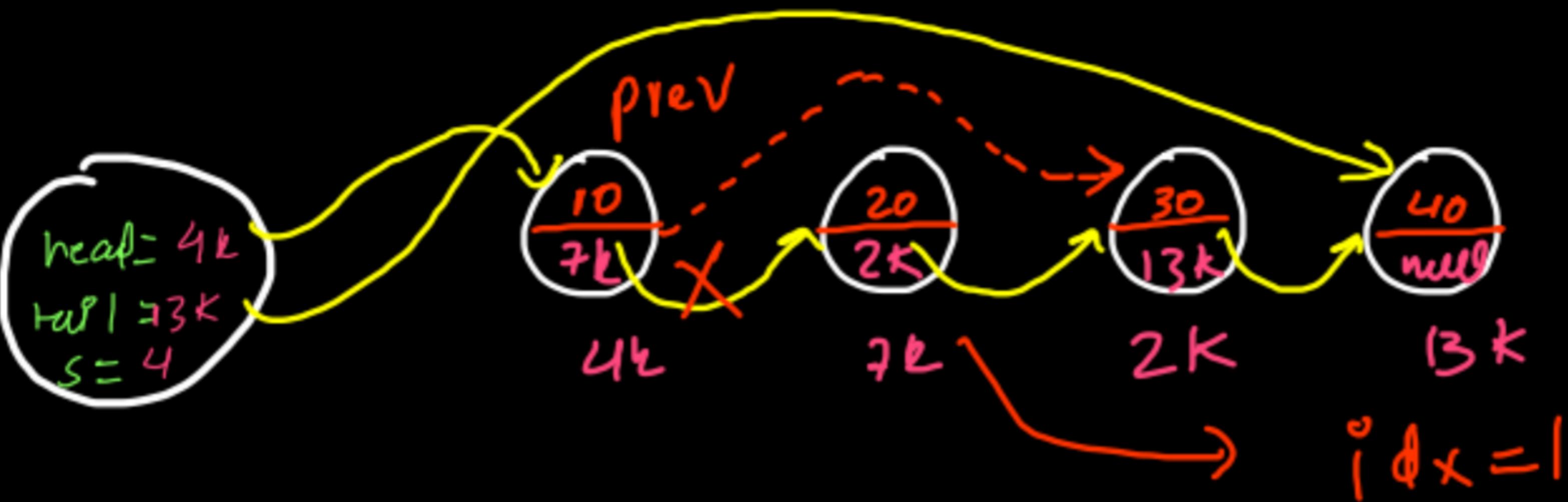
    if(size == 1) {
        head = tail = null;
        size--;
        return;
    }

    Node curr = head;
    for(int i=0;i<size-2;i++) {
        curr = curr.next;
    }

    curr.next = null;
    tail = curr;

    size--;
}
```

Remove At



- 1) $idx == 0 \rightarrow \text{removeFirst}();$
 - 2) $idx == size - 1 \rightarrow \text{removeLast}();$
 - 3) remove At idx \rightarrow ① Get $(idx - 1)^{\text{th}}$ node
 $0 < idx < size - 1$ ② $prev.next = prev.next.next$
 ③ $size--;$
- $idx < 0 \text{ || } idx >= size \} \text{ invalid args}$

$size == 0 \} \text{ LL is empty}$

Remove At Code

```
public void removeAt(int index) {
    // write your code here
    if(index < 0 || index >= size) {
        System.out.println("Invalid arguments");
        return;
    }

    if(size == 0) {
        System.out.println("List is empty");
        return;
    }

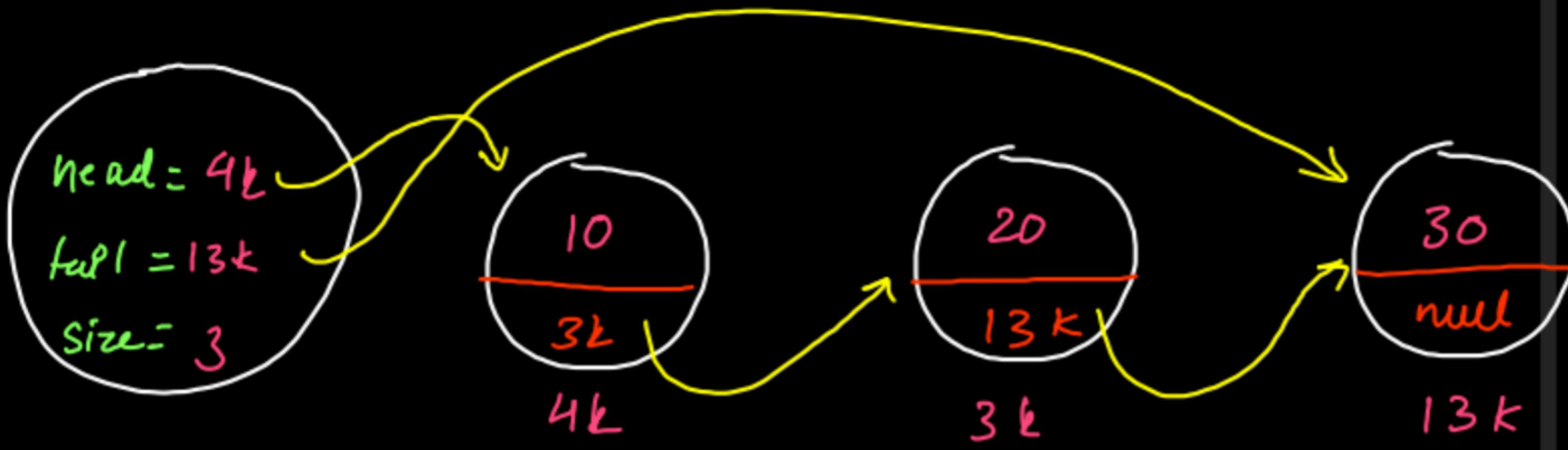
    if(index == 0) {
        removeFirst();
        return;
    }

    if(index == size - 1) {
        removeLast();
        return;
    }

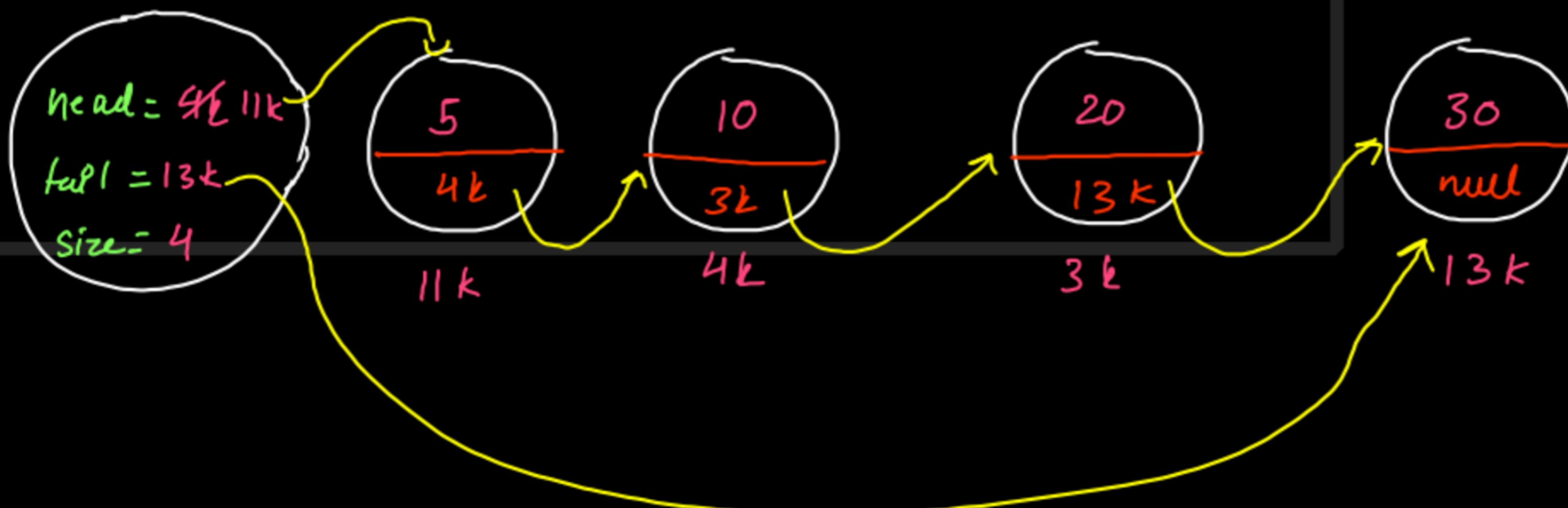
    Node curr = head;
    for(int i=1;i<index;i++) {
        curr = curr.next;
    }

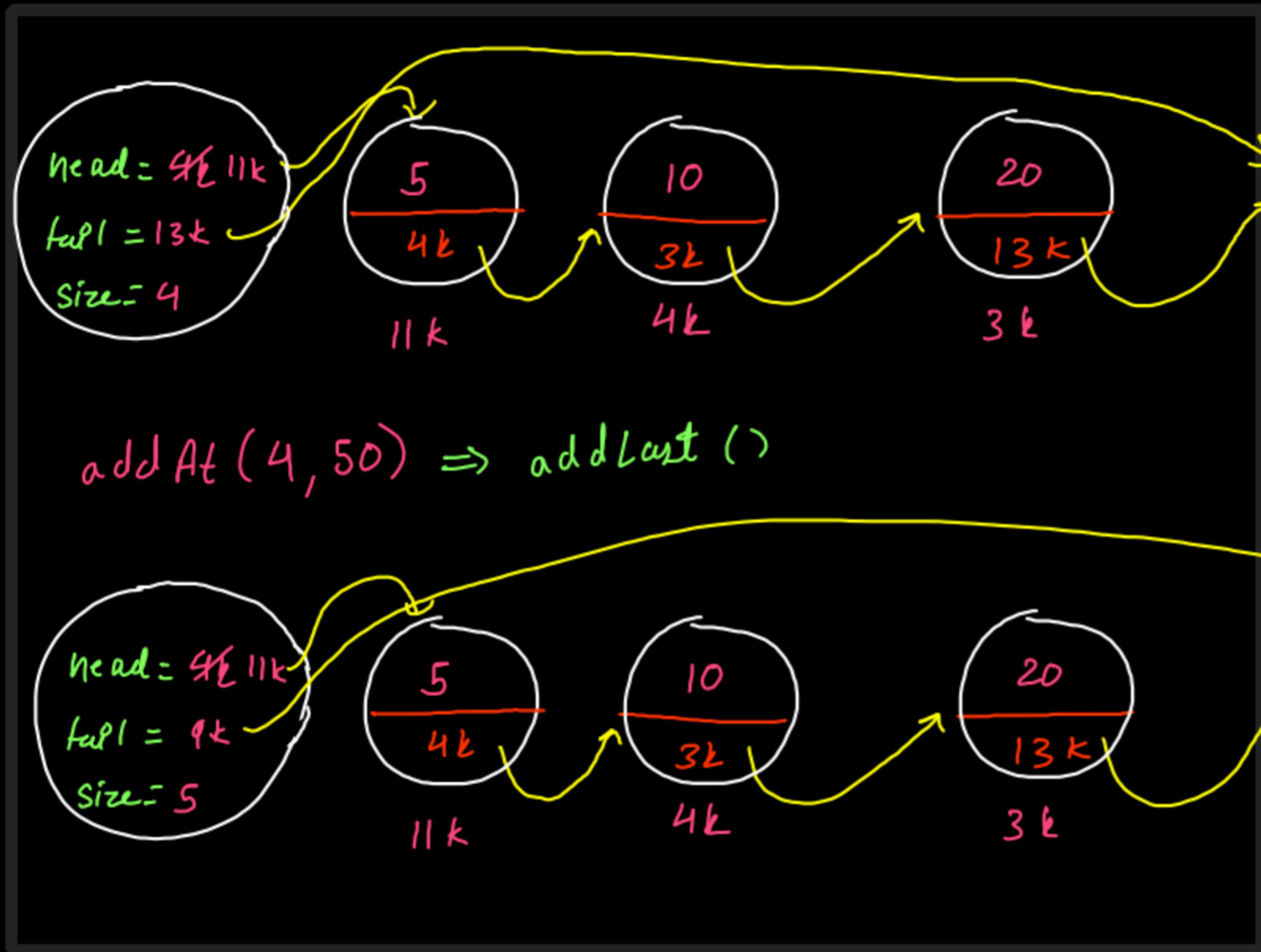
    curr.next = curr.next.next;
    size--;
}
```

Add At

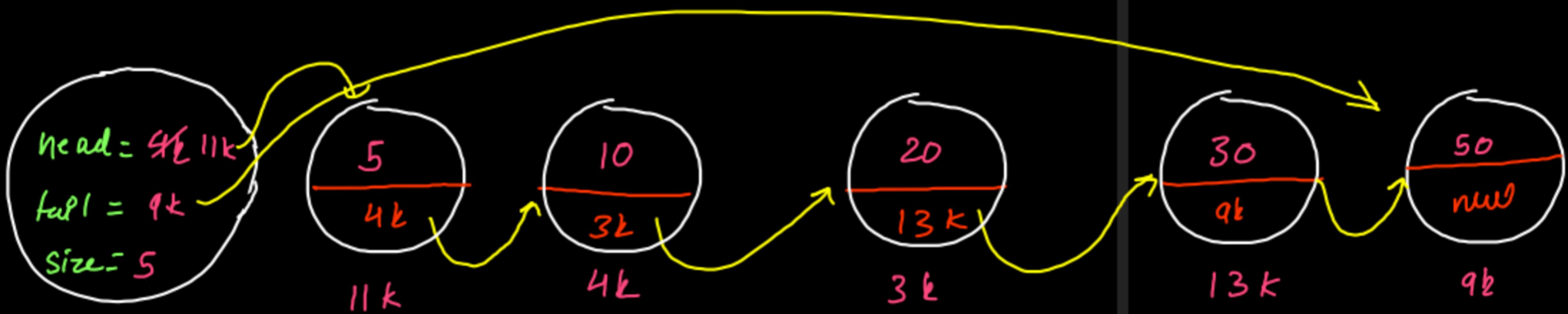


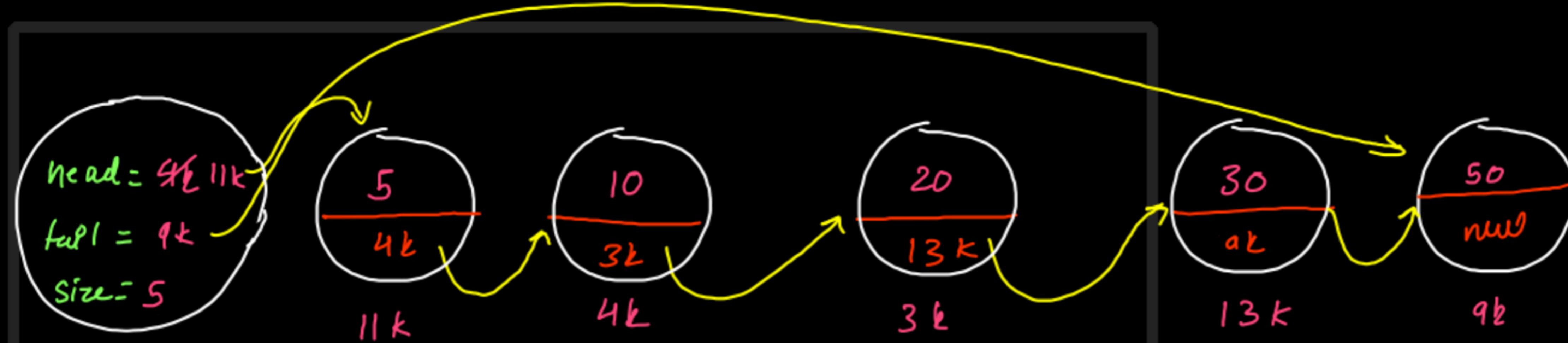
add At (0,5) → add first();



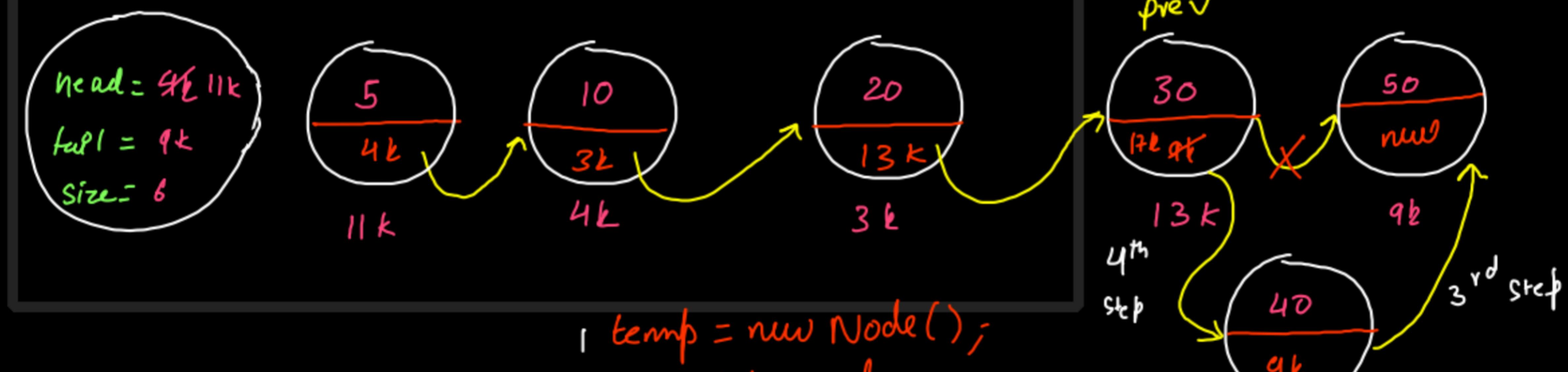


addAt(4, 50) \Rightarrow addLast()





add At (4, 40); \Rightarrow add At (size-1) is not add At tail



- 1 temp = new Node();
- 2 temp.data = val;
- 3 temp.next = prev.next;
- 4 prev.next = temp;

Add At Code

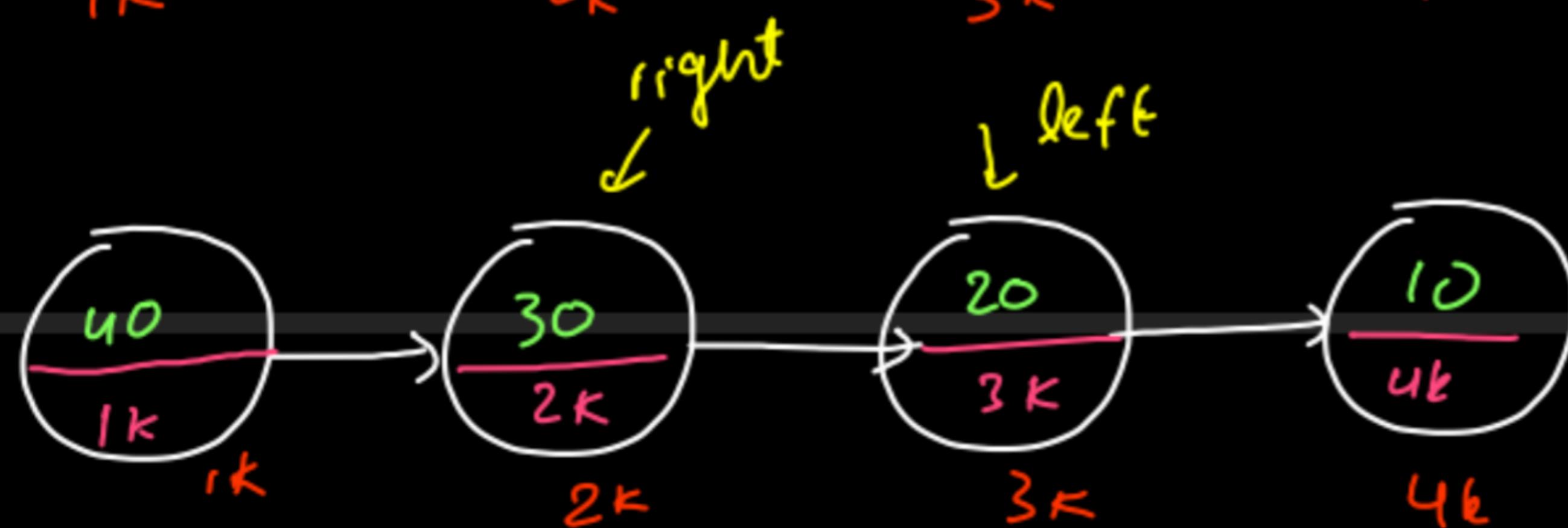
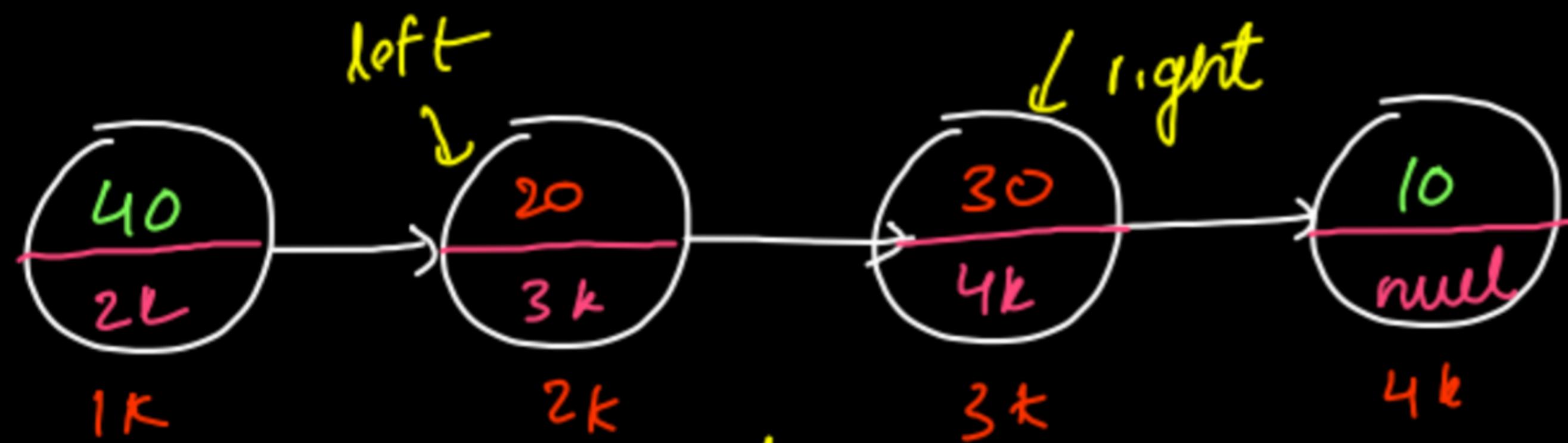
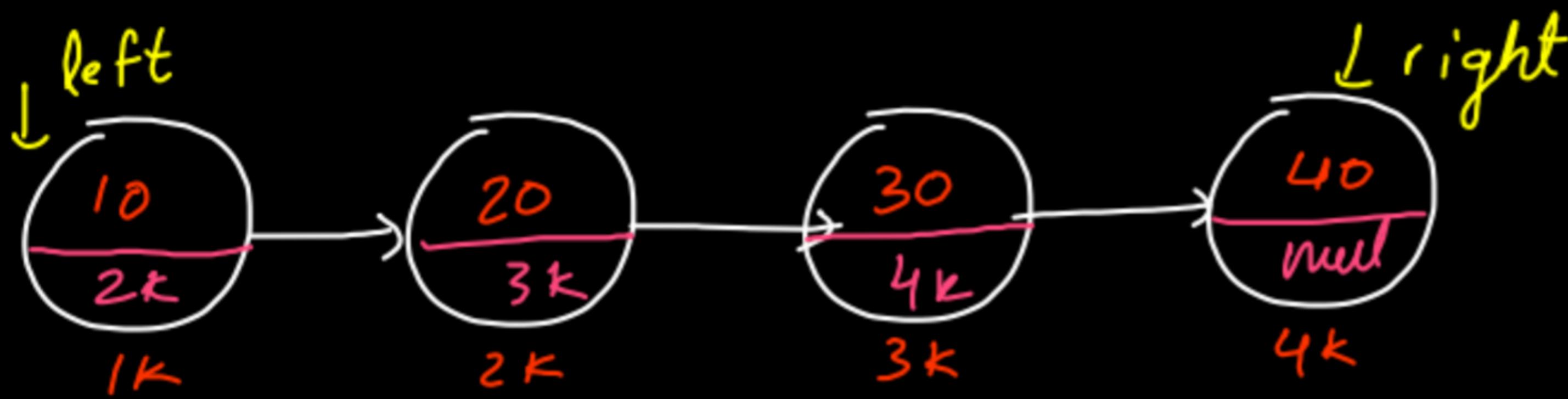
```
public void addAt(int idx, int val){  
    // write your code here  
  
    if(idx < 0 || idx > size) {  
        System.out.println("Invalid arguments");  
        return;  
    }  
  
    if(idx == 0) {  
        addFirst(val);  
        return;  
    }  
  
    if(idx == size) {  
        addLast(val);  
        return;  
    }  
  
    Node prev = head;  
  
    for(int i=1;i<idx;i++) {  
        prev = prev.next;  
    }  
  
    Node temp = new Node();  
    temp.data = val;  
    temp.next = prev.next;  
    prev.next = temp;  
    size++;  
}
```

Reverse a Linked list

- ① Data Iterative
- ② Pointer Iterative
- ③ Data Recursive
- ④ Pointer Recursive

Reverse a linked list

Data Iterative



getAt(left) } $O(N)$
getAt(right) }
do this for $\frac{N}{2}$ times

$$\frac{N}{2} * O(N)$$

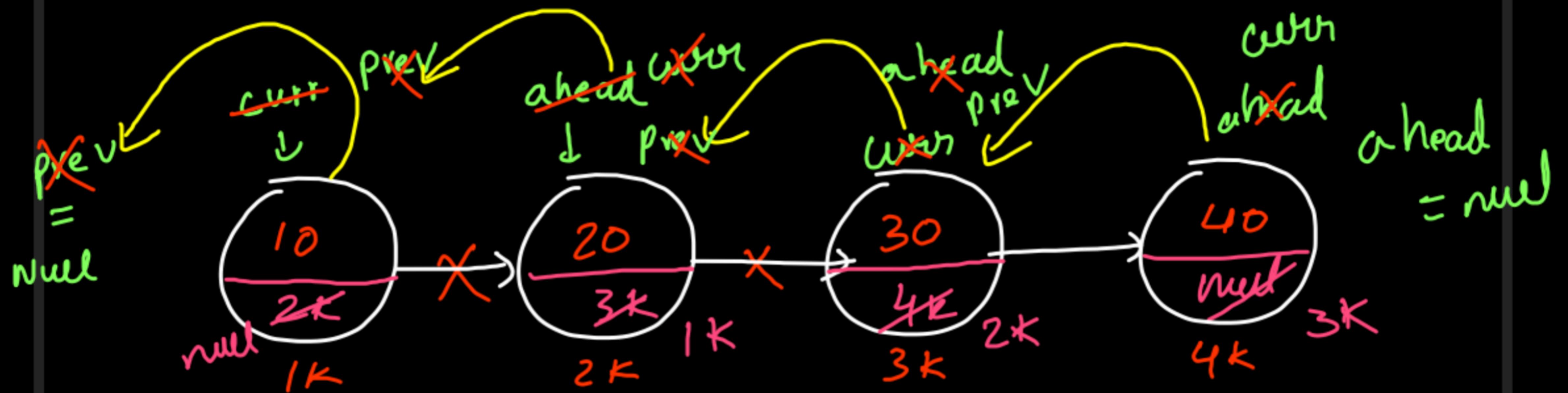
$$\Rightarrow TC = O(N^2)$$

Reverse DI Code

```
public void reverseDI() {  
    // write your code here  
    int left = 0;  
    int right = size - 1;  
  
    while(left <= right) {  
        Node leftNode = getNodeAt(left);  
        Node rightNode = getNodeAt(right);  
        int temp = leftNode.data;  
        leftNode.data = rightNode.data;  
        rightNode.data = temp;  
        left++;  
        right--;  
    }  
}
```

However it is an $O(n^2)$ approach, it is still the only & best possible approach for reversing LL DI way.

Reverse a Linked List Pointer Iterative



We will need 3 pointers

```
curr.next = prev; } while(curr != null)  
prev = curr; }  
curr = ahead;
```

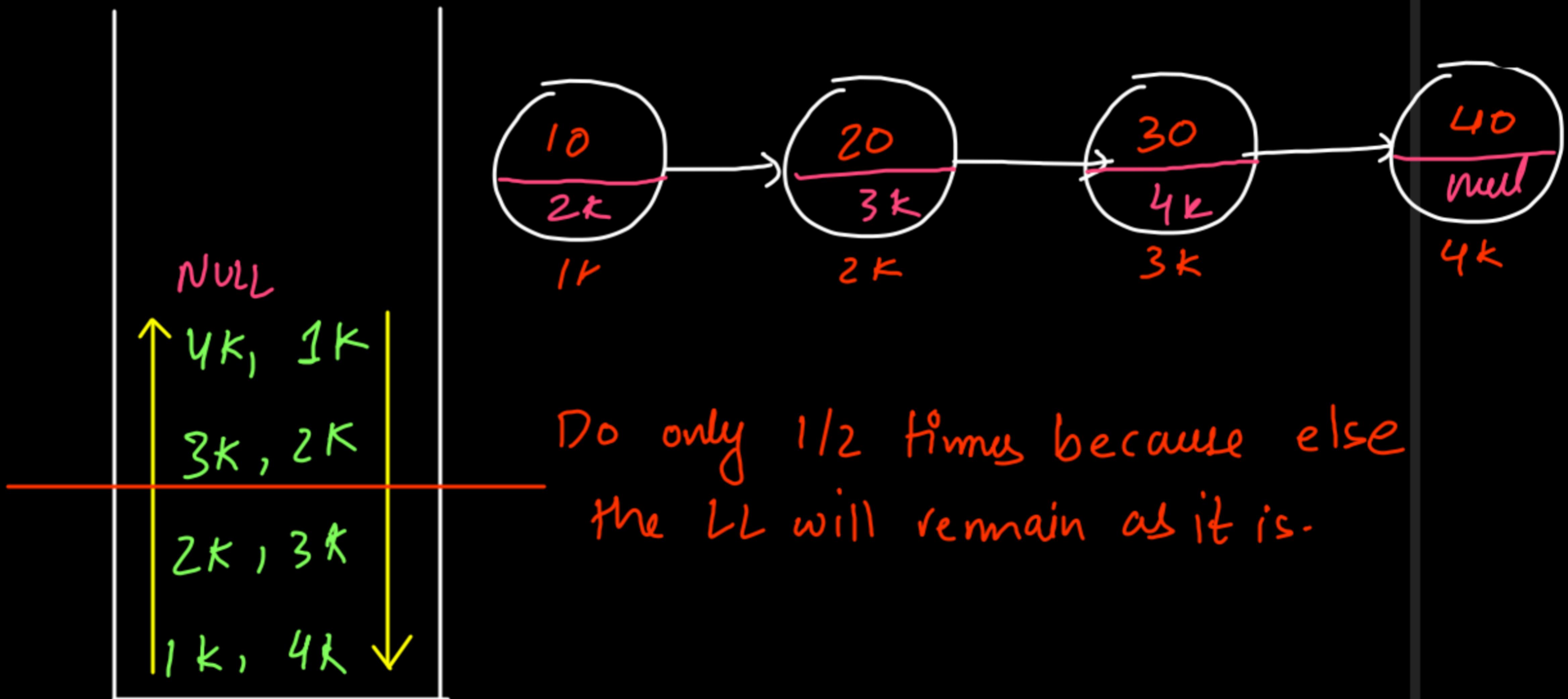
Reverse a LL Pointer Iterative Code

```
public void reversePI(){
    // write your code here
    if(size == 0 || size == 1) {
        return;
    }
    Node prev = null;
    Node curr = head;

    while(curr != null) {
        Node ahead = curr.next;
        curr.next = prev;
        prev = curr;
        curr = ahead;
    }

    // swap head and tail
    Node temp = head;
    head = tail;
    tail = temp;
}
```

Reverse a LL Data Recursive



$l = null$	
$l = 6k \quad r = l = 1k \quad c = 5$	
$l = 5k \quad r = l = 1k \quad c = 4$	
$l = 4k \quad r = l = 1k \quad c = 3$	
$l = 3k \quad r = l = 1k \quad c = 2$	
$l = 2k \quad r = l = 1k \quad c = 1$	
$l = 1k \quad r = l = 1k \quad c = 0$	

~~30 30 20~~
~~10 → 20 → 30 → 40 → 50 → 60 → null~~
 1K 2K 3K 4K 5K 6K

This is wrong as $r = right.next$ will persist only locally. To persist it in the next call, make $right$ global or return it.

```

static Node right;
public void reverseDR(Node left, int counter){
  if(left == null){
    return;
  }

  reverseDR(left.next, counter + 1);

  if(counter < size/2){
    swap(left, right);
  }

  right = right.next;
}

public void reverseDR() {
  Node left = head;
  right = head;
  reverseDR(left, 0);
}
  
```

Dry Run for Data Rewrite using Return

~~$l = \text{null}$~~
 ~~$l = 6k \quad r = 1k$~~
 ~~$l = 5k \quad r = 1k \ 2k$~~
 ~~$l = 4k \quad r = 1k \ 3k$~~
 ~~$l = 3k \quad r = 1k \ 4k$~~
 ~~$l = 2k \quad r = 1k \ 5k$~~
 ~~$l = 1k \quad r = 1k \ 6k$~~

if (counter > size(z))
 ~~$l = 60$~~
 ~~$10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow 60 \rightarrow \text{null}$~~
 ~~1k 2k 3k 4k 5k 6k~~

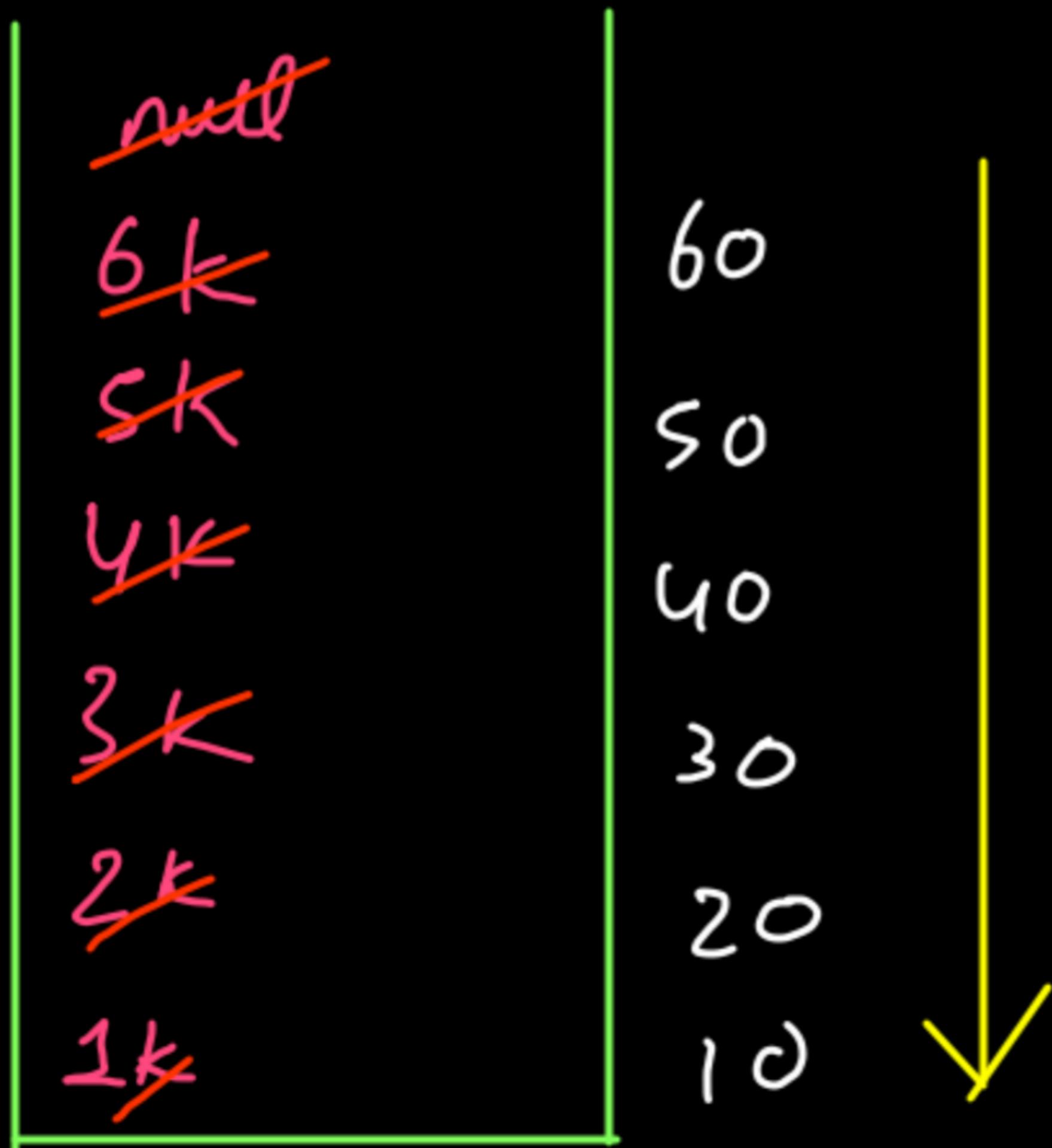
 → ~~$60 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow l = 20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow \text{null}$~~
 ~~1k 2k 3k 4k 5k 6k~~

 → ~~$60 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow l = 30 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow \text{null}$~~
 ~~1k 2k 3k 4k 5k 6k~~

 → ~~$60 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow \text{null}$~~
 ~~1k 2k 3k 4k 5k 6k~~

Display Reverse

10 → 20 → 30 → 40 → 50 → 60
1k 2k 3k 4k 5k 6k



print in postorder

```
private void displayReverseHelper(Node node){  
    // write your code here  
  
    if(node == null) {  
        return;  
    }  
  
    displayReverseHelper(node.next);  
    System.out.print(node.data + " ");  
}  
  
public void displayReverse(){  
    displayReverseHelper(head);  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

$T C = O(N)$

Reverse Linked List Pointer Recursive

10 → 20 → 30 → 40 → 50 → 60 → null

1K 2K 3K 4K 5K 6K

10 ← 20 ← 30 ← 40 ← 50 ← 60 ← null

1K 2K 3K 4K 5K 6K

→ After complete recursion

1K's next still points at 2K.

So we have to
swap head & tail
first & then set
tail's next to
null too.

cwr	null
cwr	6K
cwr	5K
cwr	4K
cwr	3K
cwr	2K
cwr	1K

→ meri next node hai 6K. uska
next mujhe bana do.
node.next = node



Reverse LL Pointer Recursive Code

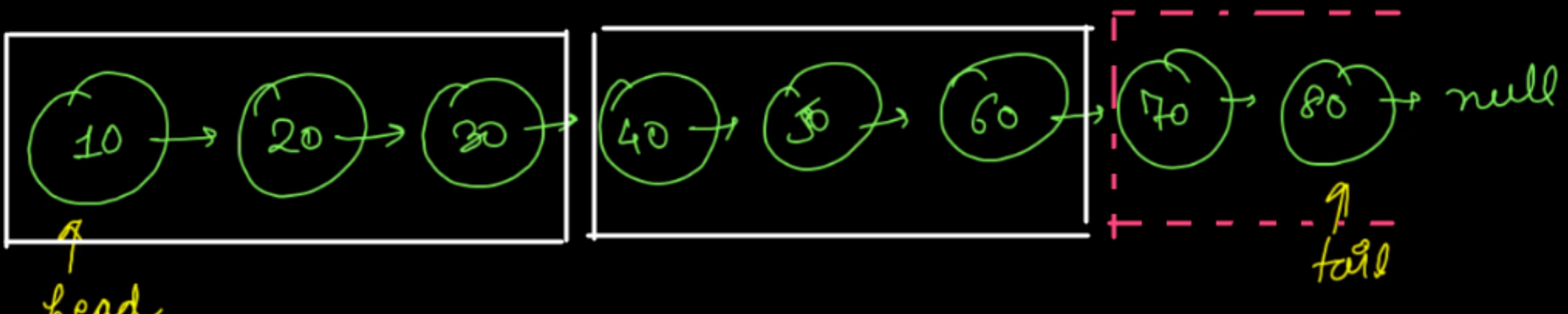
```
private void reversePRHelper(Node node){  
    // write your code here  
  
    if(node == null || node.next == null) {  
        return;  
    }  
    reversePRHelper(node.next);  
  
    //khud pe khade hoke apne next ka kaam karo  
    node.next.next = node;  
}  
  
public void reversePR(){  
    // write your code here  
    reversePRHelper(head);  
  
    //swap head and tail  
    Node temp = head;  
    head = tail;  
    tail = temp;  
  
    //set tail's next to null  
    tail.next = null;  
}
```

$T.C = O(N)$

Check for $head == null$ here also to avoid null pointer exception .

Ye zavoori hai taaki agar head null ho to null pointer exception na aye .

K - Reverse in Linked List



$k = 3$

↓ After K Reverse

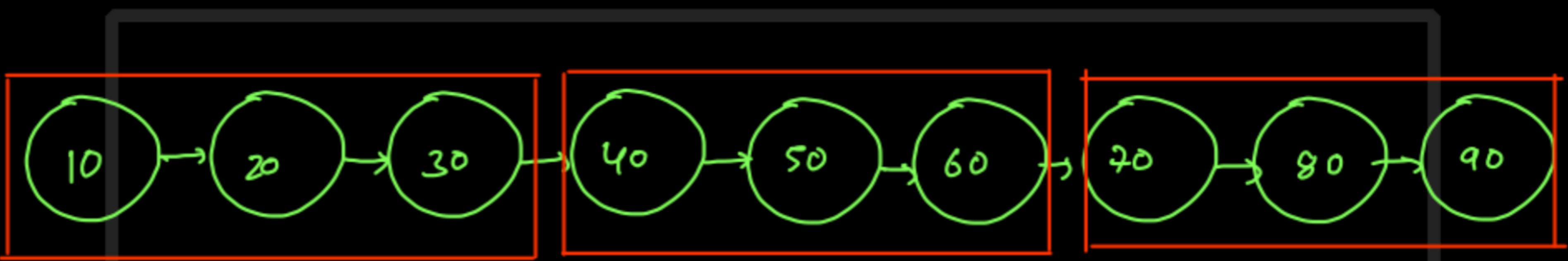


for each group

- Remove first from group
- Add first to curr LL

Initial state

input

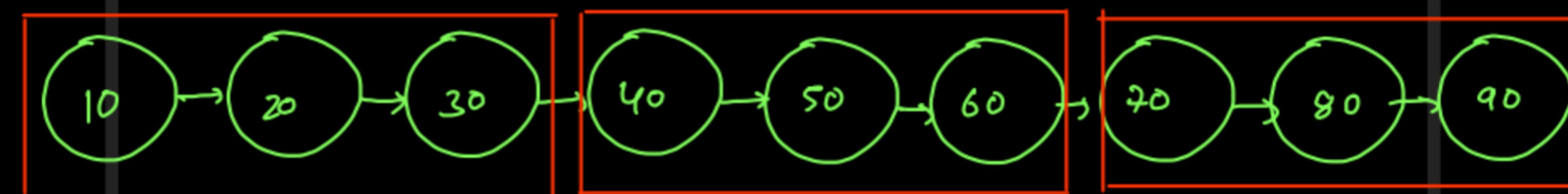


prev: empty list

curr: empty list

Reversing
1st group

input

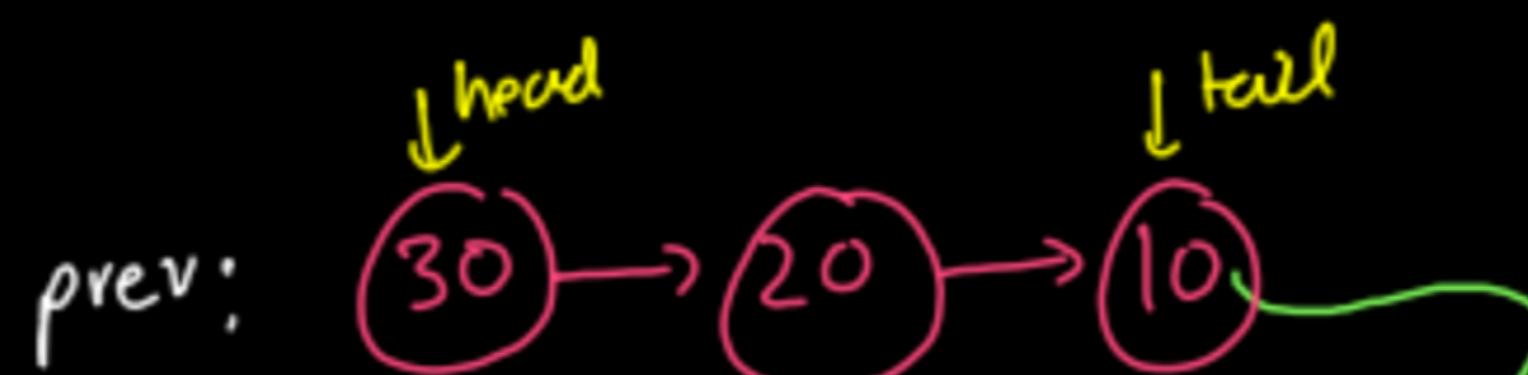


prev: empty list

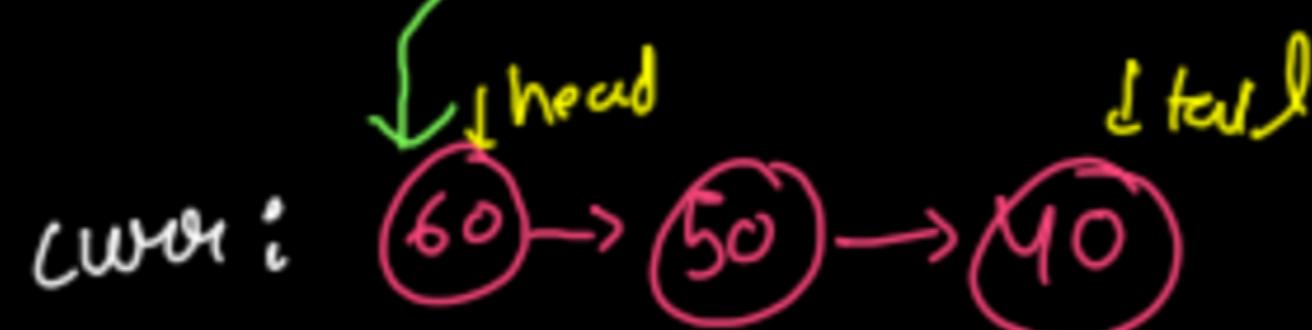
curr:
↓ head
((30)) --> ((20)) --> ((10))
↓ tail

Reversing
2nd Group

input

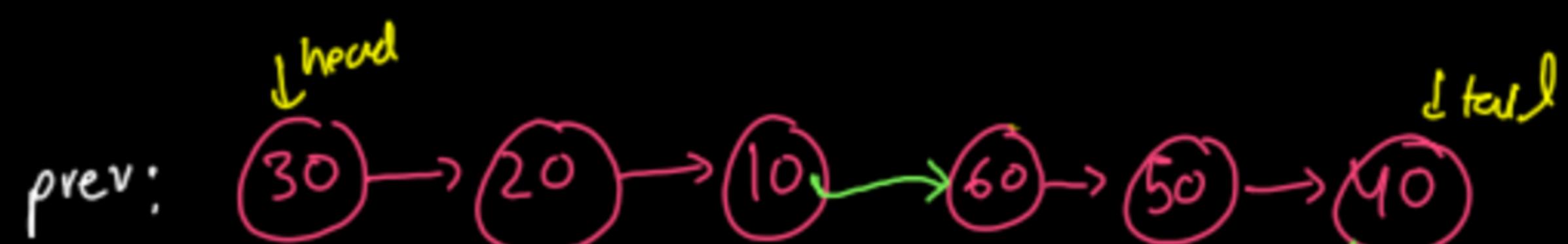


prev, tail - next
= curr, head



Reversing
3rd Group

input



prev, tail - next
= curr, head



Code for K Reverse

```
public void kReverse(int k) {
    // write your code here
    LinkedList prev = new LinkedList();

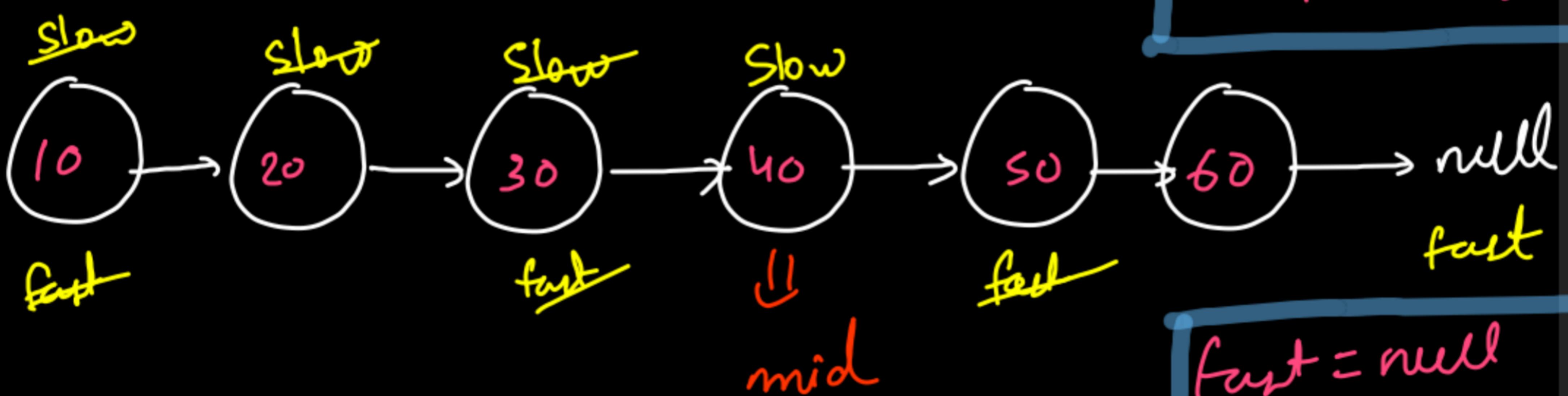
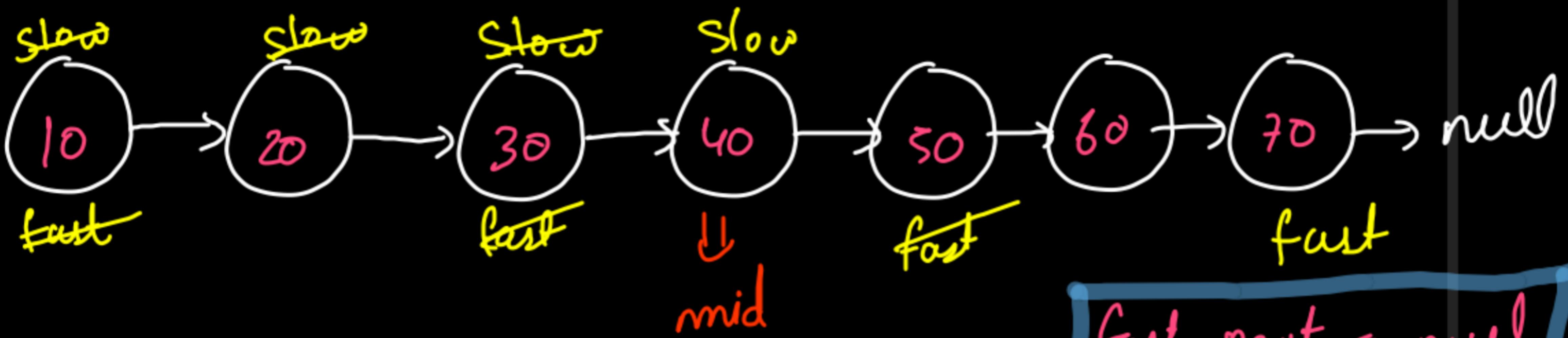
    while(size > 0) {
        LinkedList curr = new LinkedList();

        if(size < k) {
            while(size > 0) {
                int val = head.data;
                this.removeFirst();
                curr.addLast(val);
            }
        } else {
            for(int i=0;i<k;i++) {
                int val = head.data;
                this.removeFirst();
                curr.addFirst(val);
            }
        }

        if(prev.head == null) {
            prev = curr;
        } else {
            prev.tail.next = curr.head;
            prev.tail = curr.tail;
            prev.size += curr.size;
        }
    }

    prev.tail.next = null;
    this.head = prev.head;
    this.tail = prev.tail;
    this.size = prev.size;
}
```

Mid of linked list {Hare and Tortoise} {Two Pointer}



Mid of LL Code

```
'  
class Solution {  
    public ListNode middleNode(ListNode head) {  
  
        ListNode slow = head;  
        ListNode fast = head;  
  
        while(fast != null && fast.next != null) {  
            slow = slow.next;  
            fast = fast.next.next;  
        }  
  
        return slow;  
    }  
}
```

$$TC = O(N)$$

Mathematical Proof

slow

$$\text{Speed} = \text{Nodes/sec}$$

$$\text{Time} = t$$

$$\text{Dist} = ? \text{ say } x$$

fast

$$\text{Speed} = 2\text{Nodes/sec}$$

$$\text{Time} = t$$

$$\text{Dist} = N$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Time} = \frac{\text{Dist}}{\text{Speed}}$$

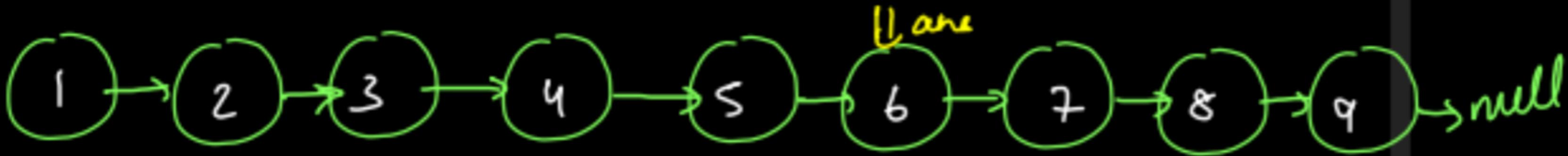
$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{N}{2}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\boxed{\frac{x=N}{2}}$$

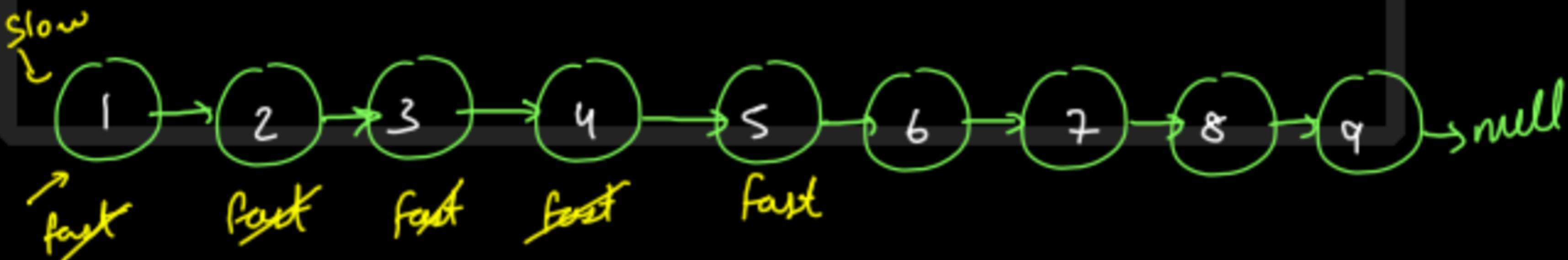
Kth Node from End

$k = 4$

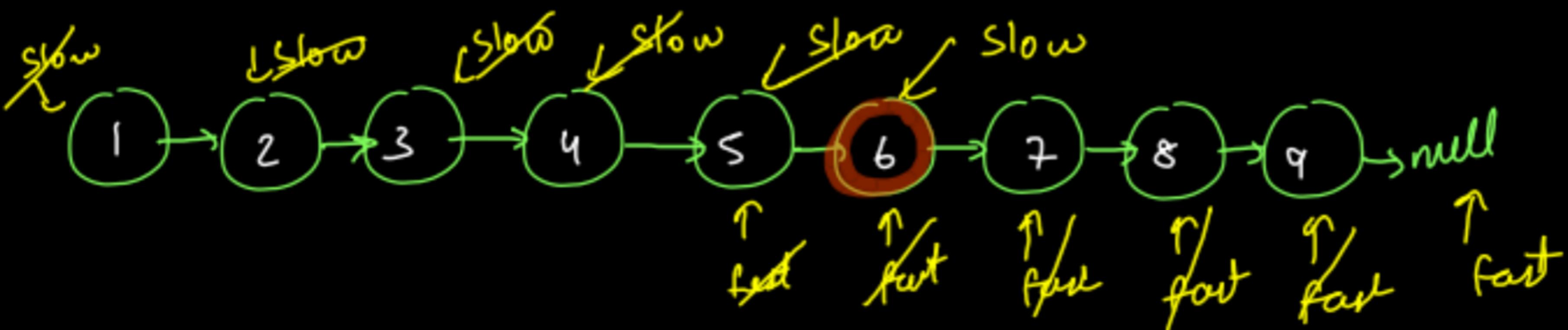


Idea is to have slow at kth node when fast becomes null. To do that, have 2 pointers with some speed but keep some initial distance b/w them.

→ Move fast k times initially



→ Now move slow & fast one step till fast becomes null



Kth Node from End Code

```
int getNthFromLast(Node head, int k)
{
    Node slow = head;
    Node fast = head;

    while(fast != null && k-- > 0) {
        fast = fast.next;
    }

    if(k > 0) {
        return -1;
    }

    while(fast != null) {
        slow = slow.next;
        fast = fast.next;
    }

    return slow.data;
}
```

Palindrome List

odd:  null (T)

even:  null (T)

 null (f)

Approach:

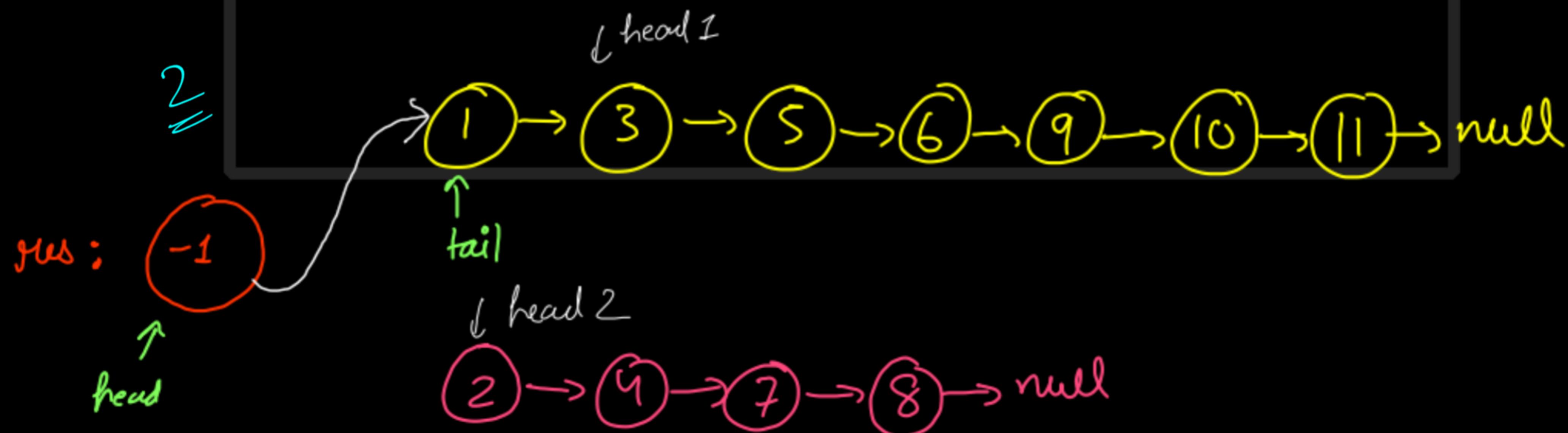
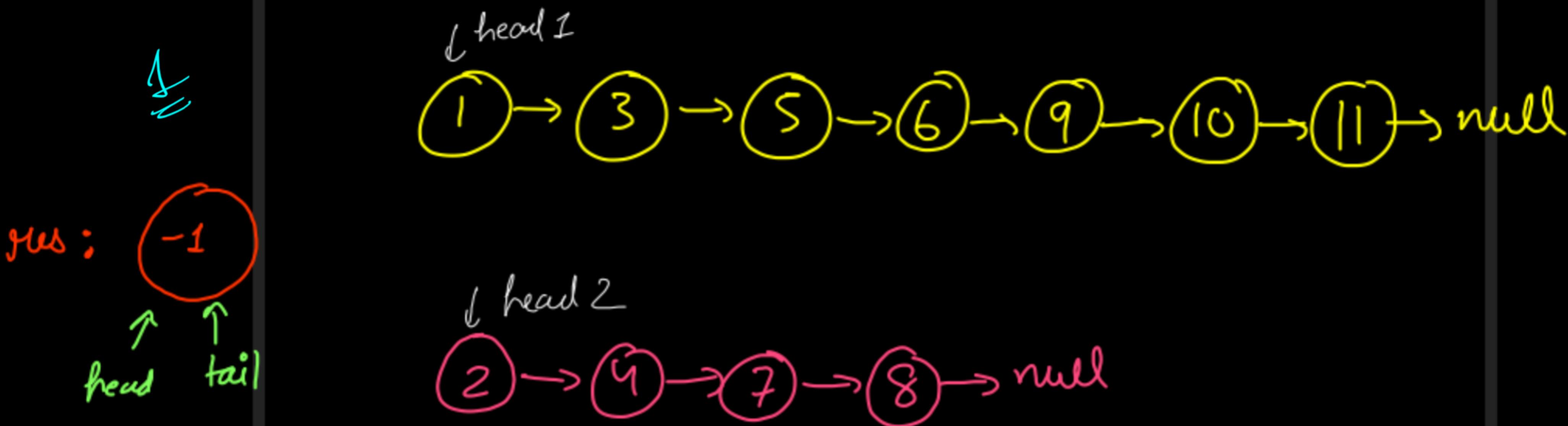
- ① find middle node
- ② Reverse the second part
- ③ Compose both the parts

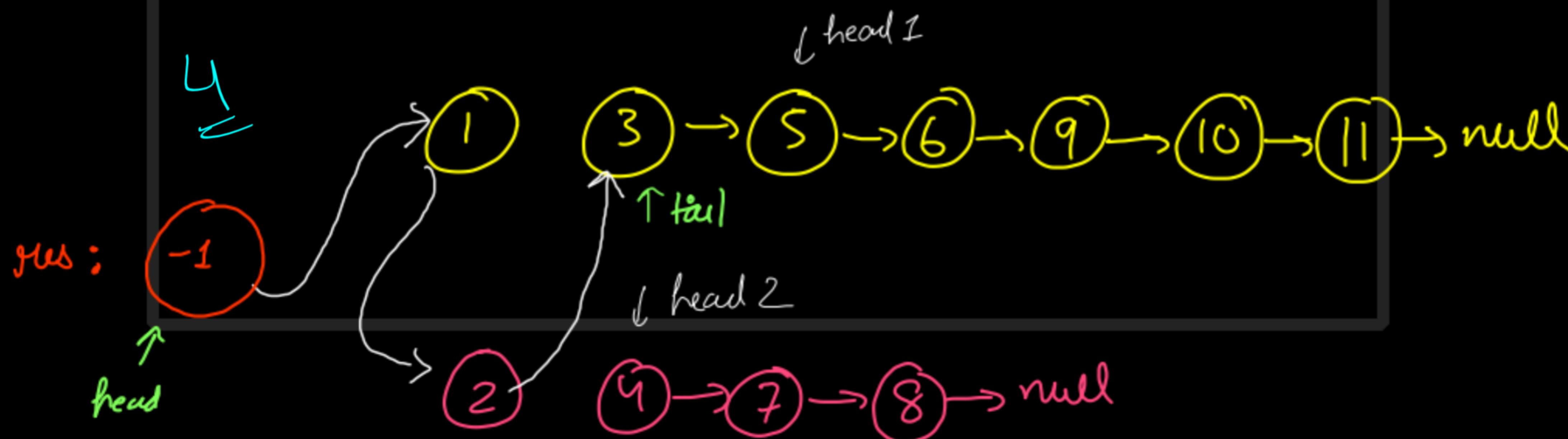
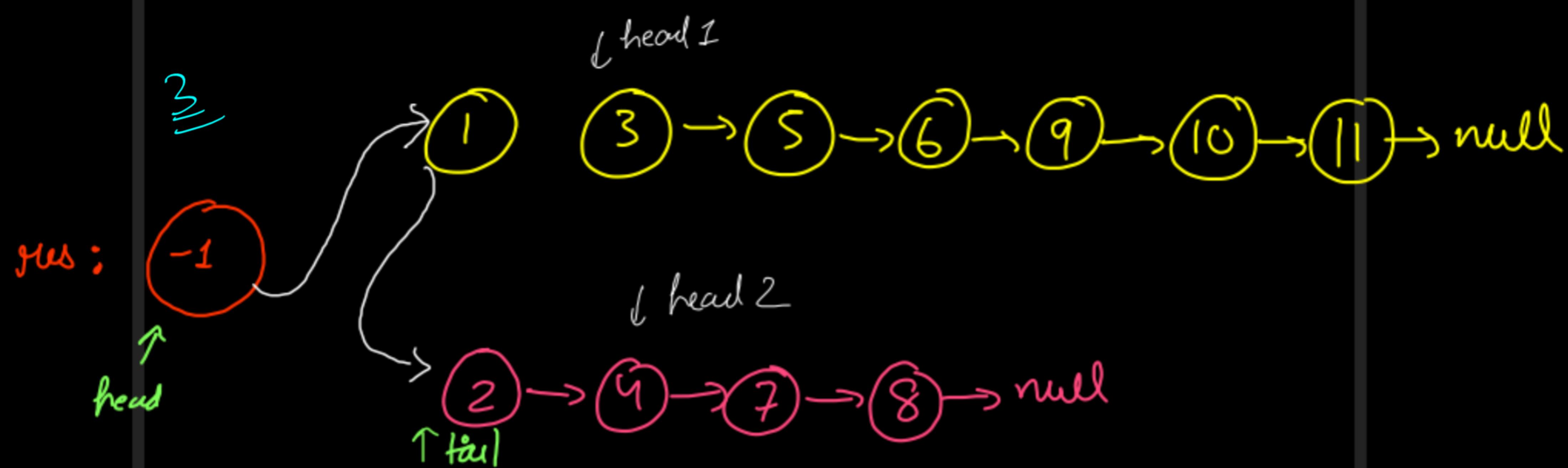
equal Yes (Palindrome)
not equal No

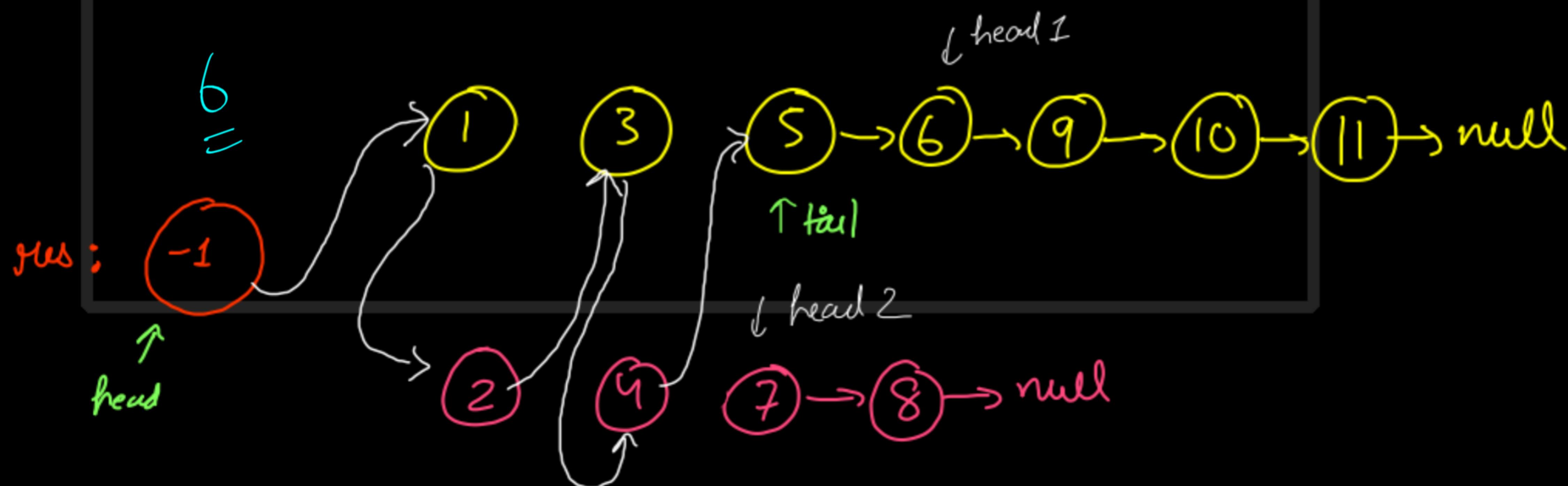
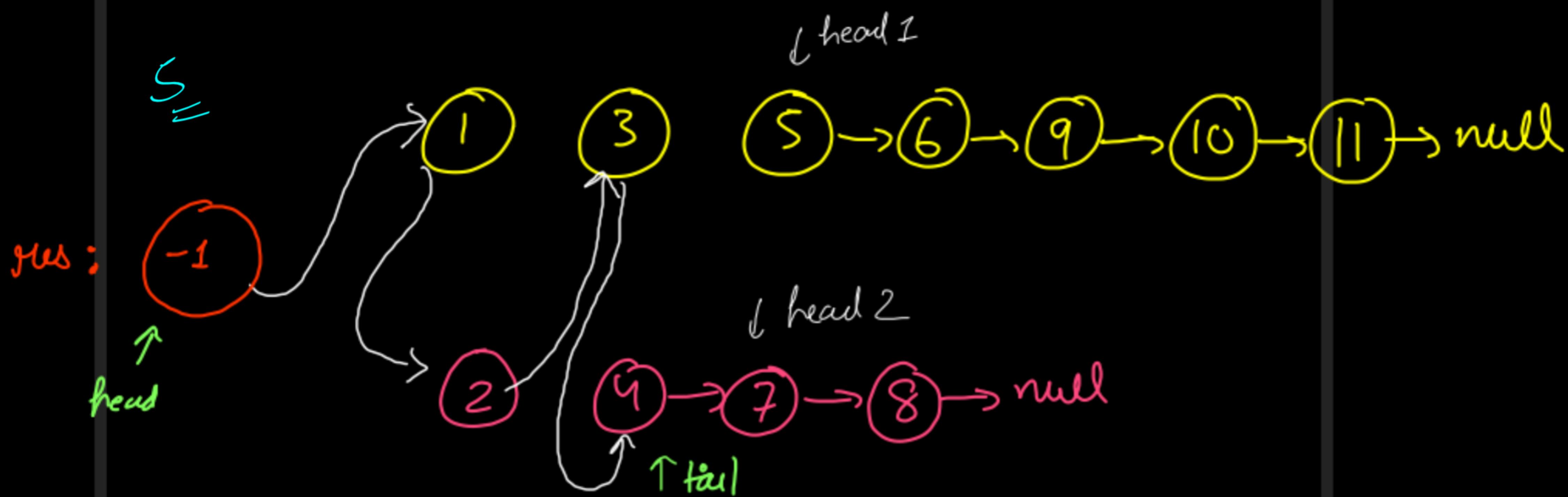
```
public ListNode reverse(ListNode head){  
    ListNode prev = null, curr = head;  
    while(curr != null){  
        ListNode ahead = curr.next;  
        curr.next = prev;  
        prev = curr;  
        curr = ahead;  
    }  
    return prev;  
}  
  
public ListNode middle(ListNode head){  
    ListNode slow = head, fast = head;  
    ListNode prev = null;  
  
    while(fast != null && fast.next != null){  
        prev = slow;  
        slow = slow.next;  
        fast = fast.next.next;  
    }  
  
    if(fast == null) // even  
        return prev;  
    return slow;  
}
```

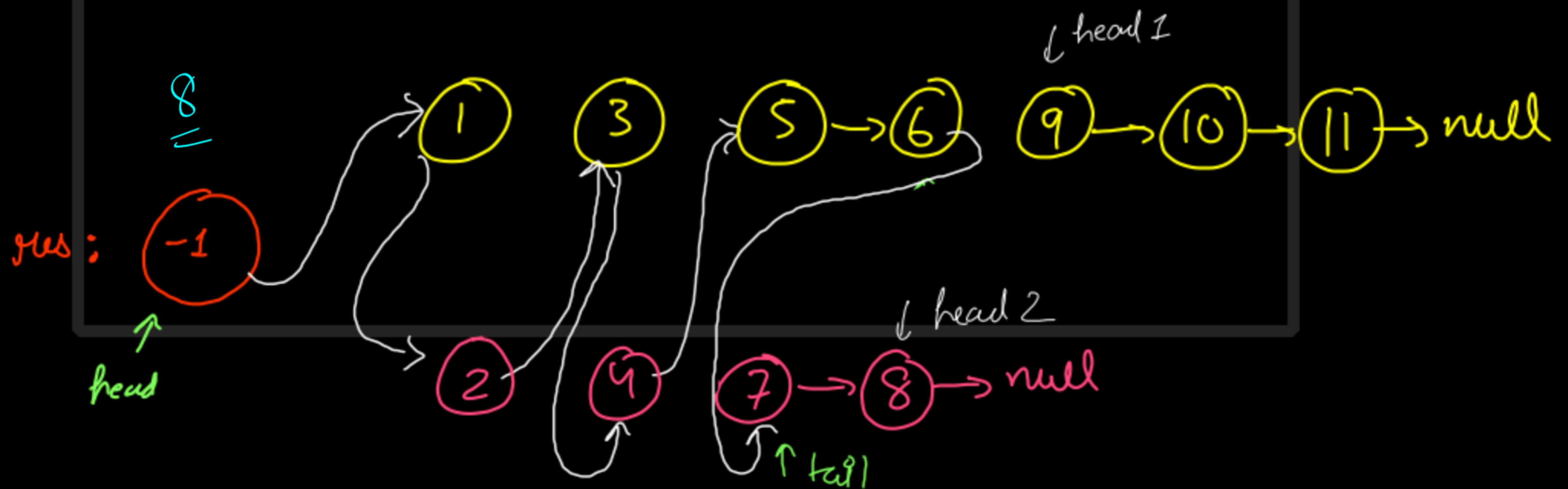
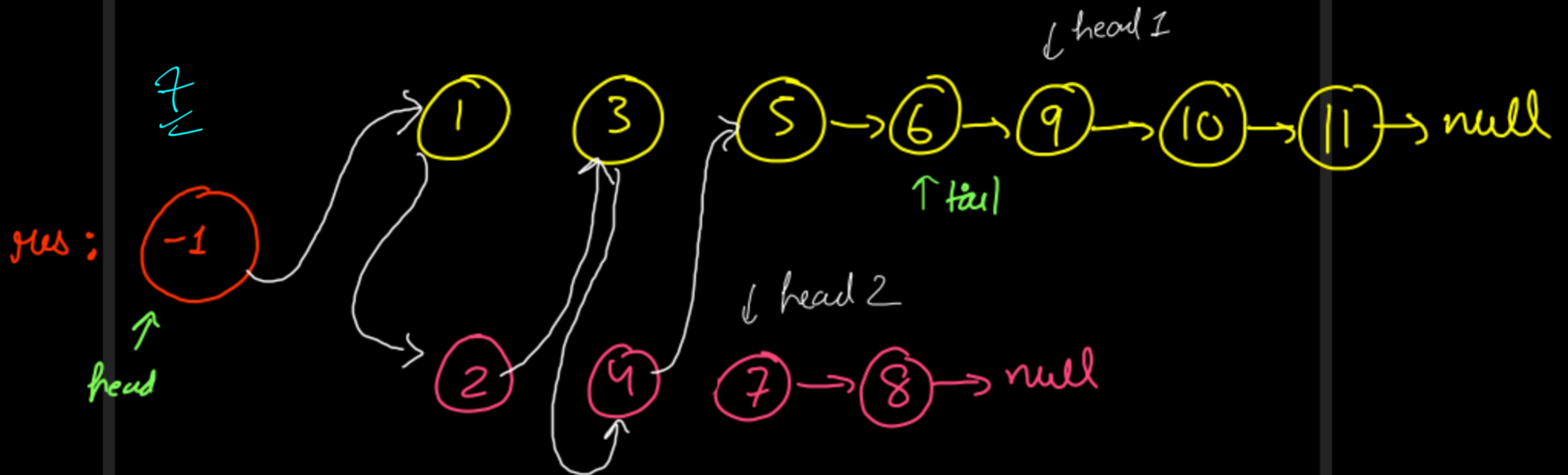
```
public boolean isPalindrome(ListNode head) {  
    if(head == null || head.next == null){  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    ListNode mid = middle(head);  
    ListNode second = reverse(mid.next);  
  
    while(head != null && second != null){  
        if(head.val != second.val) return false;  
        head = head.next;  
        second = second.next;  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```

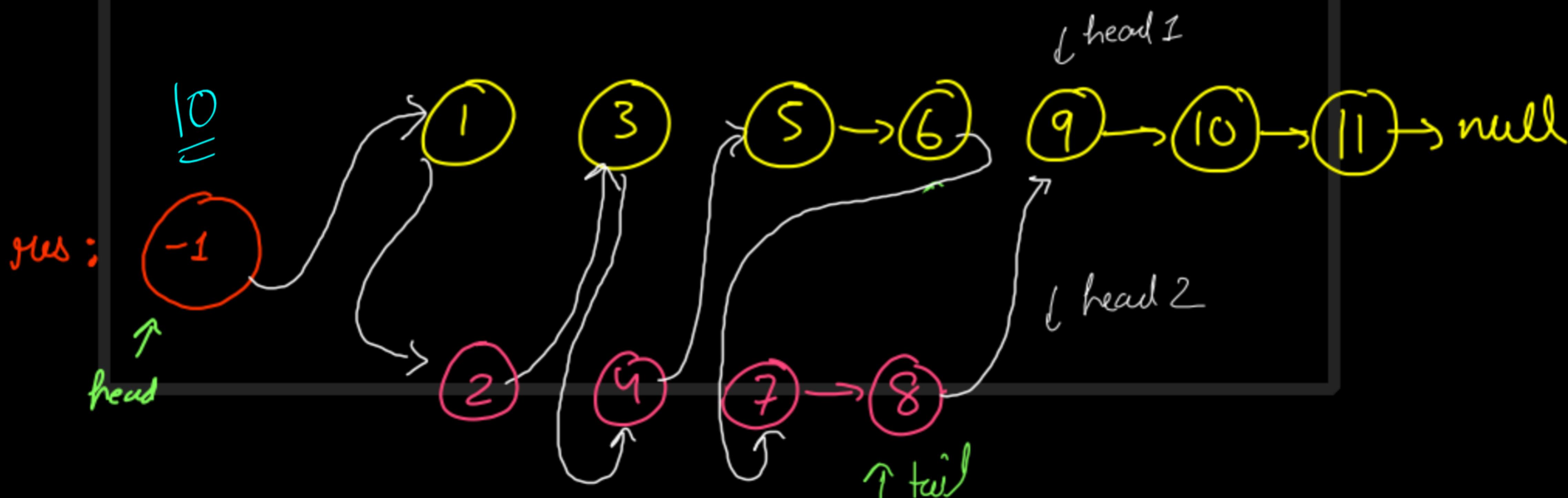
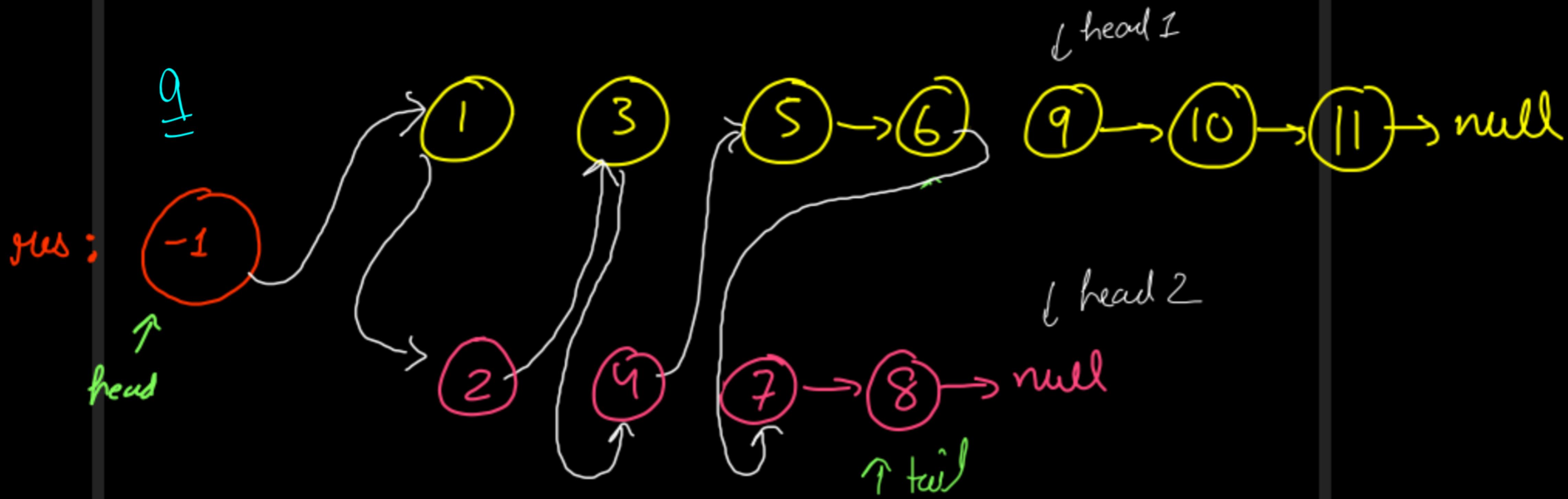
Merge 2 sorted LL

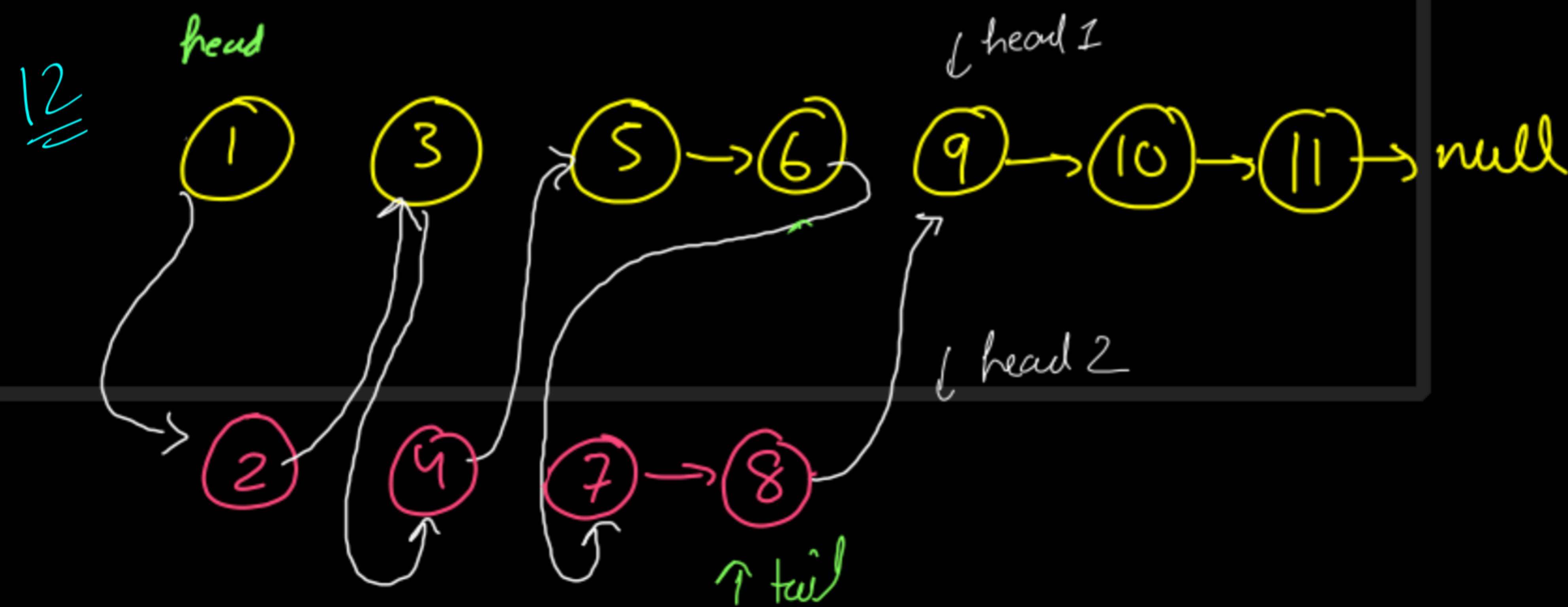
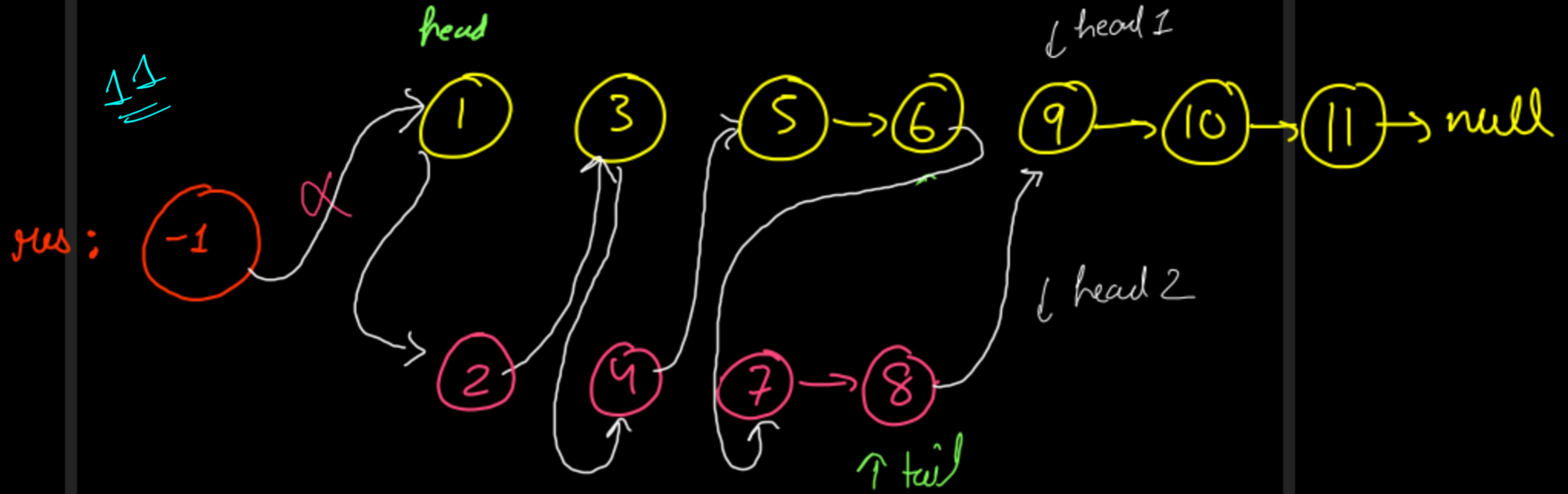












Merge 2 Sorted Lists Code (GFG)

```
Node sortedMerge(Node head1, Node head2) {  
    Node dummy = new Node(-1);  
    Node head = dummy, tail = dummy;  
  
    while(head1 != null && head2 != null) {  
        if(head1.data < head2.data) {  
            tail.next = head1;  
            head1 = head1.next;  
        } else {  
            tail.next = head2;  
            head2 = head2.next;  
        }  
  
        tail = tail.next;  
    }  
  
    if(head1 != null) tail.next = head1;  
    else tail.next = head2;  
  
    return dummy.next; → to remove dummy node.  
}
```

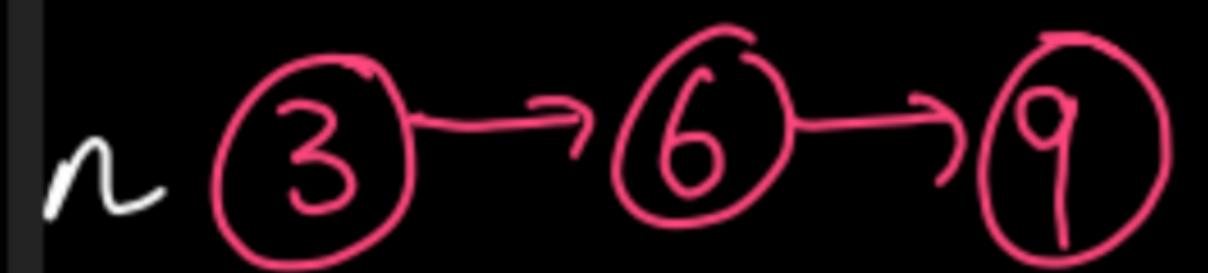
Merge 2 Sorted Lists (Leetcode)

```
public ListNode mergeTwoLists(ListNode head1, ListNode head2) {  
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode head = dummy, tail = dummy;  
  
    while(head1 != null && head2 != null) {  
        if(head1.val < head2.val) {  
            tail.next = head1;  
            head1 = head1.next;  
        } else {  
            tail.next = head2;  
            head2 = head2.next;  
        }  
  
        tail = tail.next;  
    }  
  
    if(head1 != null) tail.next = head1;  
    else tail.next = head2;  
  
    return dummy.next;  
}
```

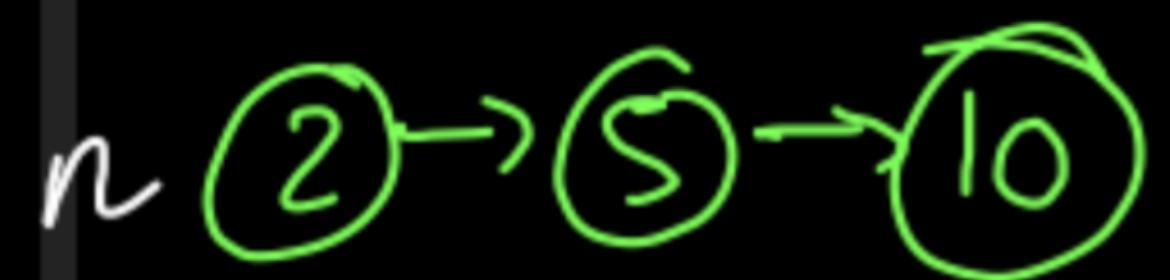
Merge K Sorted Linked Lists (Leetcode Hard)



To find min $\Rightarrow k$ elements
 $O(k)$ time



$TC = O(N \downarrow k)$

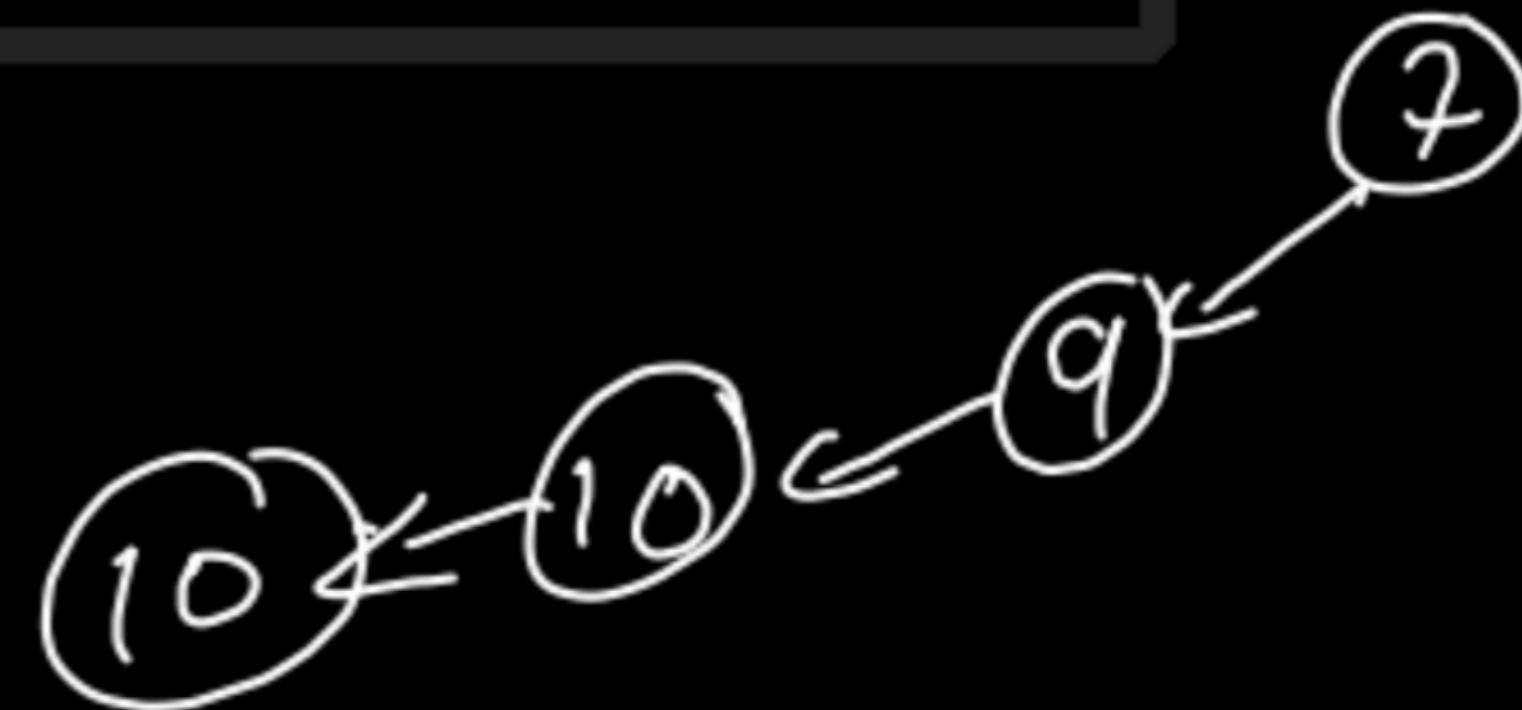
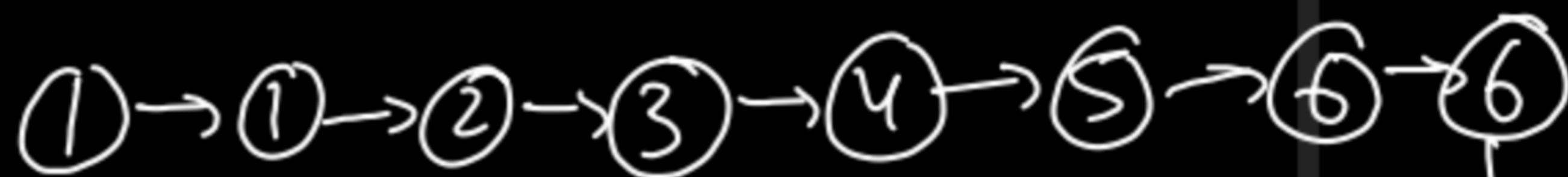


$TC = O(nk^2)$



\nexists Same approach as prev

$$N = n * k$$



Code for Merge K Sorted Lists

```
public int minNode(ListNode[] lists) {
    int min = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    int idx = -1;
    for(int i=0;i<lists.length;i++) {
        if(lists[i] != null && lists[i].val < min) {
            idx = i;
            min = lists[i].val;
        }
    }
    return idx;
}
```

```
public ListNode mergeKLists(ListNode[] lists) {
    if(lists.length == 0) {
        return null;
    }

    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode head = dummy, tail = dummy;

    while(true) {
        int minIdx = minNode(lists);
        if(minIdx == -1) break;
        tail.next = lists[minIdx];
        lists[minIdx] = lists[minIdx].next;
        tail = tail.next;
    }

    return dummy.next;
}
```

Constraints:

- `k == lists.length`
- $0 \leq k \leq 10^4$
- $0 \leq \text{lists}[i].length \leq 500$
- $-10^4 \leq \text{lists}[i][j] \leq 10^4$
- `lists[i]` is sorted in **ascending order**
- The sum of `lists[i].length` won't exceed 10^4 .



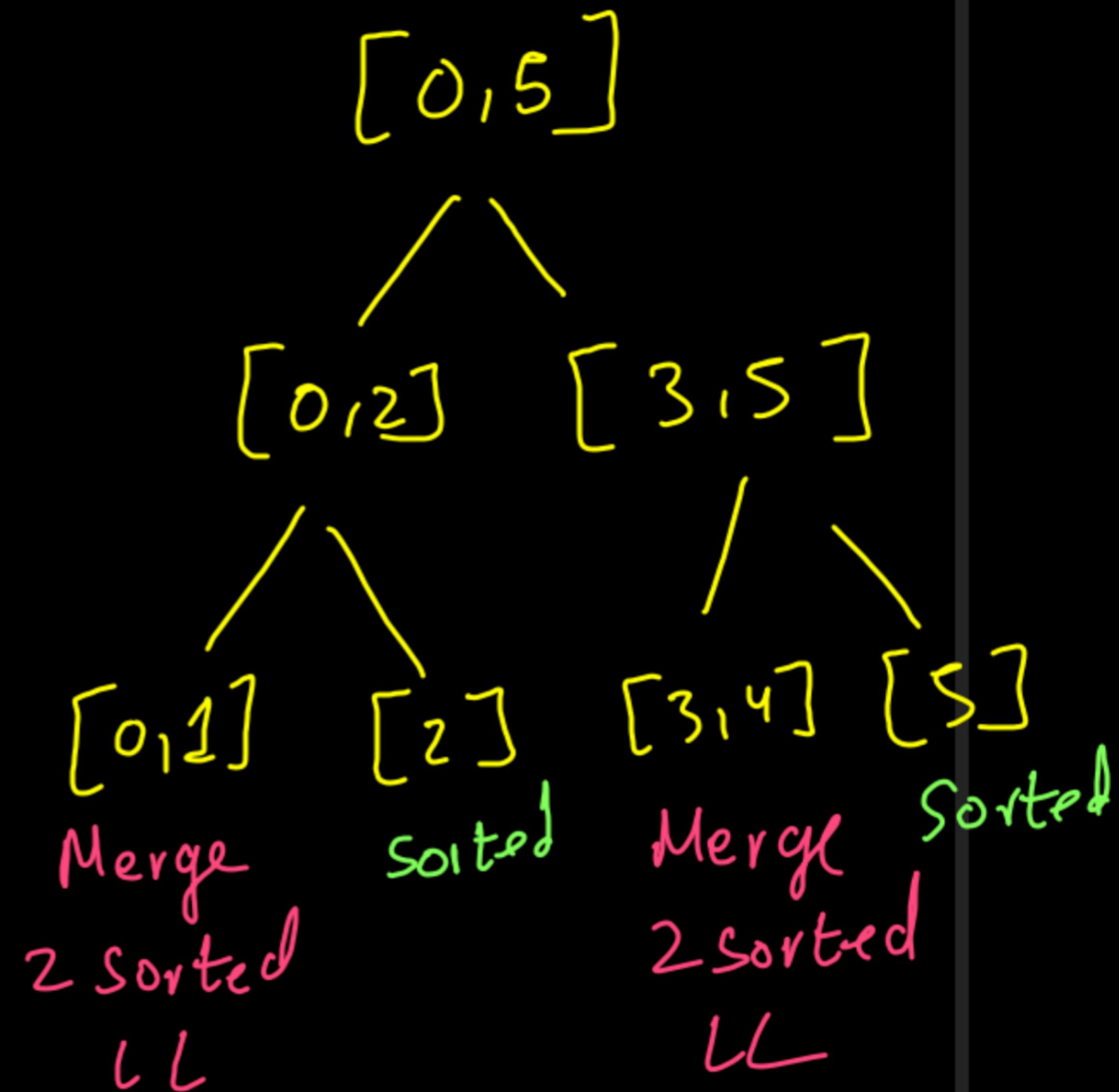
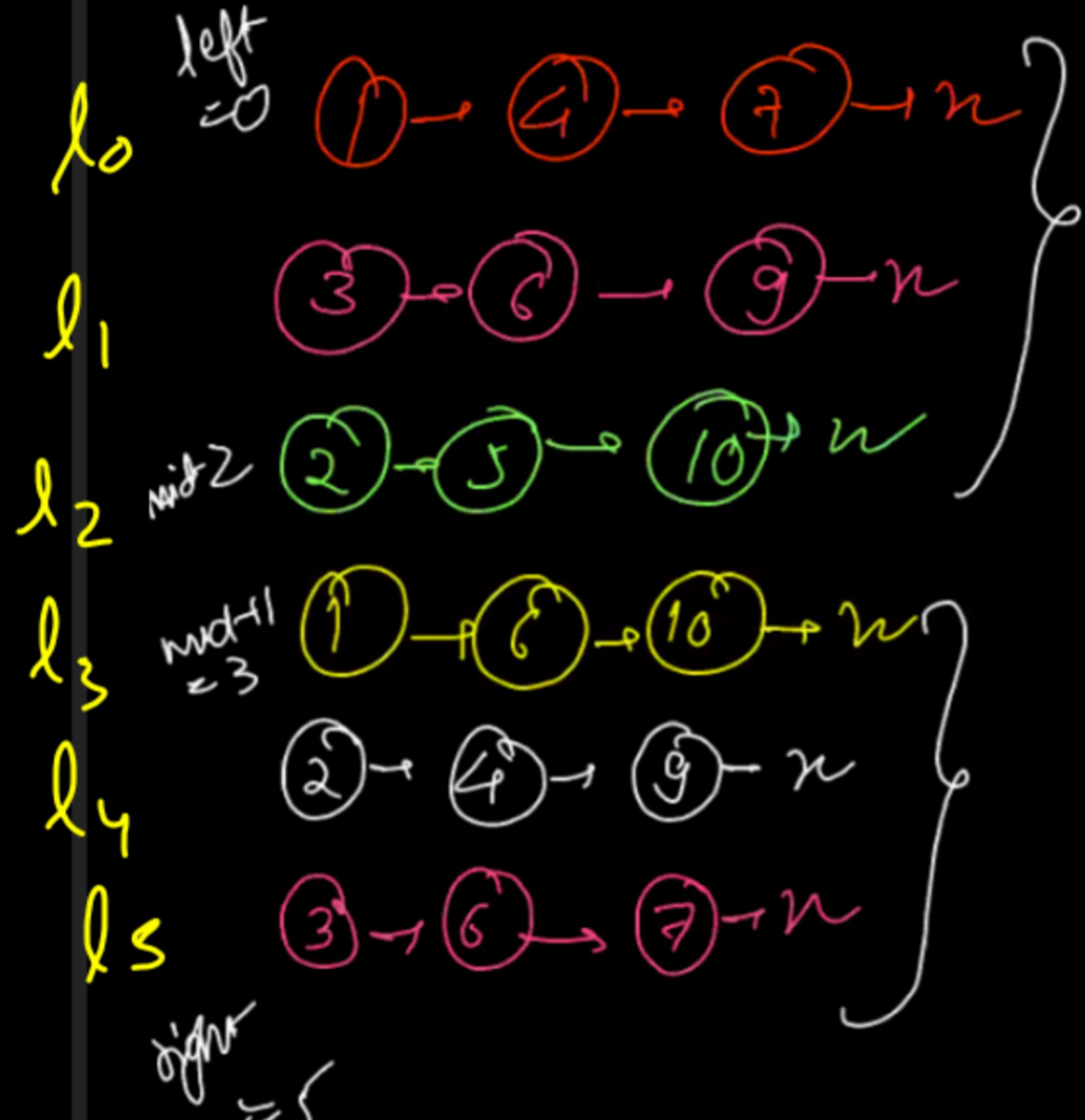
This constraint means that capital N
will not exceed 10^4 & $TC = N * k$

$\Rightarrow TC = 10^4 * 10^4 = 10^8$ (Hence our brute
force solution
worked)

*+ Use priority queue for comparing
nodes instead of loop.

& implement Comparator as we
will make PQueue of List Nodes

Best Optimized Approach {Divide & Conquer}



Code Using Divide & Conquer

```
public ListNode mergeKLists(ListNode[] lists) {
    return mergeKLists(lists,0,lists.length-1);
}

public ListNode mergeKLists(ListNode[] lists,int lo, int hi) {

    if(lo > hi) {
        return null;
    }

    if(lo == hi) {
        return lists[lo];
    }

    int mid = lo + (hi-lo)/2;
    ListNode leftHalf = mergeKLists(lists,lo,mid);
    ListNode rightHalf = mergeKLists(lists,mid + 1,hi);

    return mergeTwoLists(leftHalf,rightHalf);
}

public ListNode mergeTwoLists(ListNode head1, ListNode head2) {
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode head = dummy, tail = dummy;

    while(head1 != null && head2 != null) {
        if(head1.val < head2.val) {
            tail.next = head1;
            head1 = head1.next;
        } else {
            tail.next = head2;
            head2 = head2.next;
        }

        tail = tail.next;
    }

    if(head1 != null) tail.next = head1;
    else tail.next = head2;

    return dummy.next;
}
```

Time Complexity (Divide & Conq)

$$T(k) = 2T(k/2) + \frac{k}{2} * n$$

$$2T(k/2) = \left(2T(k/4) + \frac{k}{4} * n\right) 2$$

⋮

$$T(1) = 2T(0) + \frac{k}{2} * n$$

$$T(k) = kT(0) + k * n * \log_2 k$$

$$T = O(nk \log_2 k)$$

Codes for Merge Sort all

```
public ListNode sortList(ListNode head) {  
    return helper(head);  
}  
  
public ListNode helper(ListNode head) {  
  
    if(head == null || head.next == null) {  
        return head;  
    }  
  
    ListNode mid = getMiddle(head);  
    ListNode list2 = mid.next;  
    mid.next = null;  
    }  
  
    ListNode list1 = head;  
    pub]  
    ListNode leftSortedList = helper(list1);  
    ListNode rightSortedList = helper(list2);  
  
    return mergeTwoLists(leftSortedList, rightSortedList);  
}
```

```
public ListNode getMiddle(ListNode head) {  
    ListNode slow = head;  
    ListNode fast = head;  
    ListNode prev = null;  
  
    while(fast != null && fast.next != null) {  
        prev = slow;  
        slow = slow.next;  
        fast = fast.next.next;  
    }  
  
    if(fast == null) return prev; //this is even case  
    return slow;  
}
```

```
public ListNode mergeTwoLists(ListNode head1, ListNode head2) {  
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode head = dummy, tail = dummy;  
  
    while(head1 != null && head2 != null) {  
        if(head1.val < head2.val) {  
            tail.next = head1;  
            head1 = head1.next;  
        } else {  
            tail.next = head2;  
            head2 = head2.next;  
        }  
        tail = tail.next;  
    }  
  
    if(head1 != null) tail.next = head1;  
    else tail.next = head2;  
  
    return dummy.next;  
}
```

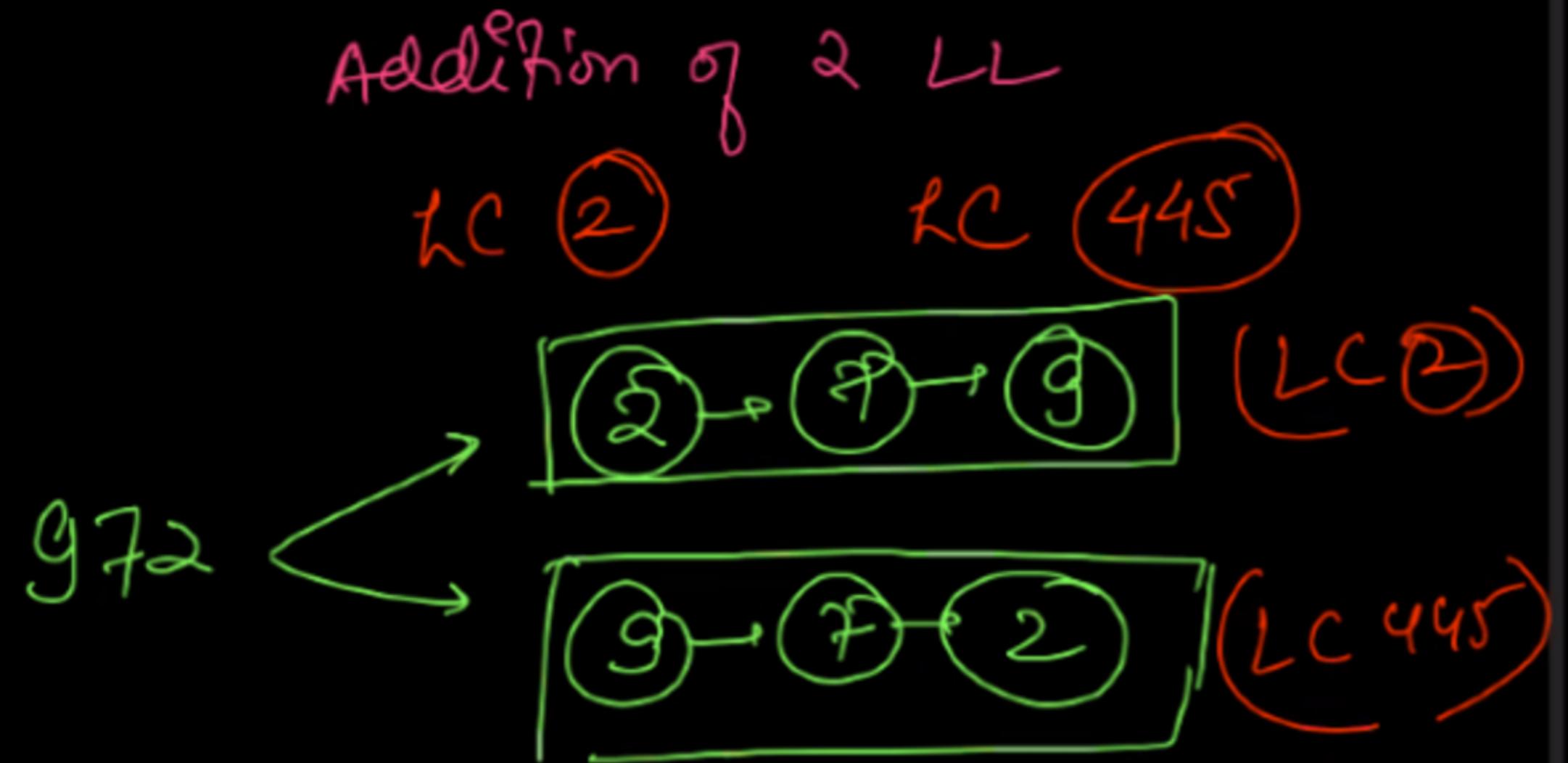
Why merge sort is preferred for linked list
and quick sort is preferred for arrays.

merge sort on LL $\rightarrow T(N) \rightarrow O(n \log n)$
Space \rightarrow in place \oplus

+

However Recursion call stack space is $O(\log_2 N)$

Add 2 linked lists

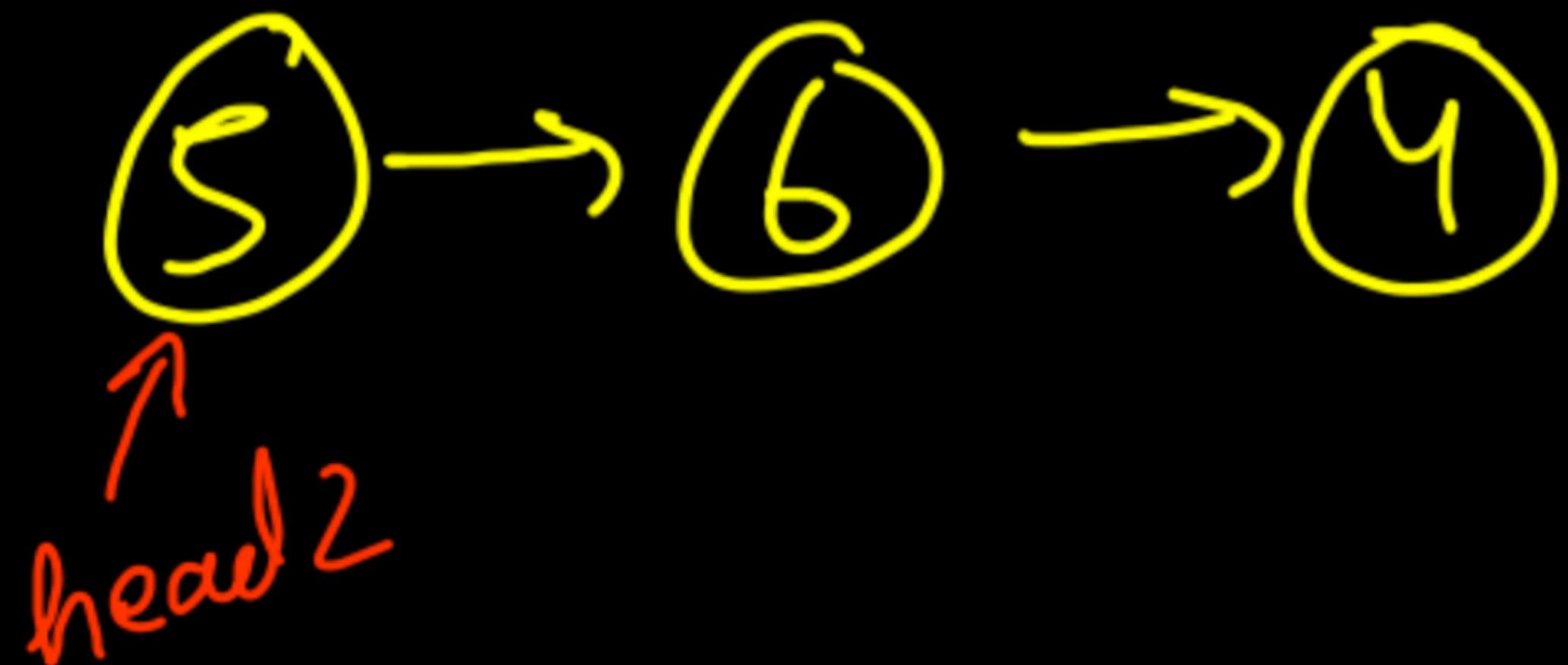
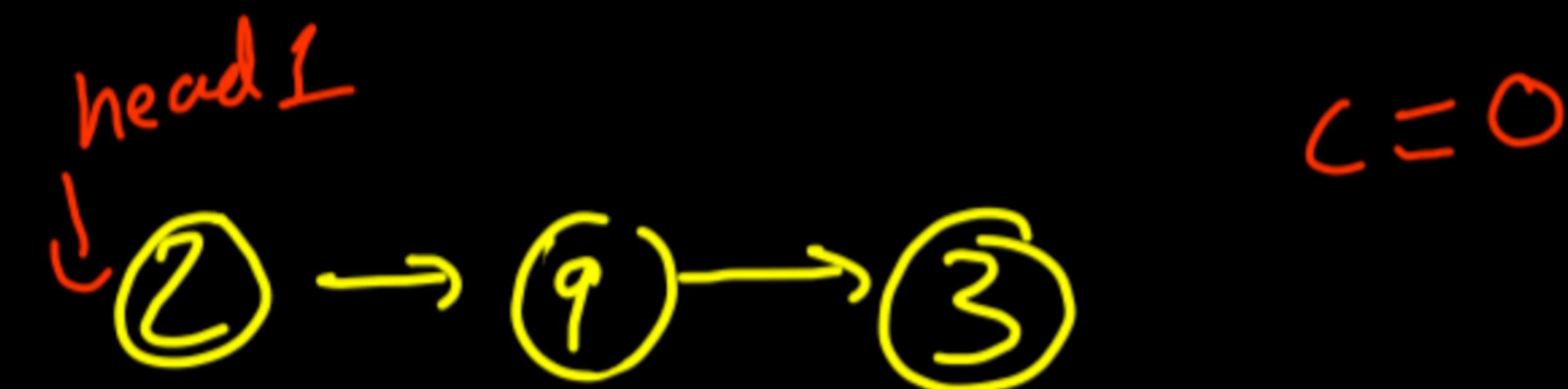


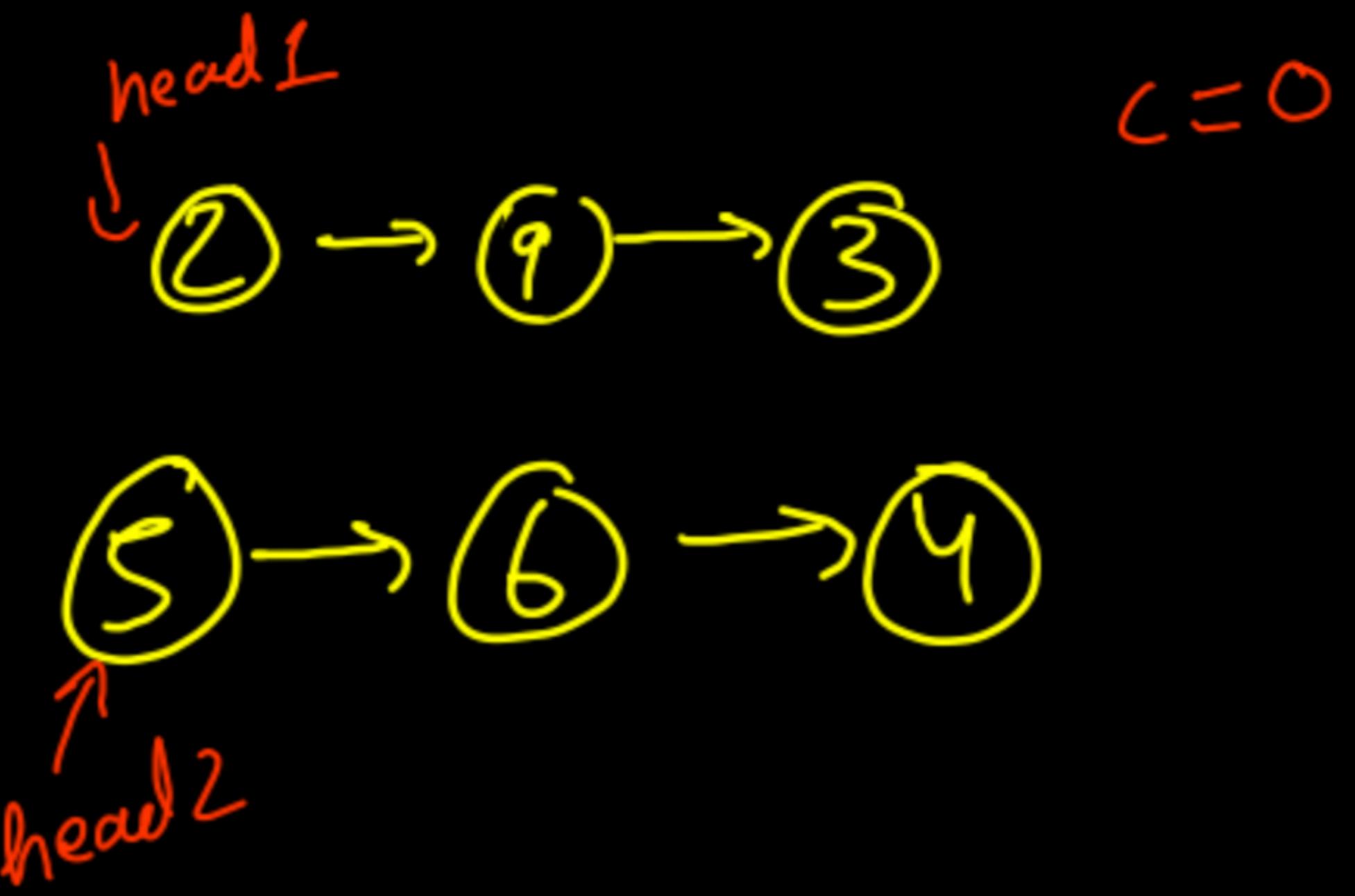
boost library C++
java has big Integer library
python handles big integers
easily by internally
implementing LL.

Leetcode Ques 2

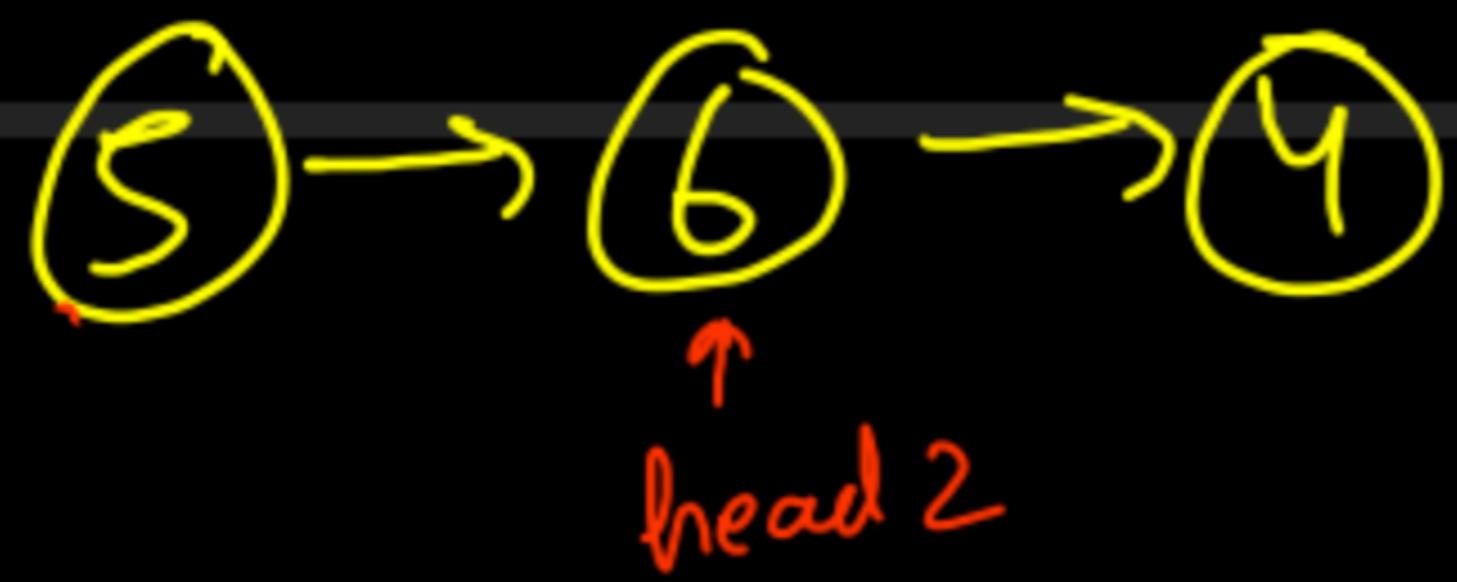
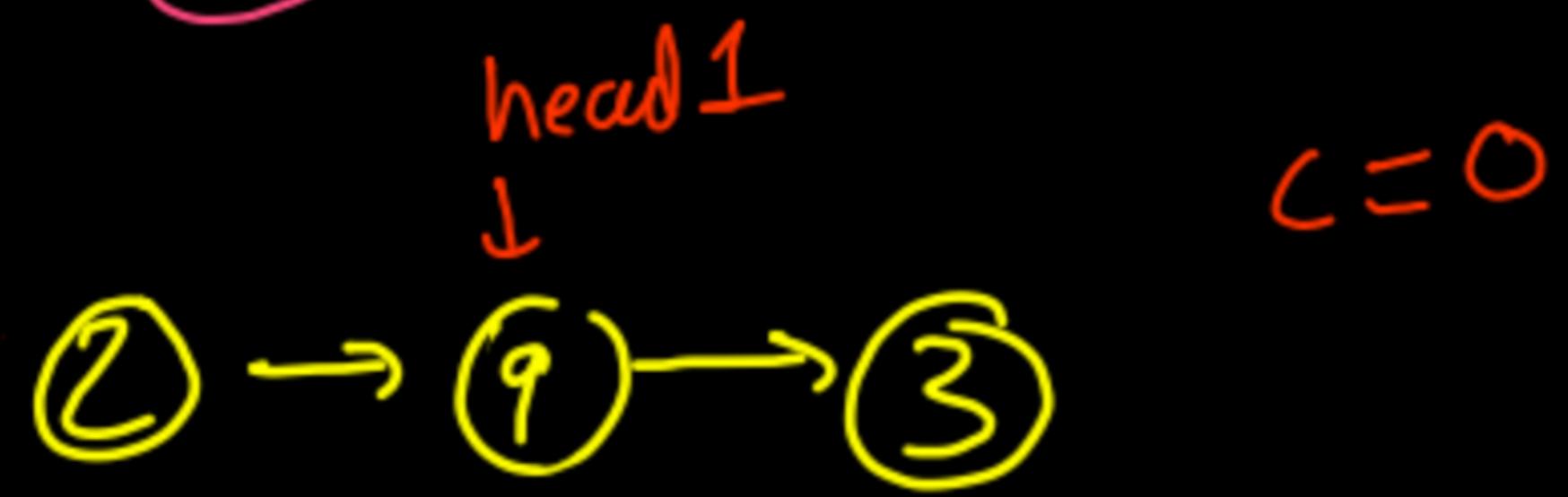
No = 392 LL: $② \rightarrow ⑨ \rightarrow ③$

No = 465 LL: $⑤ \rightarrow ⑥ \rightarrow ④$



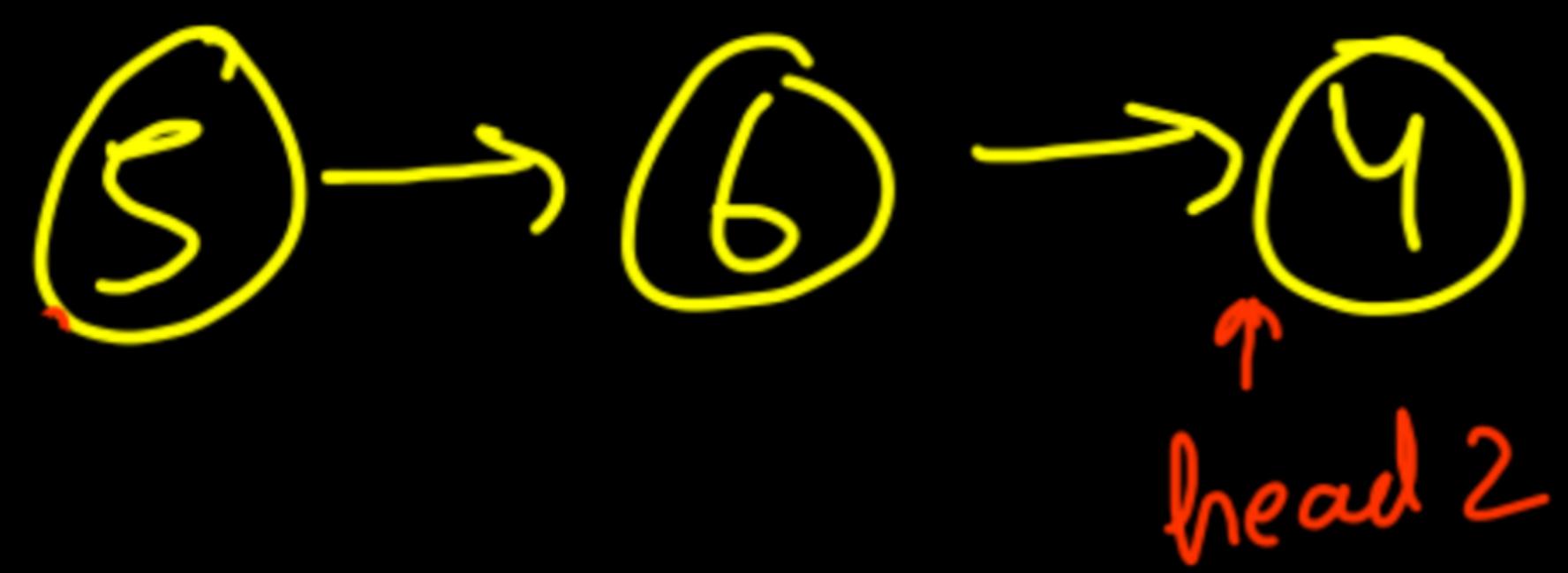
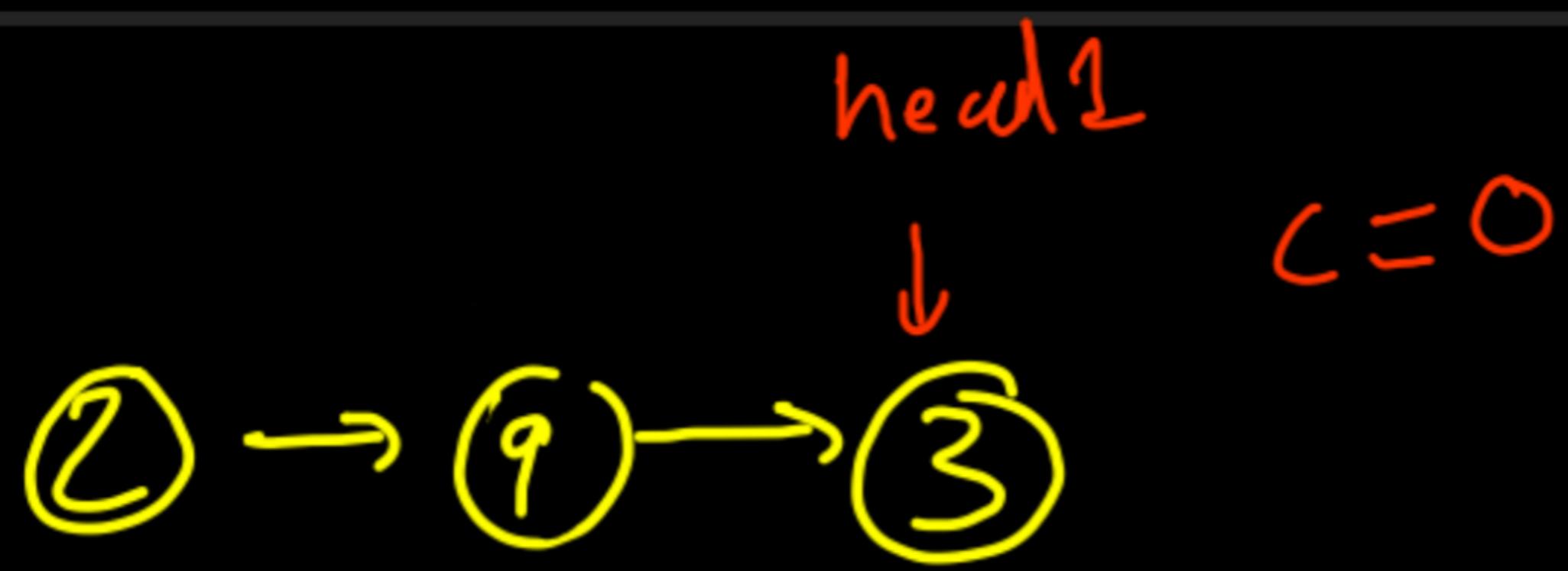


res: $7 \quad \& \quad c = 0$



$$9 + 6 + 0 = 15 \quad 15 / 10 = 1$$

res: $7 \rightarrow 5 \quad \& \quad c = 15 / 10 = 1$



$$3 + 4 + 1 = 8$$

res: $7 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 8$ & $c = 0$

if one LL becomes empty, work will
continue. { same as in addⁿ of arrays }

Leetcode : 2 (Solution code)

```
public ListNode addTwoNumbers(ListNode l1, ListNode l2) {  
  
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode head = dummy, tail = dummy;  
    int carry = 0;  
  
    while(l1 != null || l2 != null || carry > 0) {  
        int d1 = (l1 == null) ? 0 : l1.val;  
        int d2 = (l2 == null) ? 0 : l2.val;  
  
        ListNode temp = new ListNode((d1 + d2 + carry) % 10);  
        carry = (d1 + d2 + carry) / 10;  
  
        tail.next = temp;  
        tail = temp;  
  
        if(l1 != null) l1 = l1.next;  
        if(l2 != null) l2 = l2.next;  
    }  
  
    return dummy.next;  
}
```

Leetcode : 445 Solution

```
public ListNode addTwoNumbers(ListNode l1, ListNode l2) {
    l1 = reverse(l1);
    l2 = reverse(l2);
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode head = dummy, tail = dummy;
    int carry = 0;

    while(l1 != null || l2 != null || carry > 0) {
        int d1 = (l1 == null) ? 0 : l1.val;
        int d2 = (l2 == null) ? 0 : l2.val;

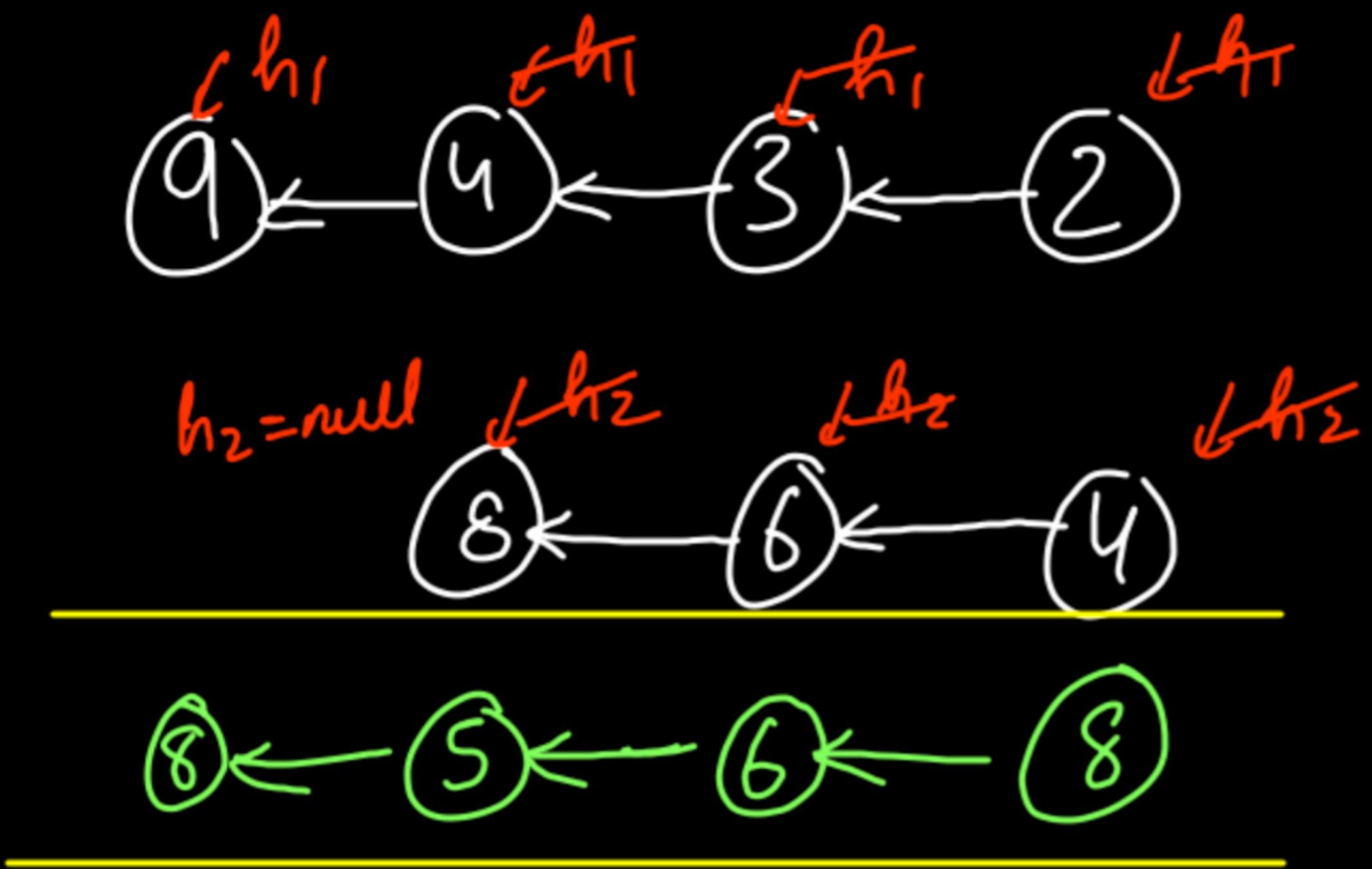
        ListNode temp = new ListNode((d1 + d2 + carry) % 10);
        carry = (d1 + d2 + carry) / 10;

        tail.next = temp;
        tail = temp;

        if(l1 != null) l1 = l1.next;
        if(l2 != null) l2 = l2.next;
    }

    return reverse(dummy.next);
}
```

Subtraction in linked list

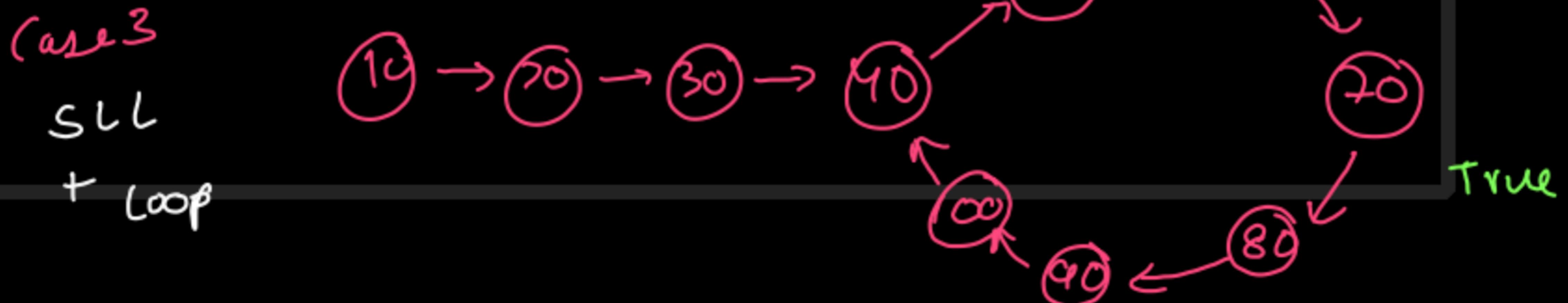
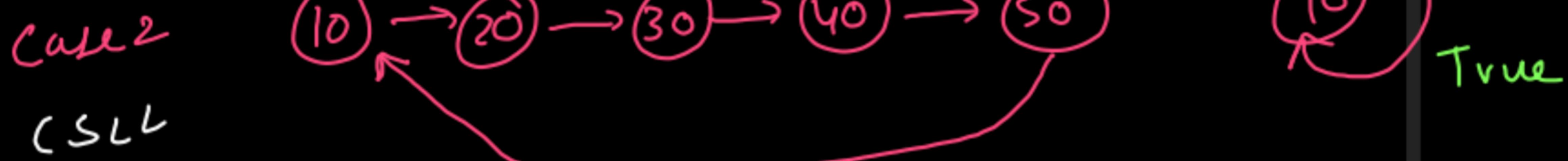
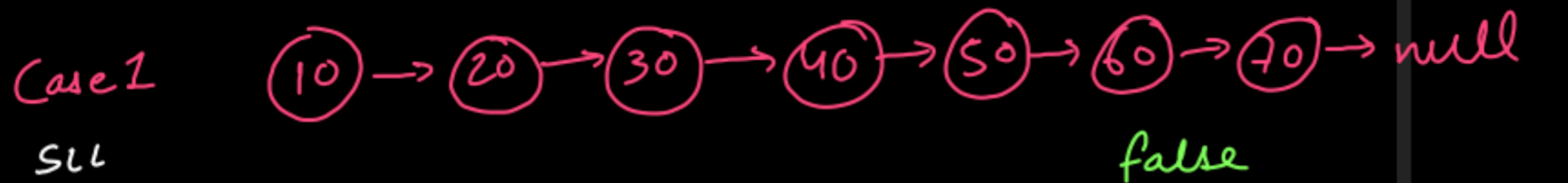


borrow = ~~0 - 1~~
-1

while($h_1 \neq \text{null}$)

Code in HW

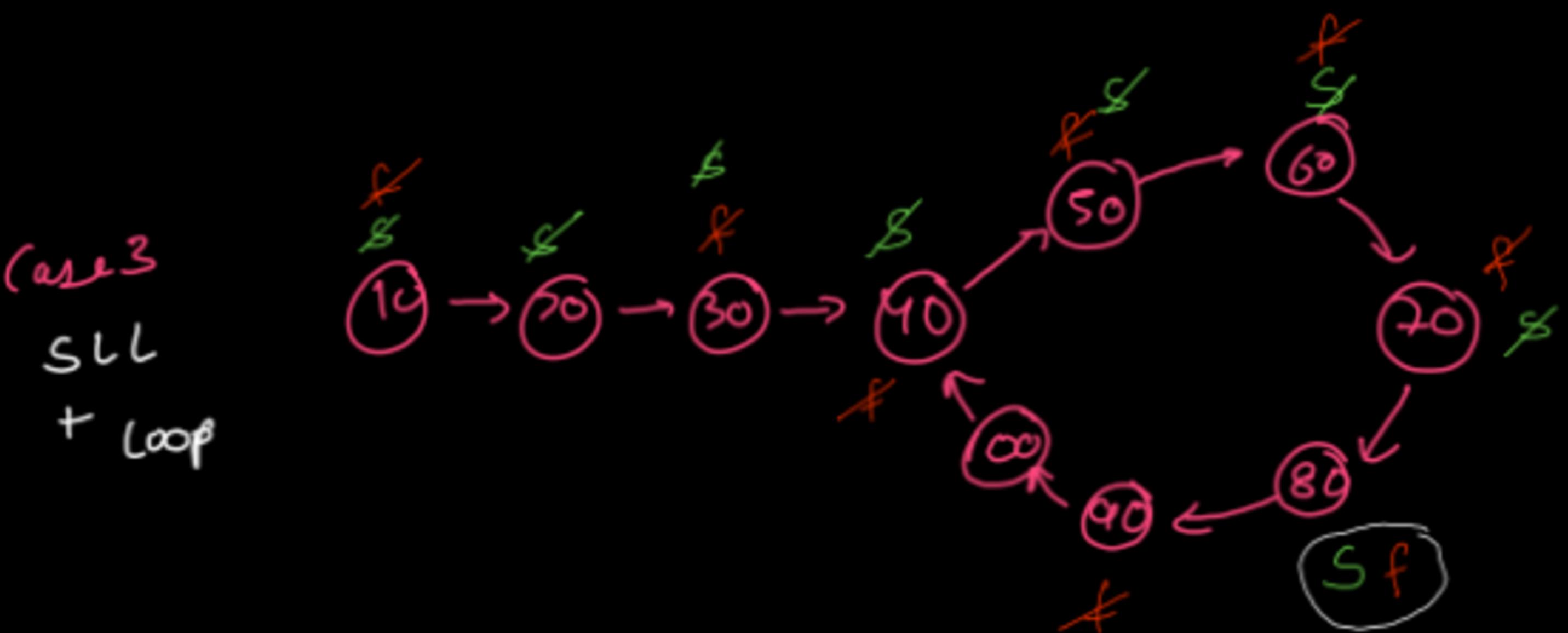
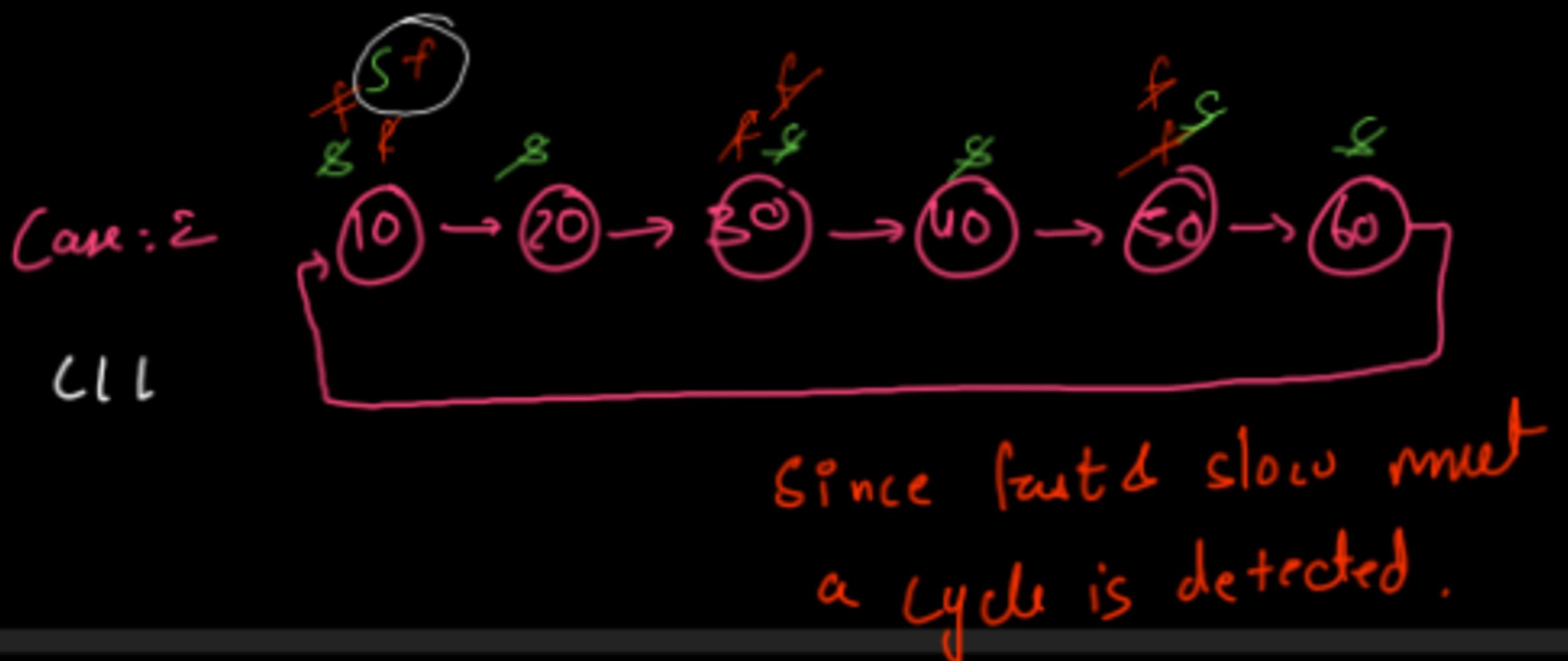
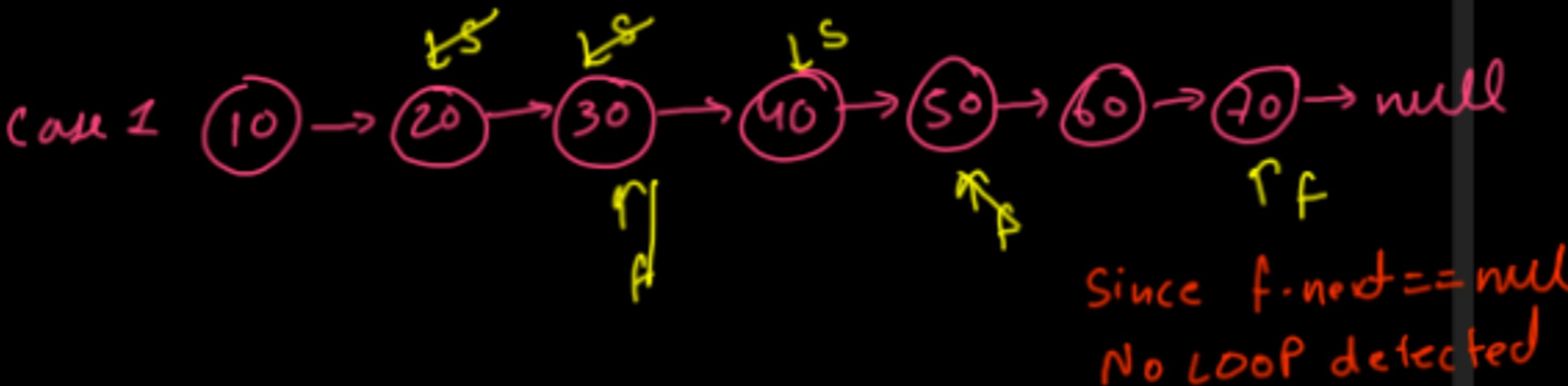
Floyd's Cycle Detection (LC141)



First Approach

Store the traversed nodes in a HashMap or HashSet & if the node is visited again, cycle is detected

Floyd's Cycle Detection (Two Pointer)



Since slow & fast meet again
a loop is detected

Corner Case:



s f Again, slow & fast meet again

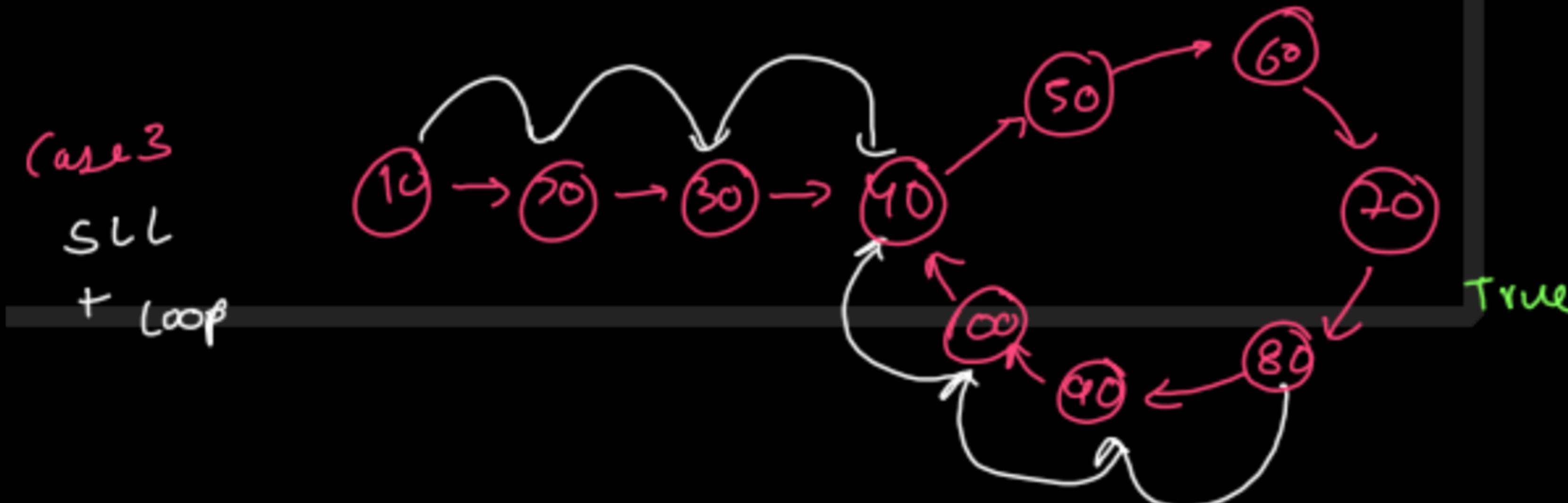
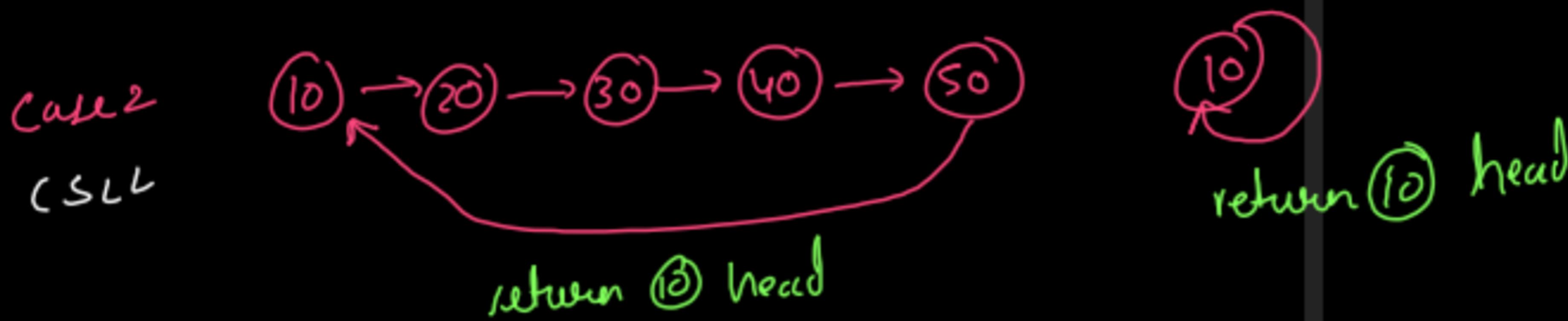
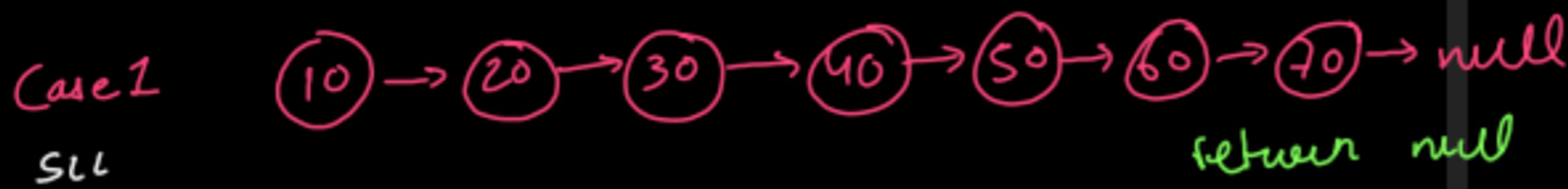
Corner case ask to interviewer

if (head == null) → return true OR false

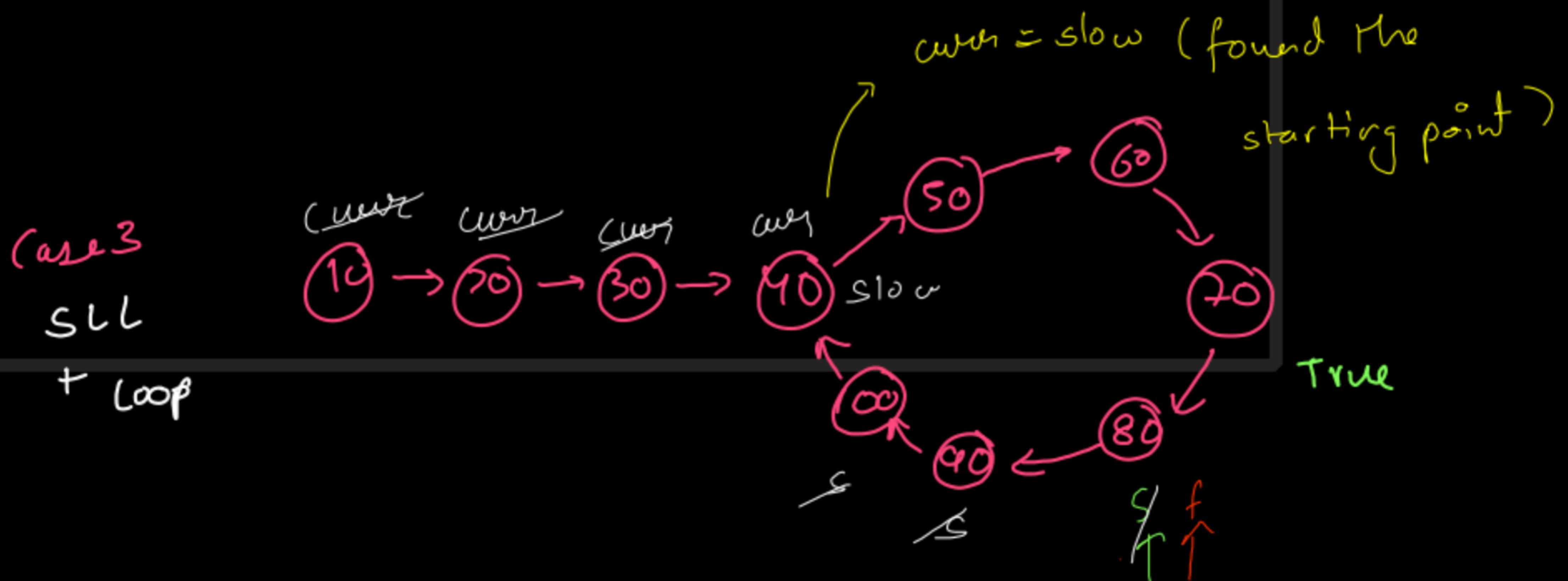
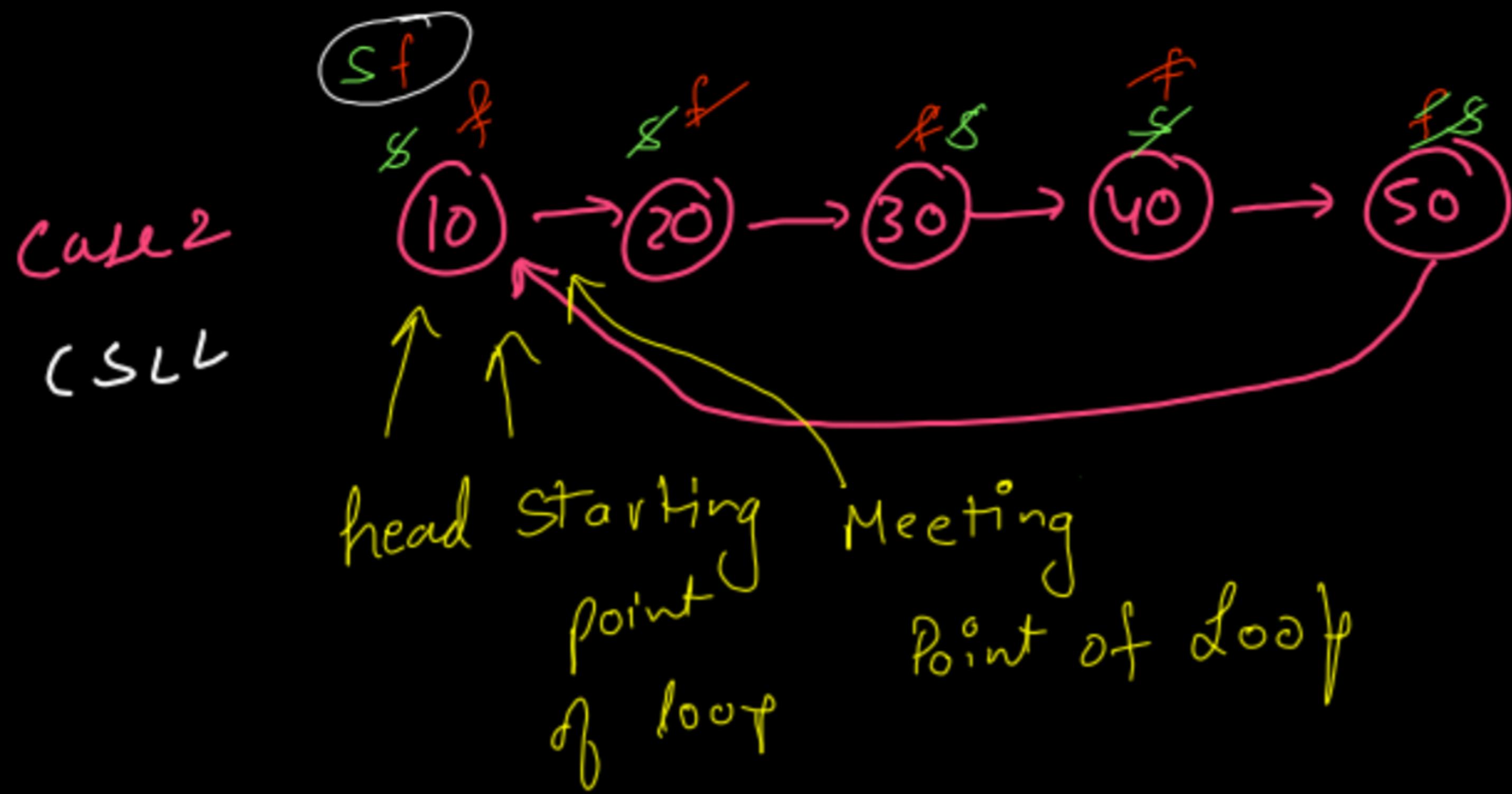
Code for Floyd's Cycle Detection

```
public boolean hasCycle(ListNode head) {  
    if(head == null || head.next == null) return false;  
  
    ListNode slow = head;  
    ListNode fast = head;  
  
    while(fast!=null && fast.next!=null) {  
        slow = slow.next;  
        fast = fast.next.next;  
  
        if(slow == fast) return true;  
    }  
  
    return false;  
}
```

Starting Point of Loop (LC 142)



return 80 + Starting point of the loop
is at the same distance
from meeting point & head
{ We will use this obs }

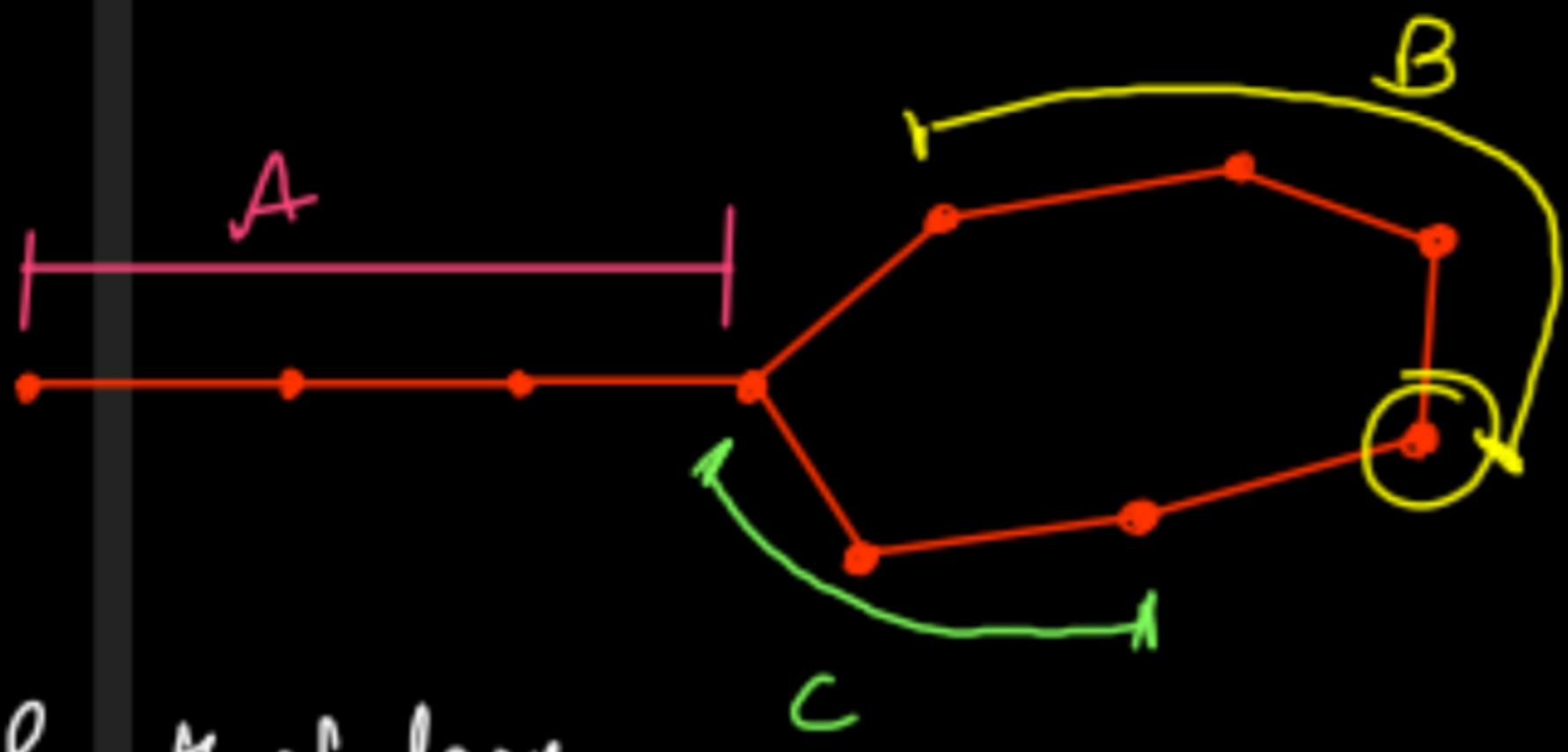


Code for Starting Pt of a loop (LC 142)

```
public ListNode detectCycle(ListNode head) {  
  
    ListNode slow = head;  
    ListNode fast = head;  
  
    while(fast!=null && fast.next!=null) {  
        slow = slow.next;  
        fast = fast.next.next;  
  
        if(slow == fast) break;  
    }  
  
    if(fast == null || fast.next == null) return null;  
  
    ListNode curr1 = head;  
    ListNode curr2 = slow;  
  
    while(curr1 != curr2) {  
        curr1 = curr1.next;  
        curr2 = curr2.next;  
    }  
  
    return curr1;  
}
```

$O(N)$

Mathematical Proof



$$\text{length of loop } = B + C$$

$$\text{length of tail} = A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slow} &= 1 \text{ node / itr} \\ \text{fast} &= 2 \text{ nodes / itr} \end{aligned}$$

Total time = Total time
taken by taken by
slow fast

$$\frac{d_{\text{slow}}}{s_s} = \frac{d_{\text{fast}}}{s_f}$$

$$d_{\text{fast}} = A + (B+C)j + B$$

$\hookrightarrow j$ loops travelled
times

$$d_{\text{slow}} = A + (B+C)i + B$$

$\hookrightarrow i$ times loops travelled

$\{ i=0 \text{ because slow does not travel any loop in curr example} \}$

$$\frac{d_{\text{slow}}}{s_s} = \frac{d_{\text{fast}}}{s_f}$$

$$\frac{A + (B+C)i + B}{s_s} = \frac{A + (B+C)j + B}{s_f}$$

relative
 speed of
 fast w.r.t
 slow (r)

$$\frac{s_f}{s_s} \{ A + (B+C)i + B \} = A + (B+C)j + B$$

$$rA + r(B+C)i + rB = A + (B+C)j + B$$

$$rA + rB - A - B = (B+C)\{ j - ri \}$$

$$(r-1)(A+B) = (B+C)(j - ri)$$

$$A+B = (B+C) \left\{ \frac{j - ri}{r-1} \right\}$$

↓
k

$$A = (B+C)k - B$$

↓ ↓

tail some
cycles

$A = \text{some cycles} - \text{full shorting of } B$

Hence Proved

$$A = (B+C)k - B$$

tail some
cycles

This can also be understood as

$$A = \underbrace{(B+C)k'}_1 + C \rightsquigarrow \text{use board } C \text{ chalega}$$

some no of cycles

Simple Proof (Explanation for Interviews)

$$d_{\text{slow}} = A + \text{cycle}(i) + B \quad \{ S_{\text{fast}} = 2 * S_{\text{slow}} \}$$

$$d_{\text{fast}} = A + \text{cycle}(j) + B$$

$$d_{\text{fast}} = * 2 d_{\text{slow}}$$

$$A + \text{cycle}(j) + B = 2(A + \text{cycle}(i) + B) \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{cycle loop again} \\ \text{c likely} \end{matrix}$$

$$\boxed{A = C(j - 2i) - B}$$

Remove Loop $\Rightarrow H\omega$

length of the loop (GFG)

```
static int countNodesinLoop(Node head)
{
    Node slow = head;
    Node fast = head;

    while(fast!=null && fast.next!=null) {
        slow = slow.next;
        fast = fast.next.next;

        if(slow == fast) break;
    }

    if(fast == null || fast.next == null) return 0;

    Node curr1 = head;
    Node curr2 = slow;

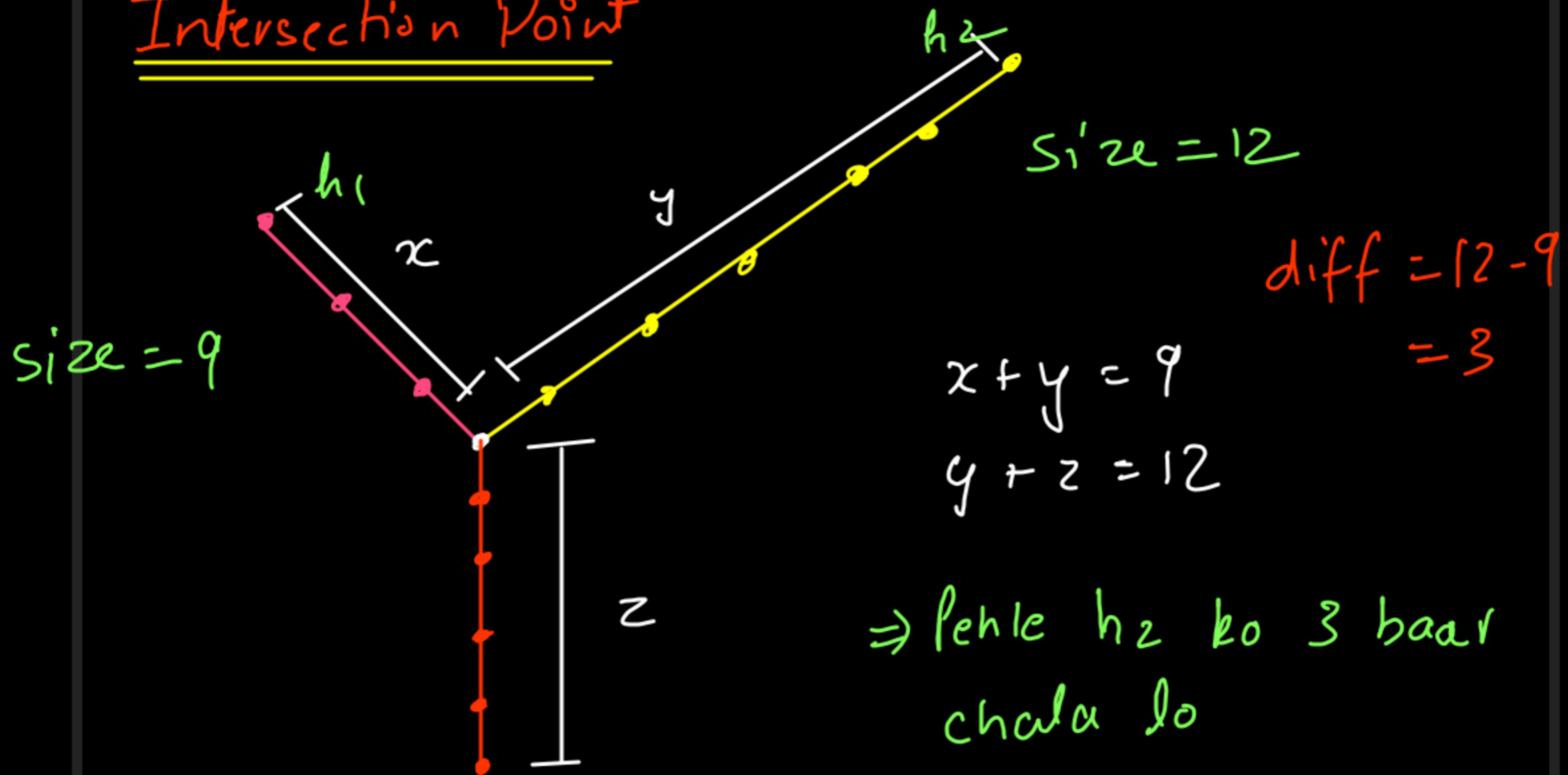
    while(curr1 != curr2) {
        curr1 = curr1.next;
        curr2 = curr2.next;
    }

    Node p = curr1;
    int dist = 1;
    p = p.next;
    while(p != curr1) {
        p = p.next;
        dist +=1;
    }

    return dist;
}
```

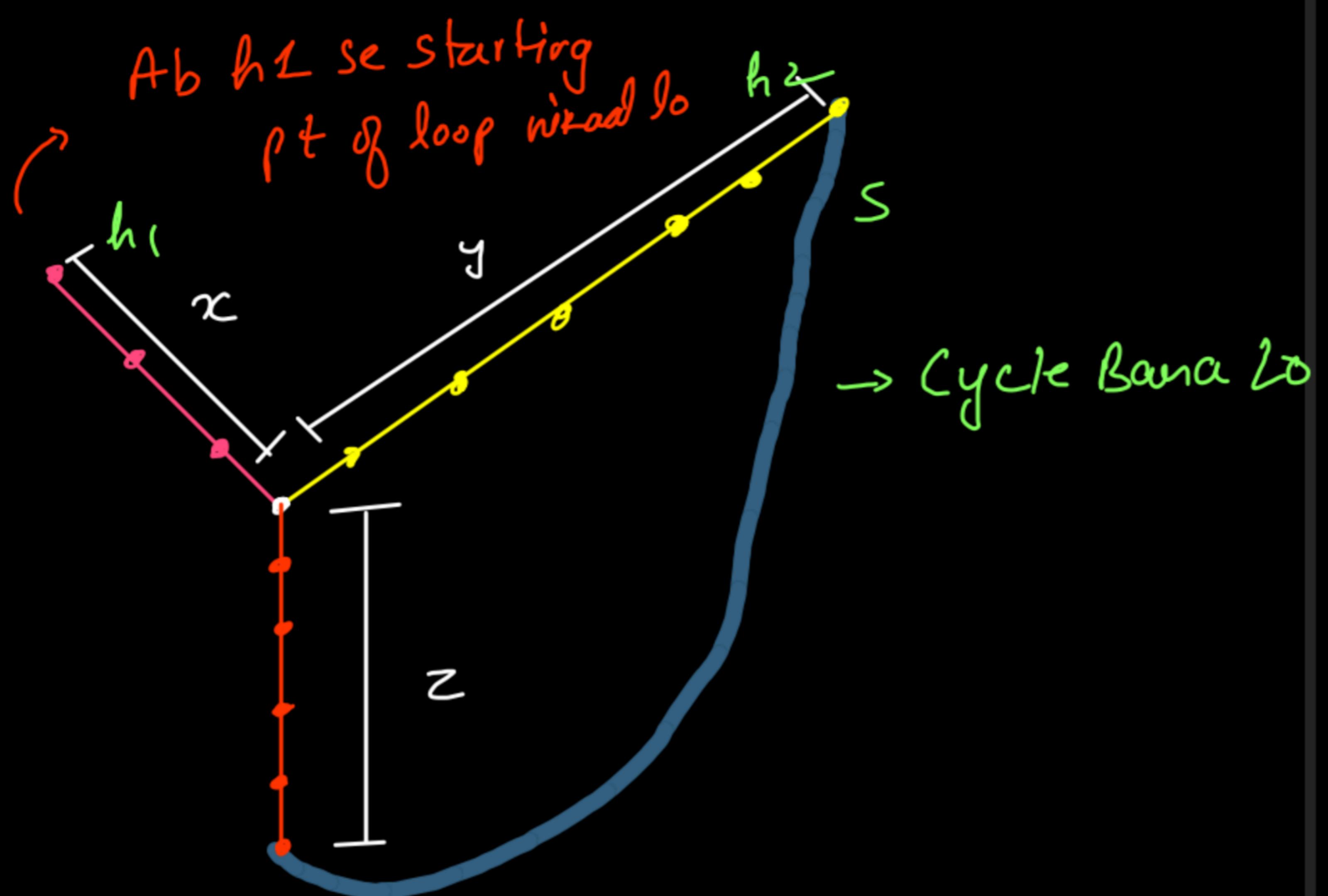
find the starting point of the loop & then traverse the loop.

Intersection Point



Intersection Point

```
public ListNode getIntersectionNode(ListNode headA, ListNode headB) {  
    int sizeA = getSize(headA);  
    int sizeB = getSize(headB);  
  
    if(sizeA > sizeB) {  
        for(int i=0;i<sizeA-sizeB;i++)  
            headA = headA.next;  
    } else {  
        for(int i=0;i<sizeB-sizeA;i++)  
            headB = headB.next;  
    }  
  
    while(headA != headB) {  
        headA = headA.next;  
        headB = headB.next;  
    }  
  
    return headA;  
}
```



Using Floyd's Cycle

```
public ListNode getIntersectionNode(ListNode headA, ListNode headB) {  
    ListNode tailB = headB;  
    while(tailB.next != null) {  
        tailB = tailB.next;  
    }  
  
    tailB.next = headB;  
    ListNode ans = detectCycle(headA);  
    tailB.next = null;  
    return ans;  
}
```

Partition List (Leetcode 86)

- ① Partition on head is correct
- ② Partition in LL will be stable
- ③ Quick Sort (obviously) gets the element at its sorted position.

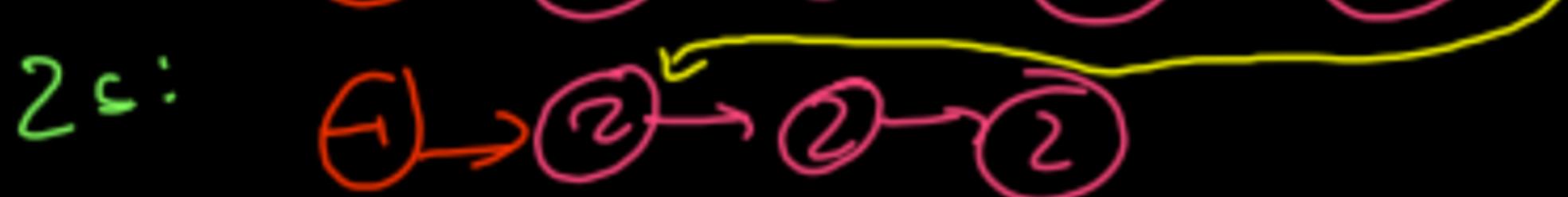
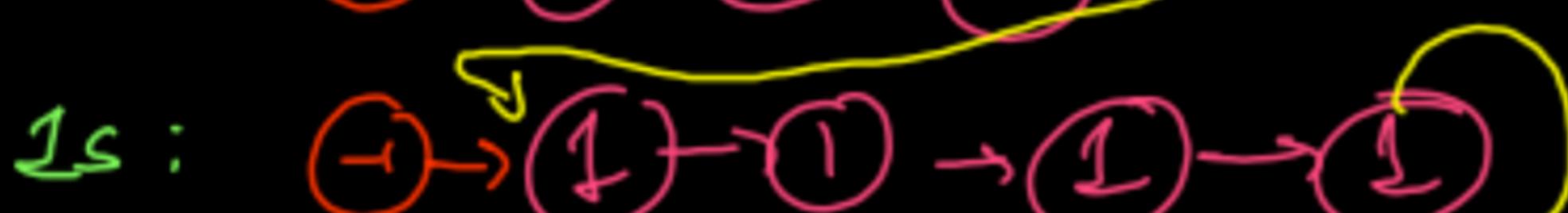
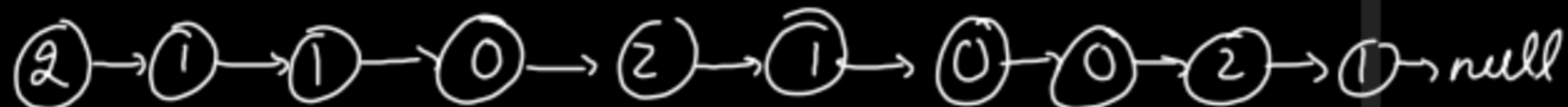


for quickSort , partition wrt head .

Code for Partition list

```
public ListNode partition(ListNode head, int x) {  
    ListNode lHead = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode lTail = lHead;  
    ListNode rHead = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode rTail = rHead;  
  
    while(head != null) {  
        if(head.val < x) {  
            lTail.next = head;  
            lTail = head;  
        } else {  
            rTail.next = head;  
            rTail = head;  
        }  
        head = head.next;  
    }  
  
    lTail.next = rHead.next; //join less than and greater than region  
    rTail.next = null; //overall tail  
    return lHead.next; //return head excluding head  
}
```

Sort 012

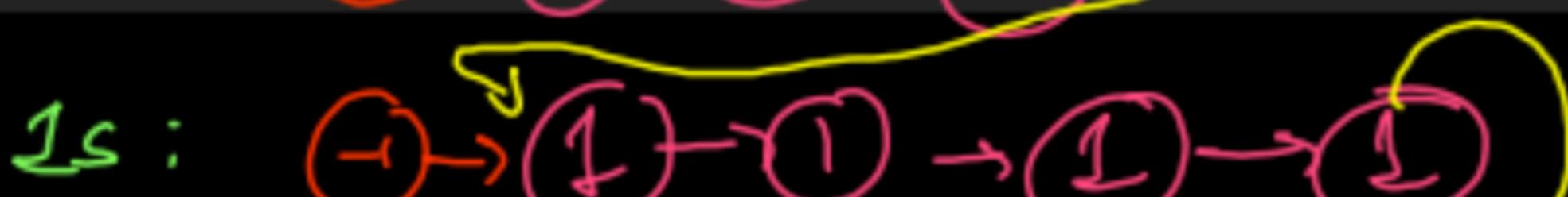
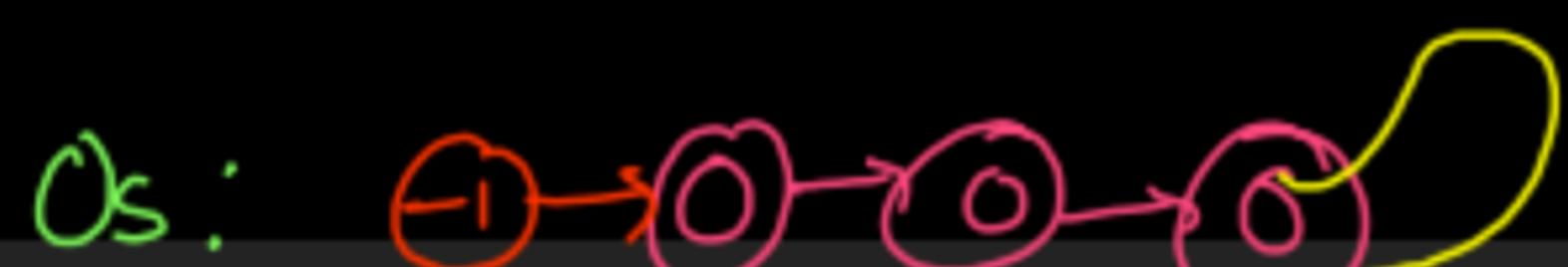


0Tn = 1Hn

1Tn = 2Hn

2Tn = null

To avoid corner case:



0Tn = 1Hn ^{3rd}

1Tn = 2Hn ^{2nd}

2Tn = null ^{1st} establish
this link

follow this order

Code for Sort 012

```
//Function to sort a linked list of 0s, 1s and 2s.
static Node segregate(Node head)
{
    Node zeroHead = new Node(-1);
    Node zeroTail = zeroHead;
    Node oneHead = new Node(-1);
    Node oneTail = oneHead;
    Node twoHead = new Node(-1);
    Node twoTail = twoHead;

    while(head != null) {
        if(head.data == 0) {
            zeroTail.next = head;
            zeroTail = head;
        } else if(head.data == 1) {
            oneTail.next = head;
            oneTail = head;
        } else {
            twoTail.next = head;
            twoTail = head;
        }
        head = head.next;
    }

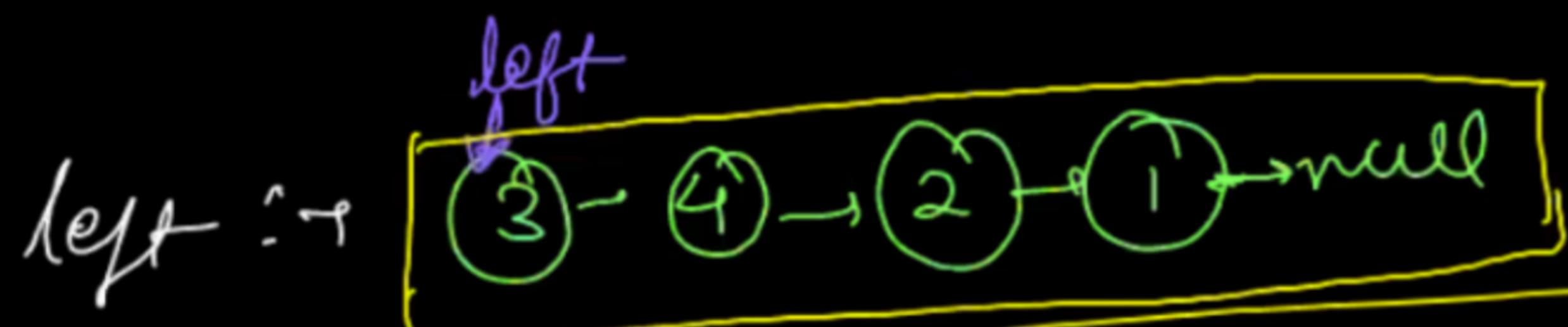
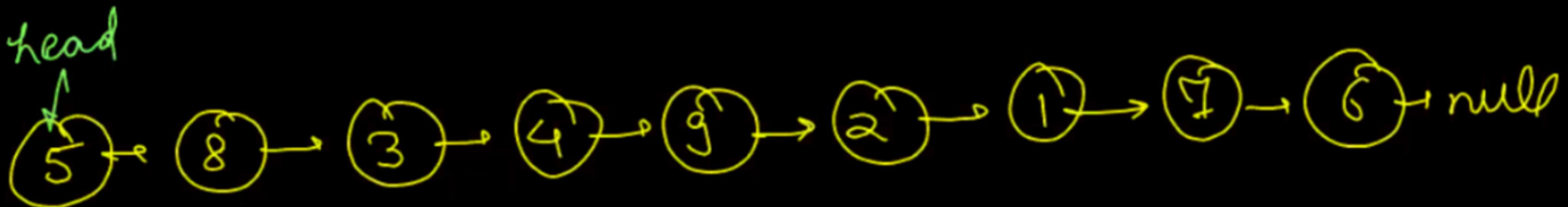
    twoTail.next = null;
    oneTail.next = twoHead.next;
    zeroTail.next = oneHead.next;

    return zeroHead.next;
}
```

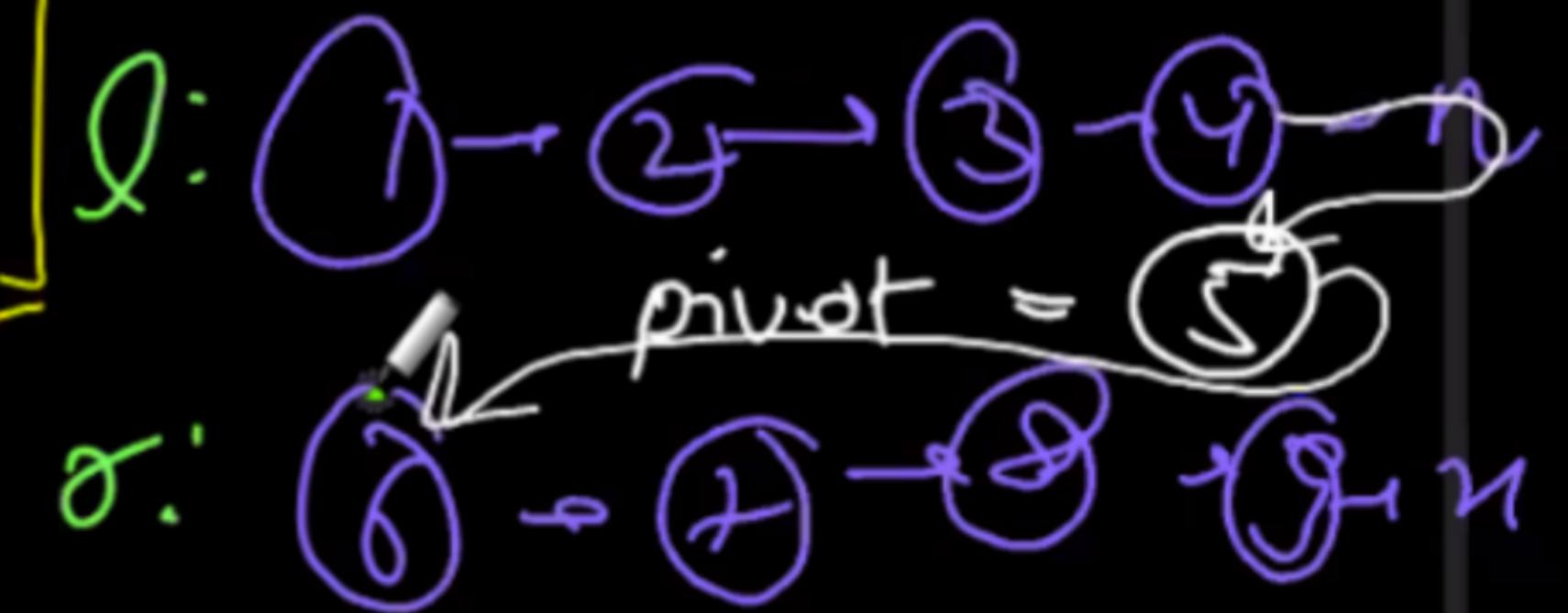
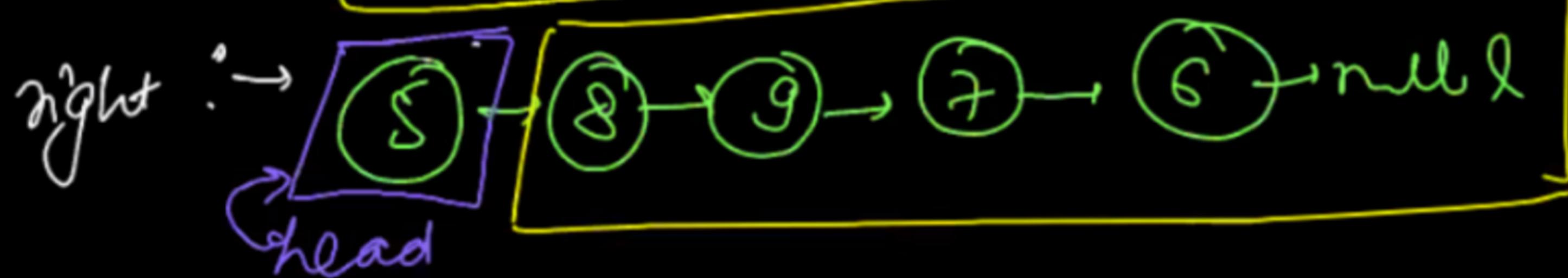
Quick Sort Linked List

Sort & wing Quick Sort (148)

(3421)(5) (8976)



```
Node left = sortList(partition(head));
Node right = sortList(head.next);
```



```

public ListNode sortList(ListNode head) {
    if(head == null || head.next == null) return head;

    ListNode left = sortList(partition(head, head.val));
    ListNode right = sortList(head.next);
    head.next = right;
    if(left == null) return head;

    ListNode leftTail = getTail(left);
    leftTail.next = head;
    return left;
}

```

```

public ListNode partition(ListNode head, int x) {
    ListNode lHead = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode lTail = lHead;
    ListNode rHead = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode rTail = rHead;

    while(head != null) {
        if(head.val < x) {
            lTail.next = head;
            lTail = head;
        } else {
            rTail.next = head;
            rTail = head;
        }
        head = head.next;
    }

    lTail.next = null;
    rTail.next = null;
    return lHead.next;
}

```

Passes all the test cases but gives

TLE {Worst case $O(N^2)$ Quicksort}

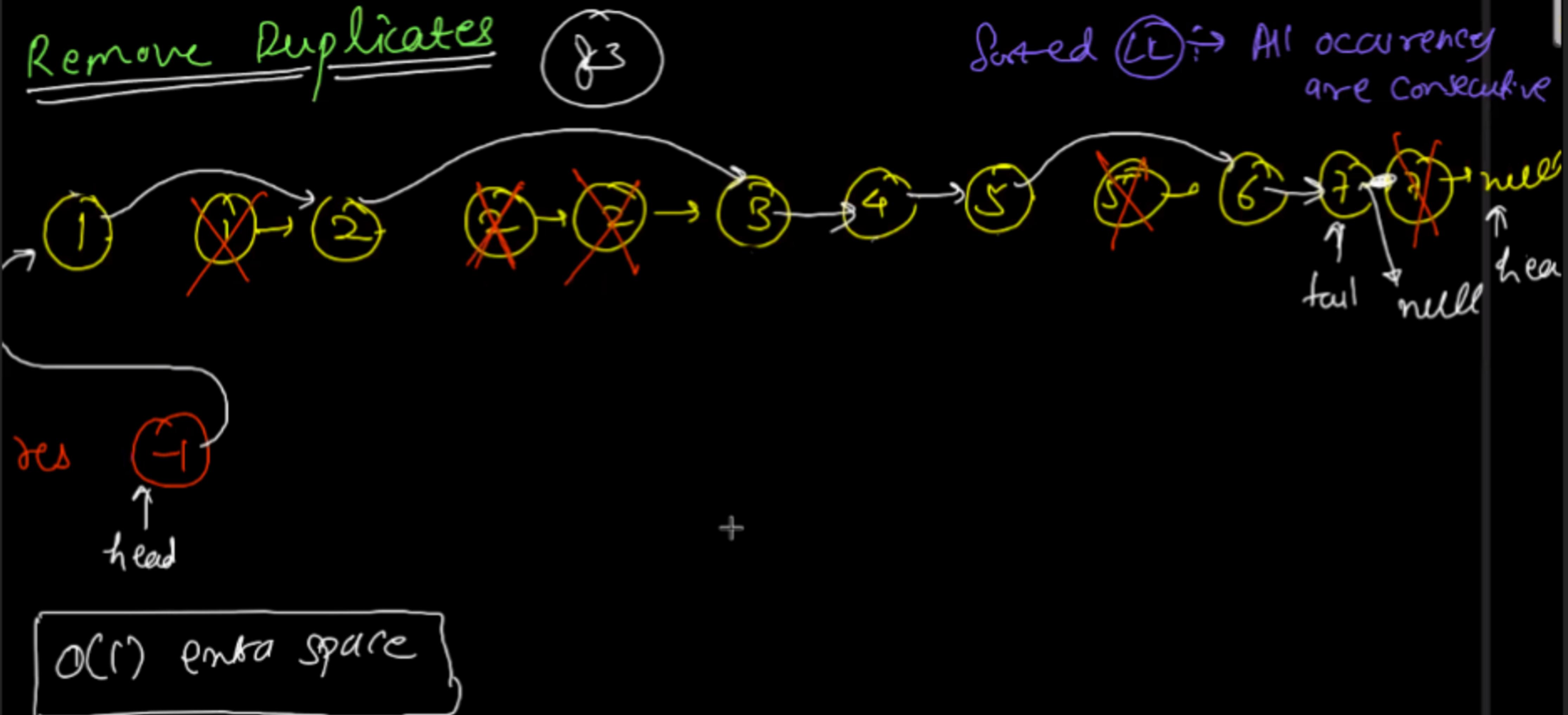
{Randomise: Swap head with any random node?}

Randomized Quicksort code

```
public void randomize(ListNode head) {  
    int size = 0;  
    ListNode curr = head;  
  
    while(curr != null) {  
        size++;  
        curr = curr.next;  
    }  
  
    int randomIdx = (new Random()).nextInt(size); //0 to size-1  
  
    curr = head;  
    while(randomIdx-- > 0) {  
        curr = curr.next;  
    }  
  
    int temp = head.val;  
    head.val = curr.val;  
    curr.val = temp;  
}
```

```
public ListNode sortList(ListNode head) {  
  
    if(head == null || head.next == null) return head;  
  
    randomize(head); → This is change  
    ListNode left = sortList(partition(head,head.val));  
    ListNode right = sortList(head.next);  
    head.next = right;  
    if(left == null) return head;  
  
    ListNode leftTail = getTail(left);  
    leftTail.next = head;  
    return left;  
}
```

Remove Duplicates { from Sorted List }



My Code {LC 83} [This is without dummy

Node]

```
333 Solution 1
public ListNode deleteDuplicates(ListNode head) {
    if(head == null || head.next == null) return head;

    while(head != null && head.next != null && head.val == head.next.val) {
        head = head.next;
    }

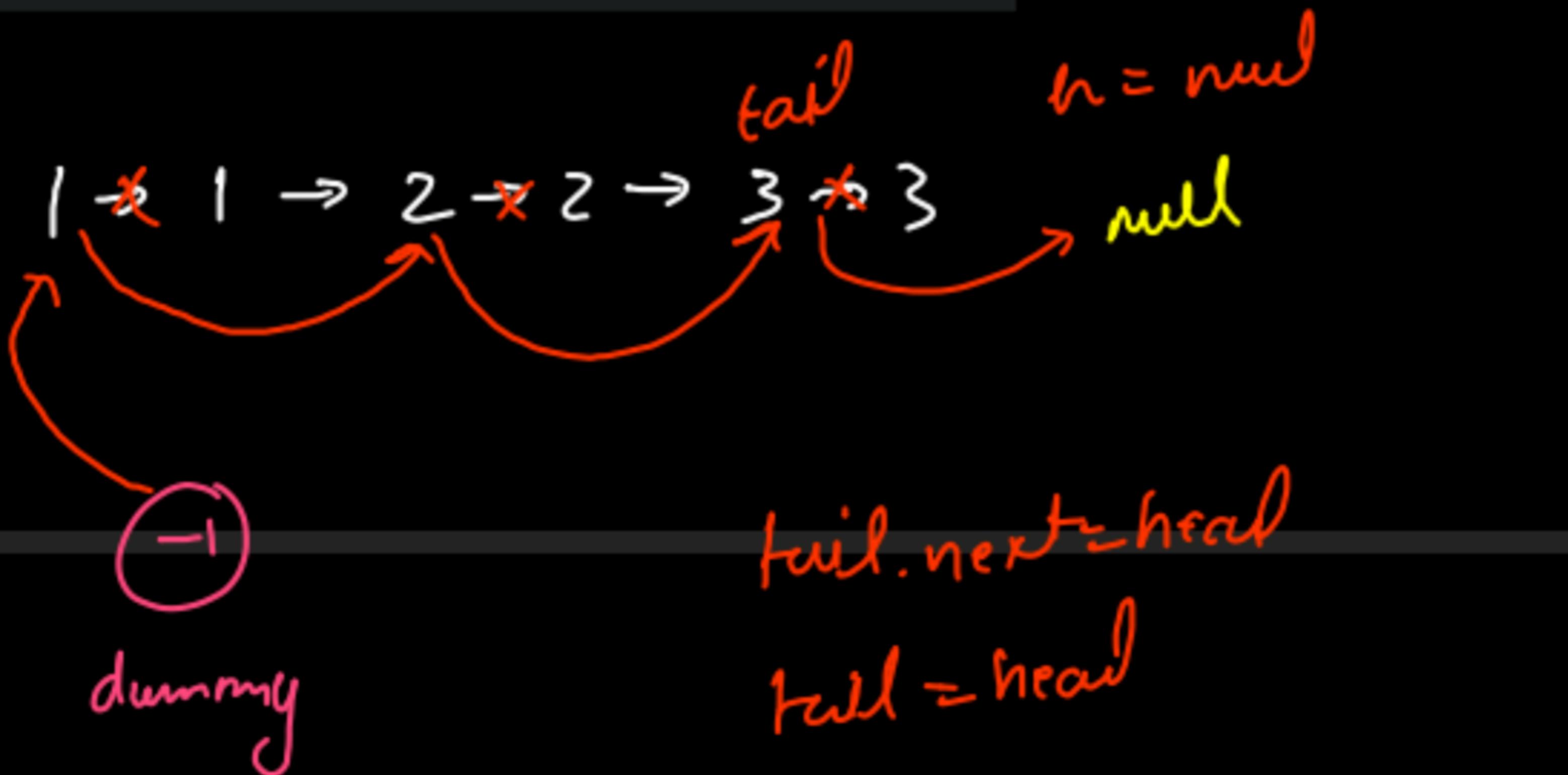
    ListNode curr = head.next;

    while(curr != null && curr.next != null) {
        if(curr.val == curr.next.val) {
            curr.next = curr.next.next;
        } else {
            curr = curr.next;
        }
    }

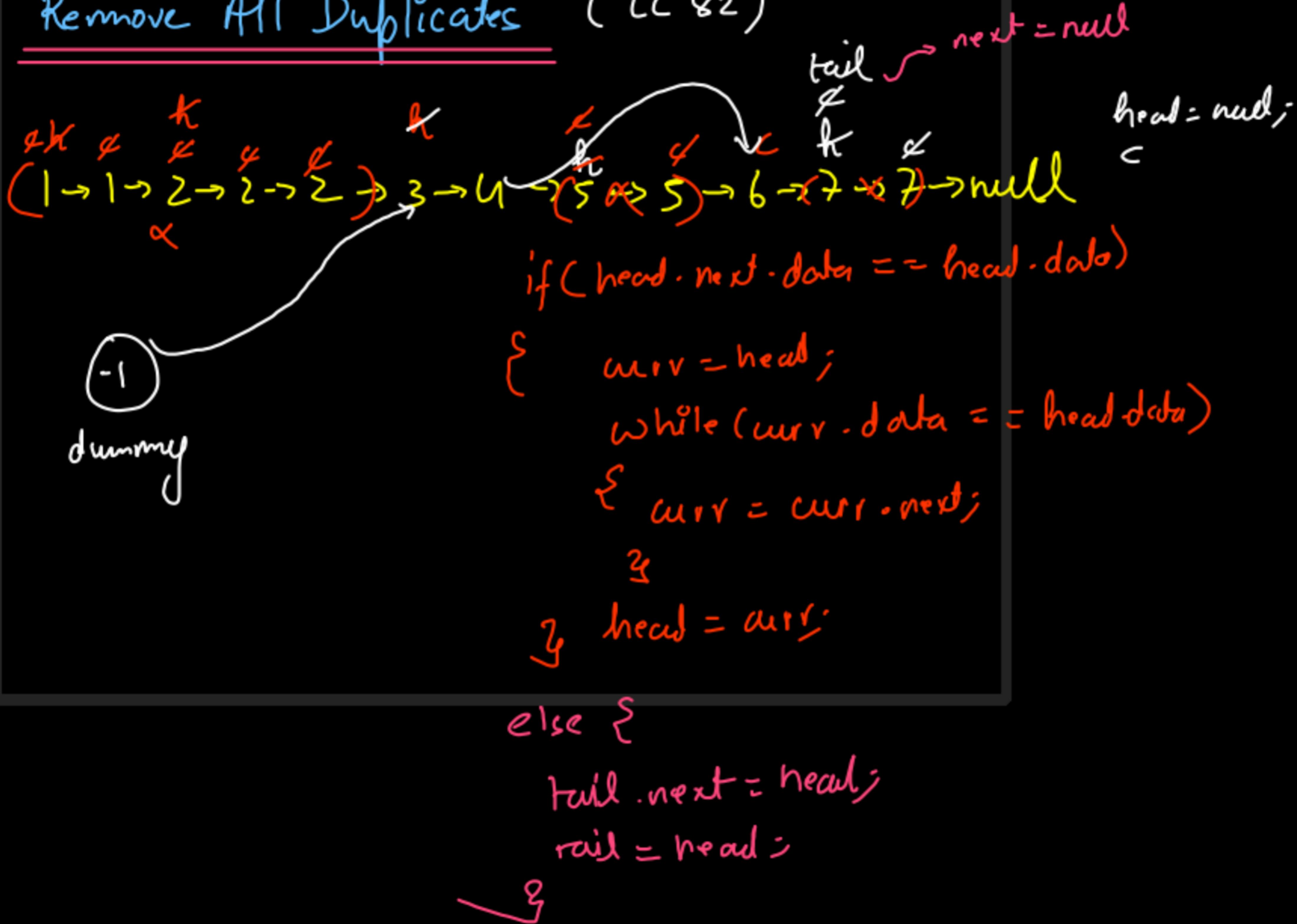
    return head;
}
```

Using dummy Node

```
public ListNode deleteDuplicates(ListNode head) {  
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode tail = dummy;  
  
    while(head != null) {  
        if(tail == dummy || head.val != tail.val) {  
            tail.next = head;  
            tail = head;  
        }  
        head = head.next;  
    }  
  
    tail.next = null;  
    return dummy.next;  
}
```



Remove All Duplicates (LL 82)



My Code without Using Dummy Node

```
class Solution {
    public ListNode deleteDuplicates(ListNode head) {
        if(head == null || head.next == null) return head;
        int curr = -200; //invalid val acc to constraints
        while(head != null && head.next != null) {
            if(head.val == head.next.val) {
                curr = head.val;
                head = head.next;
            } else if(head.val == curr) {
                head = head.next;
            } else {
                break;
            }
        }
        if(head.next == null && head.val == curr) return null;
        if(head == null || head.next == null) return head;
        curr = -200;
        ListNode p = head.next;
```

```
        ListNode prev = head;
        while(p.next != null) {
            if(p.val == p.next.val) {
                curr = p.val;
                p.next = p.next.next;
            } else if(p.val == curr) {
                prev.next = p.next;
                p = prev.next;
                curr = -200;
            } else {
                prev = p;
                p = p.next;
            }
        }
        if(p.val == curr) prev.next = null;
        return head;
    }
}
```

$O(N)$

Code Using Dummy Node -

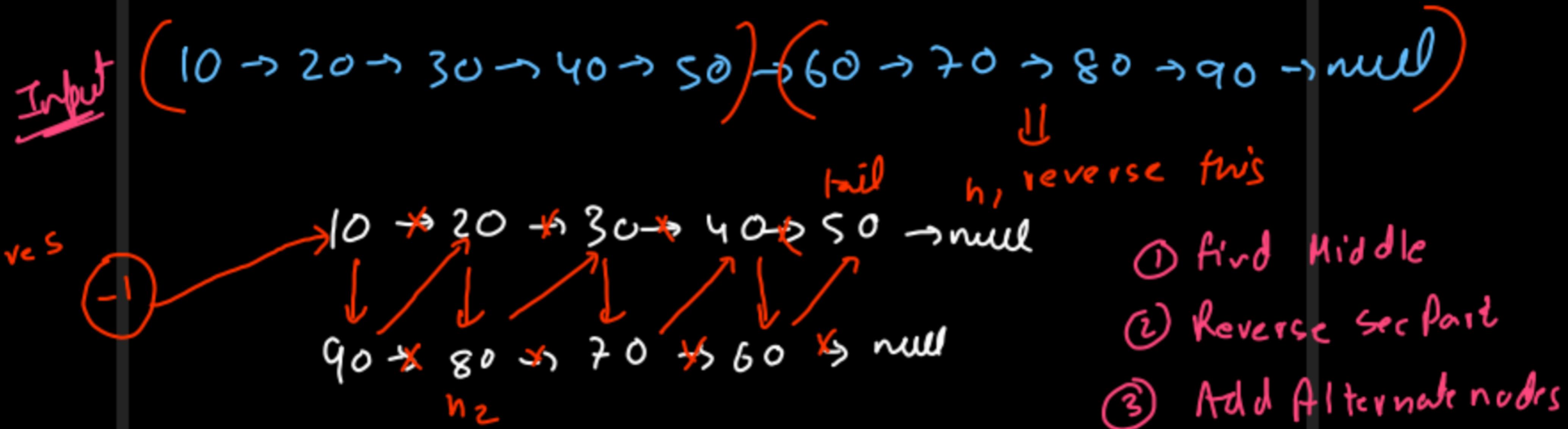
```
public ListNode deleteDuplicates(ListNode head) {
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode tail = dummy;

    while(head != null) {
        if(head.next == null || head.next.val != head.val) {
            tail.next = head;
            tail = head;
            head = head.next;
        } else {
            ListNode curr = head;
            while(curr != null && curr.val == head.val) {
                curr = curr.next;
            }
            head = curr;
        }
    }

    tail.next = null;
    return dummy.next;
}
```

$O(N)$

fold a LL {Reorder List LC 143}



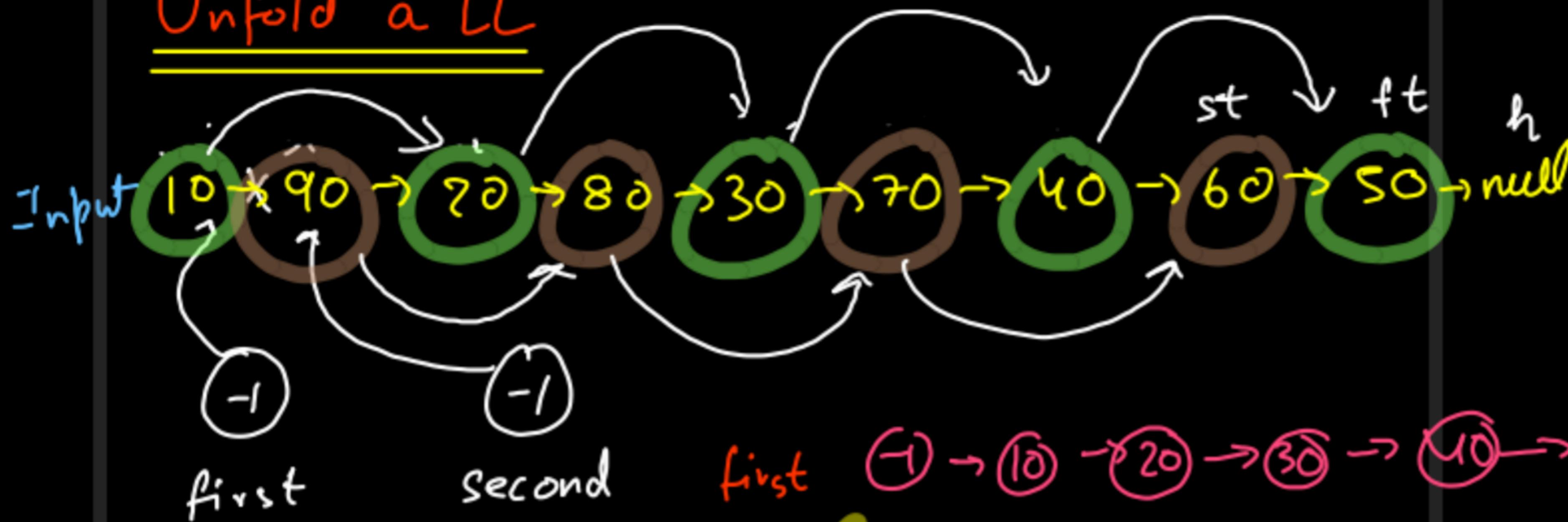
Output $10 \rightarrow 90 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 80 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 70 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 60 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow \text{null}$

Code for fold call

```
public void reorderList(ListNode head) {  
    ListNode mid = middleNode(head);  
    ListNode second = reverseList(mid.next);  
    mid.next = null;  
  
    ListNode dummy = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode tail = dummy;  
  
    while(head != null || second!=null) {  
        if(head != null) {  
            tail.next = head;  
            tail = head;  
            head = head.next;  
        }  
        if(second != null) {  
            tail.next = second;  
            tail = second;  
            second = second.next;  
        }  
    }  
  
    tail.next = null;  
    head = dummy.next;  
}
```

Unfold a LL

Input



first $\ominus 1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow \text{null}$

Second $(\ominus 1 \rightarrow 90 \rightarrow 80 \rightarrow 70 \rightarrow 60 \rightarrow \text{null}) \Rightarrow \text{reverse}$
& then

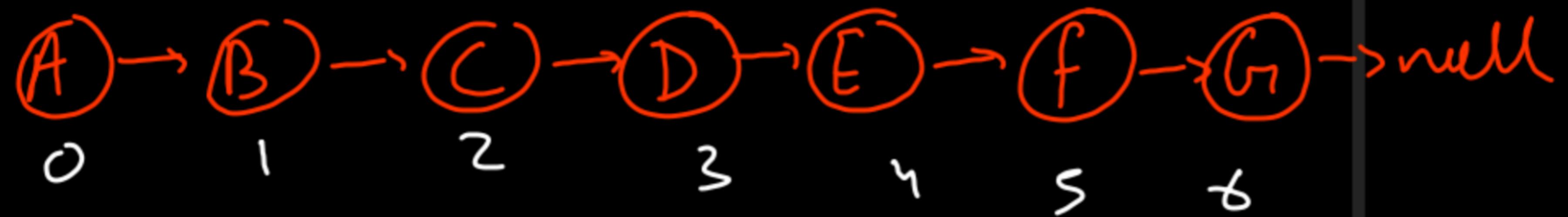
Output $10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow 60 \rightarrow 70 \rightarrow 80 \rightarrow 90 \rightarrow \text{null}$

Join

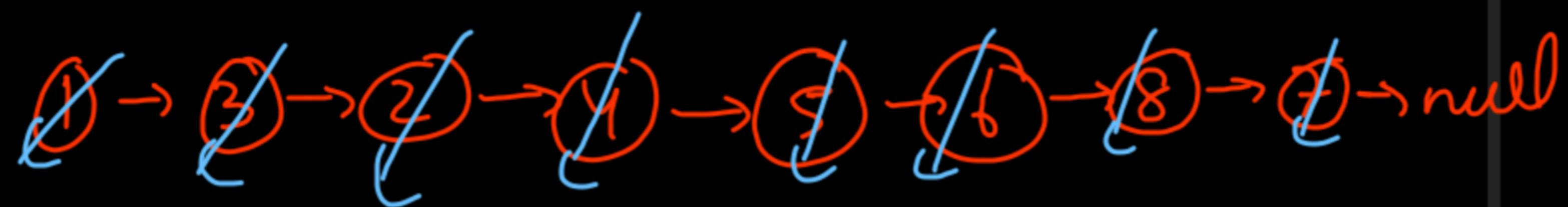
Unfold LL code

```
public static void unfold(ListNode head) {  
    ListNode firstHead = new ListNode(-1);  
    ListNode secondHead = new ListNode(-1);  
  
    ListNode first = firstHead, second = secondHead;  
  
    while(head != null) {  
        first.next = head;  
        first = head;  
        head = head.next;  
  
        if(head != null) {  
            second.next = head;  
            second = head;  
            head = head.next;  
        }  
    }  
  
    first.next = null;  
    second.next = null;  
  
    first.next = reverse(secondHead.next);  
    head = firstHead.next;  
}
```

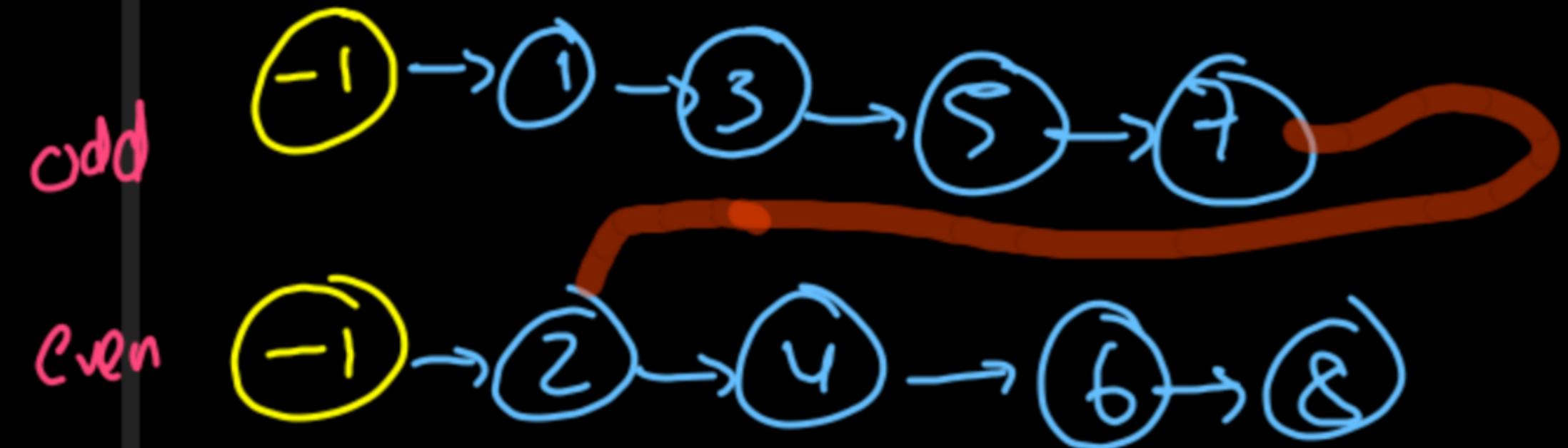
Odd Even List {By indices} {Unfold Variation}



Odd Even List {By Values} {Sort 01 Variation}



1 → 3 → 5 → 7 → 2 → 6 → 8



Code

```
Node divide(int N, Node head){  
    // code here  
    Node oddHead = new Node(-1);  
    Node evenHead = new Node(-1);  
  
    Node odd = oddHead, even = evenHead;  
  
    while(head != null) {  
        if(head.data % 2 == 1) {  
            odd.next = head;  
            odd = head;  
        } else {  
            even.next = head;  
            even = head;  
        }  
        head = head.next;  
    }  
  
    odd.next = null;  
    even.next = oddHead.next;  
    return evenHead.next;  
}
```