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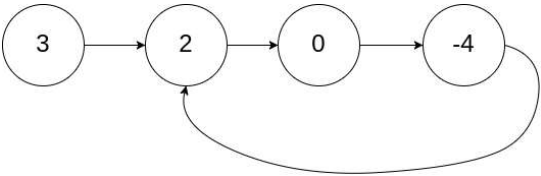
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Given the `head` of a linked list, return *the node where the cycle begins*. If there is no cycle, return `null`.

There is a cycle in a linked list if there is some node in the list that can be reached again by continuously following the `next` pointer. Internally, `pos` is used to denote the index of the node that tail's `next` pointer is connected to (**0-indexed**). It is `-1` if there is no cycle. **Note that `pos` is not passed as a parameter**.

**Do not modify** the linked list.

Example 1:

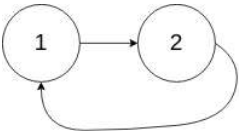


Input: head = [3,2,0,-4], pos = 1

Output: tail connects to node index 1

Explanation: There is a cycle in the linked list, where tail connects to the second node.

Example 2:




Input: head = [1,2], pos = 0

Output: tail connects to node index 0

Explanation: There is a cycle in the linked list, where tail connects to the first node.

Example 3:



Input: head = [1], pos = -1

Output: no cycle

Explanation: There is no cycle in the linked list.

Constraints:

- The number of the nodes in the list is in the range  $[0, 10^4]$ .
- $-10^5 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 10^5$
- pos is -1 or a **valid index** in the linked-list.

Follow up:

Can you solve it using  $O(1)$  (i.e. constant) memory?

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 \* class ListNode {  
 \* int val;  
 \* ListNode next;  
 \* ListNode(int x) {  
 \* val = x;  
 \* next = null;  
 \* }  
 \* }  
 \*/  
public class Solution {  
 public ListNode detectCycle(ListNode head) {  
 }  
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