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Switch to Pensieve:

• Everyone: Go to pensieve.co, log in with your @berkeley.edu email, and enter your group number (which was in the email that assigned you to this lab).

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Getting Started

To get help from a TA, If you do not have an in-person TA, you can reach your TA using this Zoom link.

If there are fewer than 3 people in your group, feel free to merge your group with another group in the room.

Everybody say your name and your birthday and then tell the group about your favorite birthday party you've attended (either for your birthday or someone else's).

Pro tip: Groups tend not to ask for help unless they've been stuck for a looooooong time. Try asking for help sooner. We're pretty helpful! You might learn something.

Linked Lists

A linked list is a Link object or Link.empty.

You can mutate a Link object s in two ways: - Change the first element with s.first = ... - Change the rest of the elements with s.rest = ...

You can make a new Link object by calling Link: -Link(4) makes a linked list of length 1 containing 4. -Link(4, s) makes a linked list that starts with 4 followed by the elements of linked list s.

```
class Link:
   """A linked list is either a Link object or Link.empty
   >>> s = Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))
   >>> s.rest
   Link(4, Link(5))
   >>> s.rest.rest.rest is Link.empty
   >>> s.rest.first * 2
   >>> print(s)
   <3 4 5>
   0.00
   empty = ()
   def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        assert rest is Link.empty or isinstance(rest, Link)
        self.first = first
        self.rest = rest
   def __repr__(self):
        if self.rest:
            rest_repr = ', ' + repr(self.rest)
       else:
            rest_repr = ''
       return 'Link(' + repr(self.first) + rest_repr + ')'
   def __str__(self):
       string = '<'
       while self.rest is not Link.empty:
            string += str(self.first) + ' '
            self = self.rest
        return string + str(self.first) + '>'
```

Drawing time: Pick a way for your group to draw diagrams. Paper, a whiteboard, or a tablet, are all fine. If you don't have anything like that, ask another group in the room if they have extra paper.

Q1: Strange Loop

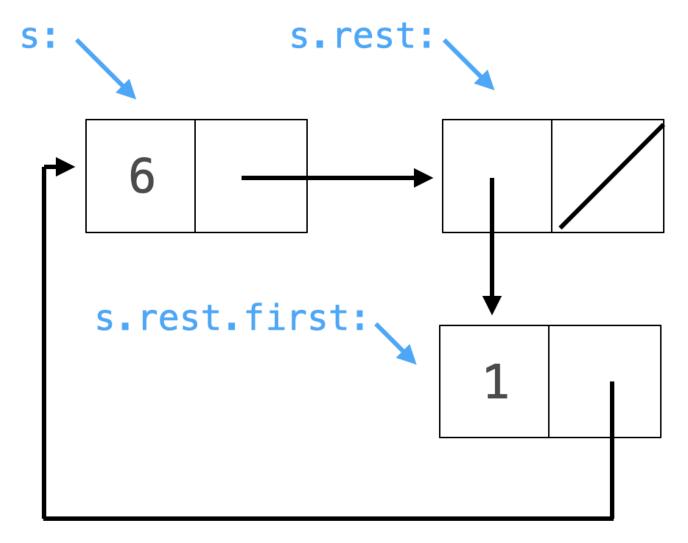
In lab, there was a Link object with a cycle that represented an infinite repeating list of 1's.

```
>>> ones = Link(1)
>>> ones.rest = ones
>>> [ones.first, ones.rest.first, ones.rest.rest.first, ones.rest.rest.rest.first]
[1, 1, 1, 1]
>>> ones.rest is ones
True
```

Implement strange_loop, which takes no arguments and returns a Link object s for which s.rest.first.rest is

Draw a picture of the linked list you want to create, then write code to create it.

For s.rest.first.rest to exist at all, the second element of s, called s.rest.first, must itself be a linked list.



Making a cycle requires two steps: making a linked list without a cycle, then modifying it. First create, for example, s = Link(6, Link(Link(1))), then change s.rest.first.rest to create the cycle.

```
def strange_loop():
    """Return a Link s for which s.rest.first.rest is s.

>>> s = strange_loop()
    >>> s.rest.first.rest is s
    True
    """
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Q2: Sum Two Ways

Implement both sum_rec and sum_iter. Each one takes a linked list of numbers s and a non-negative integer k and returns the sum of the first k elements of s. If there are fewer than k elements in s, all of them are summed. If k is 0 or s is empty, the sum is 0.

Use recursion to implement sum_rec. Don't use recursion to implement sum_iter; use a while loop instead.

```
def sum_rec(s, k):
   """Return the sum of the first k elements in s.
   >>> a = Link(1, Link(6, Link(8)))
   >>> sum_rec(a, 2)
   7
   >>> sum_rec(a, 5)
   15
   >>> sum rec(Link.empty, 1)
   0
   # Use a recursive call to sum_rec; don't call sum_iter
   "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
def sum_iter(s, k):
   """Return the sum of the first k elements in s.
   >>> a = Link(1, Link(6, Link(8)))
   >>> sum_iter(a, 2)
   7
   >>> sum iter(a, 5)
   15
   >>> sum iter(Link.empty, 1)
   # Don't call sum_rec or sum_iter
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Add s.first to the sum of the first k-1 elements in s.rest. Your base case condition should include s is Link. empty so that you're checking whether s is empty before ever evaluating s.first or s.rest.

Introduce a new name, such as total, then repeatedly (in a while loop) add s.first to total, set s = s.rest to advance through the linked list, and reduce k by one.

Discussion time: When adding up numbers, the intermediate sums depend on the order. (1 + 3) + 5 and 1 +(3 + 5) both equal 9, but the first one makes 4 along the way while the second makes 8 along the way. For the same linked list s and length k, will sum_rec and sum_iter both make the same intermediate sums along the way?

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For a summation, the order of additions doesn't affect the result, but for other operations this ordering matters. If you're not sure why, spend a few minutes talking to your TA about when it might make a difference.

Q3: Overlap

Implement overlap, which takes two linked lists of numbers called s and t that are sorted in increasing order and have no repeated elements within each list. It returns the count of how many numbers appear in both lists.

This can be done in *linear* time in the combined length of s and t by always advancing forward in the linked list whose first element is smallest until both first elements are equal (add one to the count and advance both) or one list is empty (time to return). Here's a lecture video clip about this (but the video uses Python lists instead of linked lists).

Take a vote to decide whether to use recursion or iteration. Either way works (and the solutions are about the same complexity/difficulty).

```
def overlap(s, t):
   """For increasing s and t, count the numbers that appear in both.
   >>> a = Link(3, Link(4, Link(6, Link(7, Link(9, Link(10))))))
   >>> b = Link(1, Link(3, Link(5, Link(7, Link(8)))))
   >>> overlap(a, b) # 3 and 7
   2
   >>> overlap(a.rest, b) # just 7
   1
   >>> overlap(Link(0, a), Link(0, b))
   3
   "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

```
if s is Link.empty or t is Link.empty:
   return 0
if s.first == t.first:
   return _____
elif s.first < t.first:</pre>
   return _____
elif s.first > t.first:
   return _____
```

```
k = 0
while s is not Link.empty and t is not Link.empty:
   if s.first == t.first:
        _____
    elif s.first < t.first:</pre>
    elif s.first > t.first:
return k
```

Please all fill out the attendance form (one submission per person per week).

Important: Please help put the furniture in the room back where you found it before you leave. Thanks!

Extra Challenge

This last question is similar in complexity to an A+ question on an exam. Feel free to skip it, but it's a fun one, so try it if you have time.

Q4: Decimal Expansion

Definition. The decimal expansion of a fraction n/d with n < d is an infinite sequence of digits starting with the 0 before the decimal point and followed by digits that represent the tenths, hundredths, and thousands place (and so on) of the number n/d. E.g., the decimal expansion of 2/3 is a zero followed by an infinite sequence of 6's: 0.66666666...

Implement divide, which takes positive integers n and d with n < d. It returns a linked list with a cycle containing the digits of the infinite decimal expansion of n/d. The provided display function prints the first k digits after the decimal point.

For example, 1/22 would be represented as x below:

```
>>> 1/22

0.045454545454545456

>>> x = Link(0, Link(0, Link(4, Link(5))))

>>> x.rest.rest.rest.rest = x.rest.rest

>>> display(x, 20)

0.0454545454545454545454...
```

```
def display(s, k=10):
    """Print the first k digits of infinite linked list s as a decimal.
   >>> s = Link(0, Link(8, Link(3)))
   >>> s.rest.rest.rest = s.rest.rest
   >>> display(s)
   0.833333333...
    assert s.first == 0, f'{s.first} is not 0'
    digits = f'{s.first}.'
   s = s.rest
   for _ in range(k):
        assert s.first \geq 0 and s.first < 10, f'{s.first} is not a digit'
        digits += str(s.first)
        s = s.rest
    print(digits + '...')
def divide(n, d):
    """Return a linked list with a cycle containing the digits of n/d.
    >>> display(divide(5, 6))
   0.833333333...
   >>> display(divide(2, 7))
   0.2857142857...
   >>> display(divide(1, 2500))
   0.0004000000...
   >>> display(divide(3, 11))
   0.2727272727...
   >>> display(divide(3, 99))
   0.0303030303...
   >>> display(divide(2, 31), 50)
    0.06451612903225806451612903225806451612903225806451\dots
    assert n > 0 and n < d
    result = Link(0) # The zero before the decimal point
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Place the division pattern from the example above in a while statement:

```
>>> q, r = 10 * n // d, 10 * n % d
>>> tail.rest = Link(q)
>>> tail = tail.rest
>>> n = r
```

While constructing the decimal expansion, store the tail for each n in a dictionary keyed by n. When some n appears a second time, instead of constructing a new Link, set its original link as the rest of the previous link. That will form a cycle of the appropriate length.