

## Sort a linked list of 0s, 1s and 2s

Given a linked list of **0s, 1s and 2s**, The task is to sort the list in **non-decreasing** order.

**Examples:**

**Input:** 1 -> 1 -> 2 -> 0 -> 2 -> 0 -> 1 -> NULL

**Output:** 0 -> 0 -> 1 -> 1 -> 1 -> 2 -> 2 -> NULL

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**Output:** 0 -> 1 -> 1 -> 1 -> 2 -> NULL

**[Expected Approach – 1] By Maintaining Frequency –  $O(n)$  Time and  $O(1)$  Space:**

The idea is to traverse the linked List and **count** the number of nodes having values **0, 1 and 2** and store them in an **array** of size 3, say **cnt[]** such that

- **cnt[0]** = count of nodes with value 0
- **cnt[1]** = count of nodes with value 1
- **cnt[2]** = count of nodes with value 2

Now, traverse the linked list again to fill the first **cnt[0]** nodes with **0**, then next **cnt[1]** nodes with **1** and finally **cnt[2]** nodes with **2**.