

1. Finding the Loop in a Circular Linked List

Floyd's cycle-finding algorithm, also known as ***tortoise** and **hare** algorithm*.

The idea is to have **two references** to the list and move them at **different speeds**.

Move the **first** forward by 1 node and the **second** by 2 nodes.

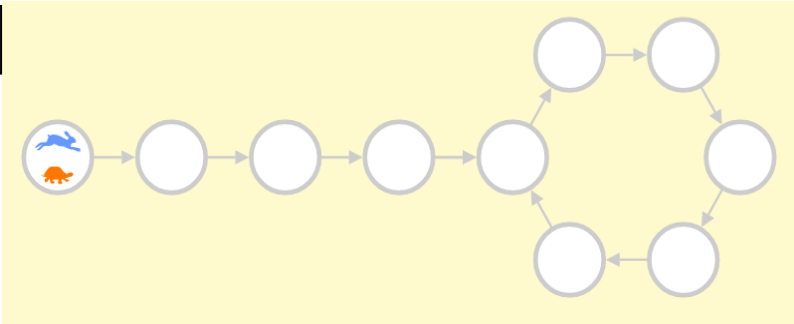
- ❖ If the linked list has a loop they will **definitely** meet.

Proof :

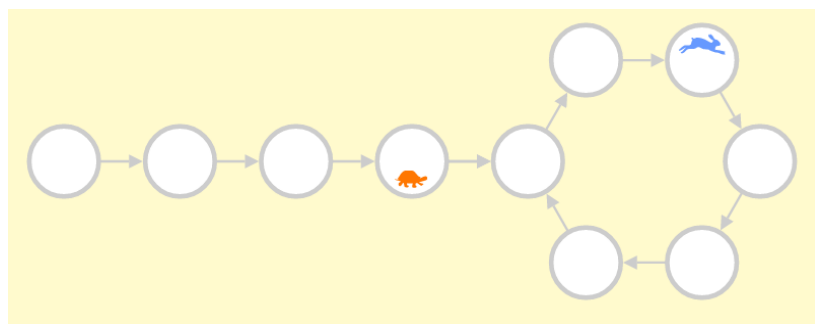
- ❖ Else either of the two references(or their next) will become **null**.

Linked List with Cycle (Loop)

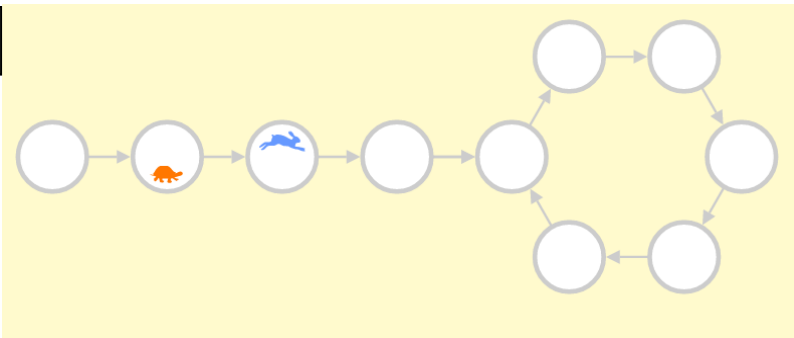
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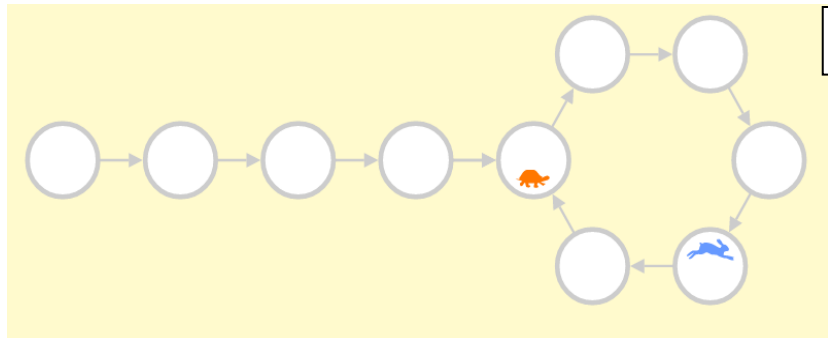
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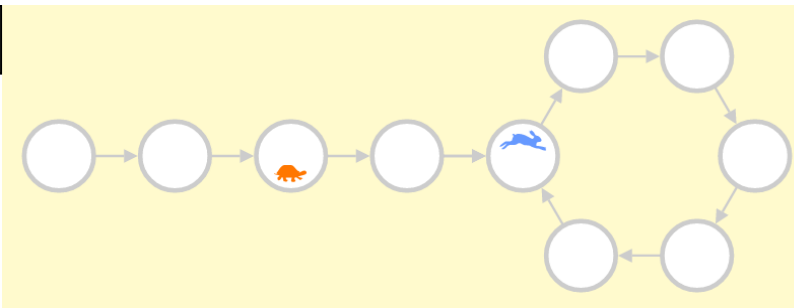
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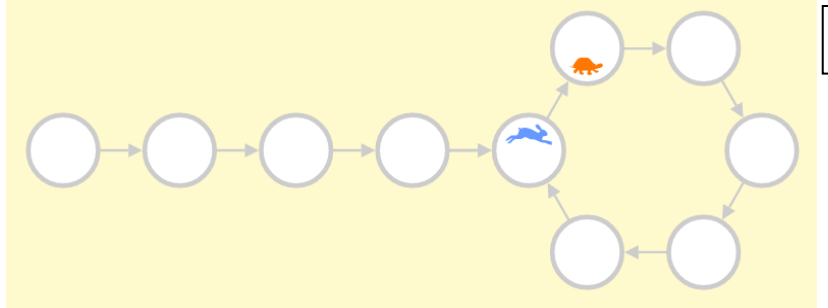
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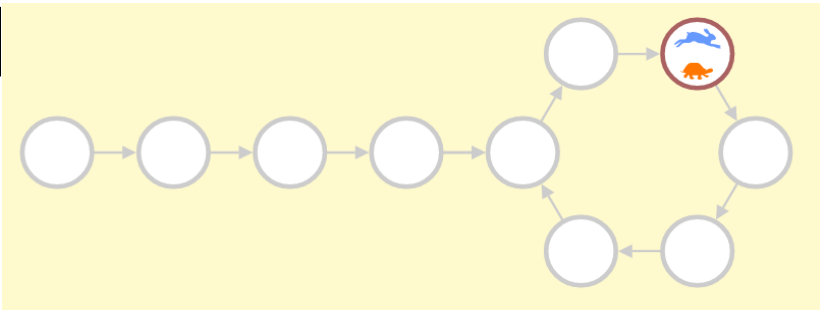
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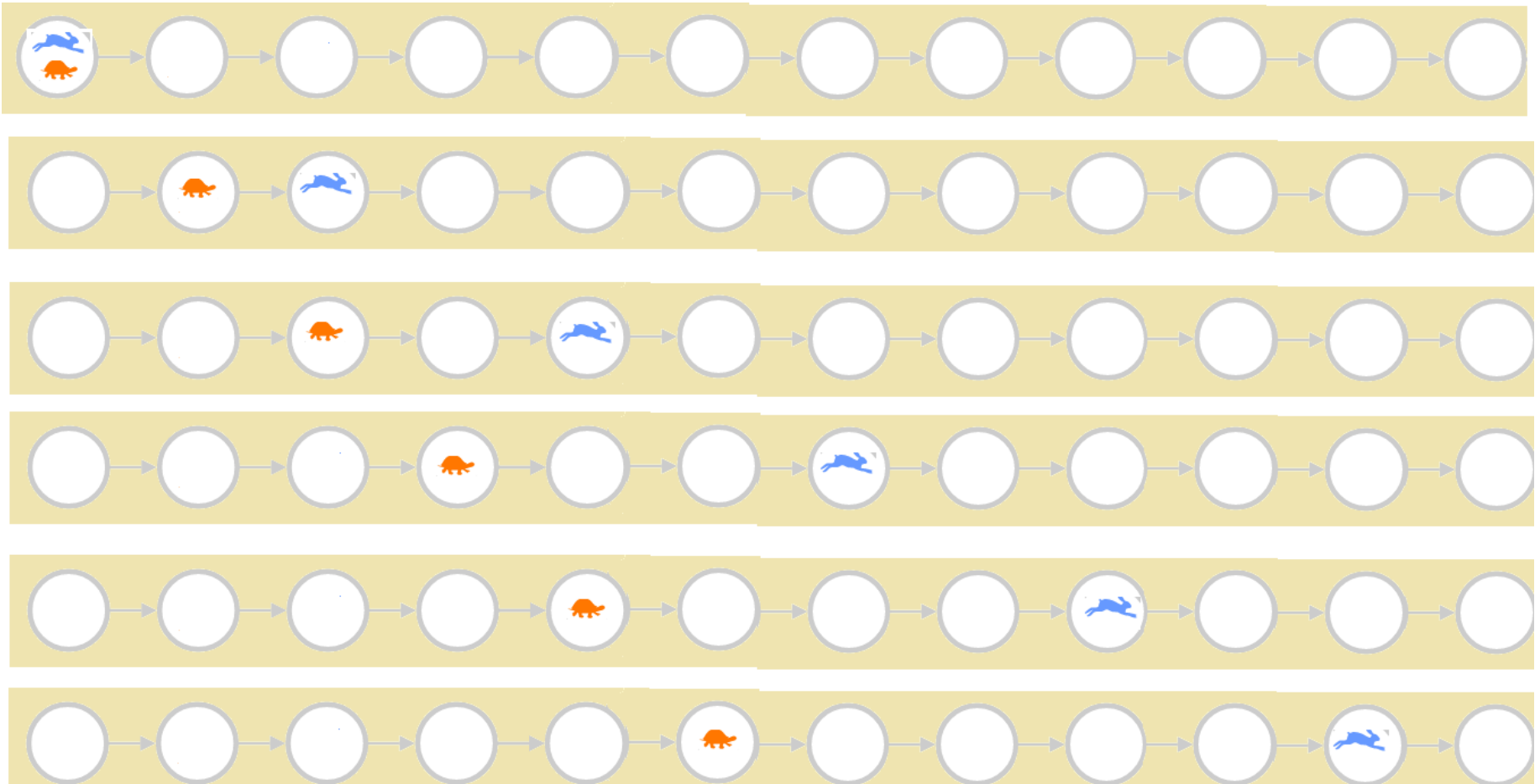
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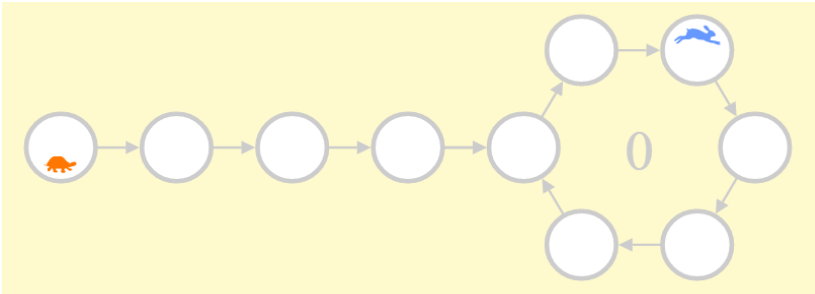


Linked List without Cycle (Loop)

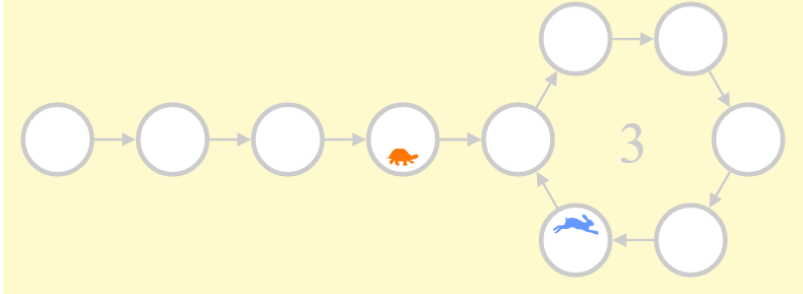


2. Finding the Length of a Loop in a Circular Linked List

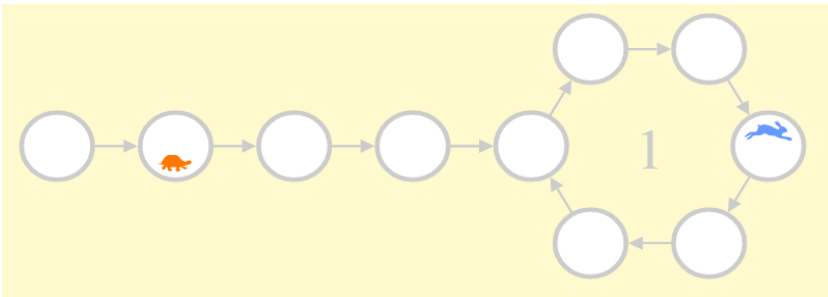
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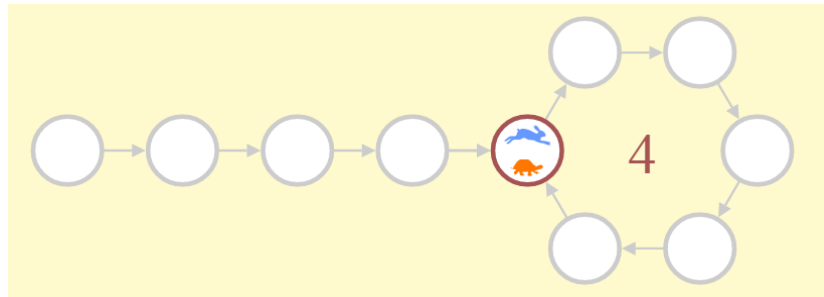
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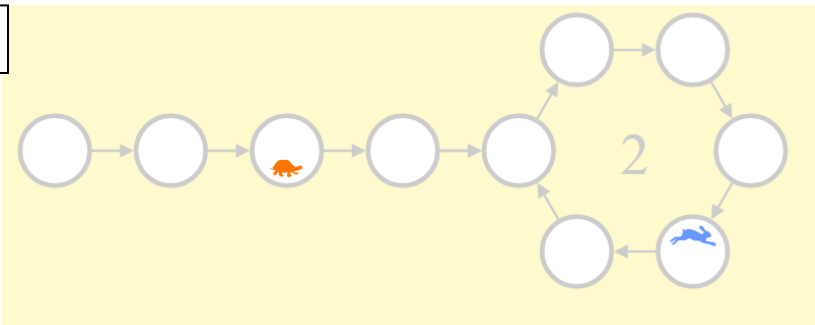
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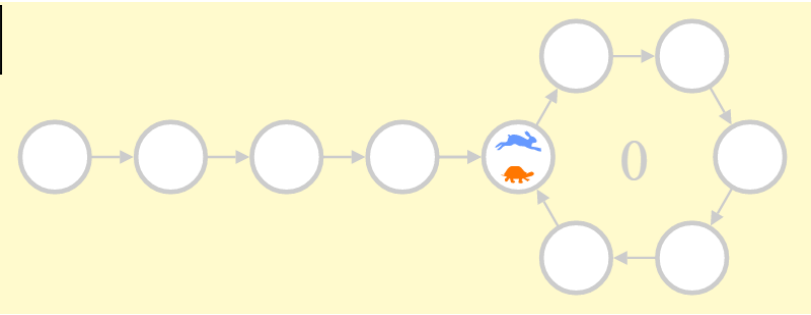
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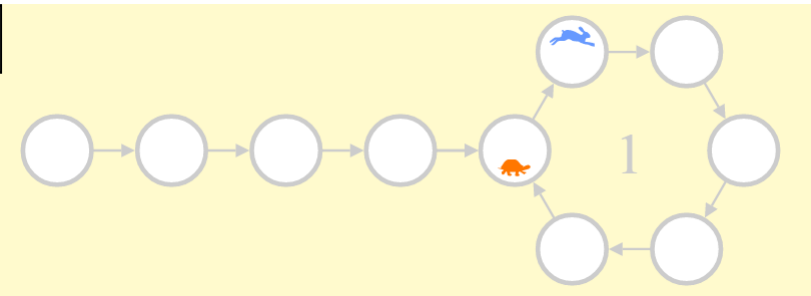
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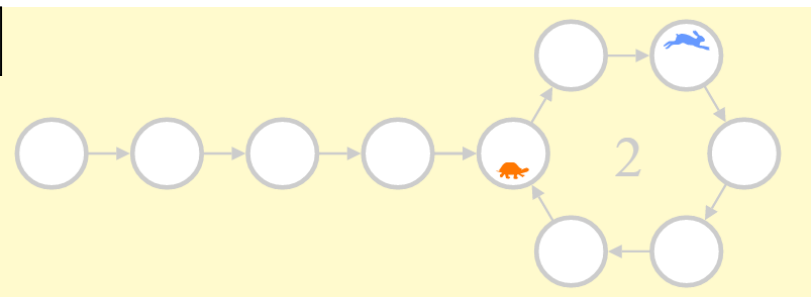
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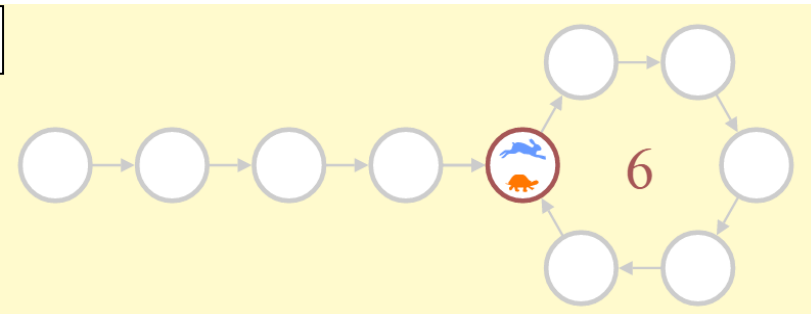
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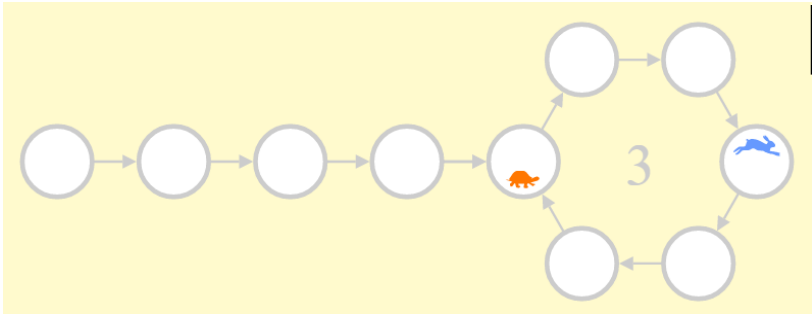
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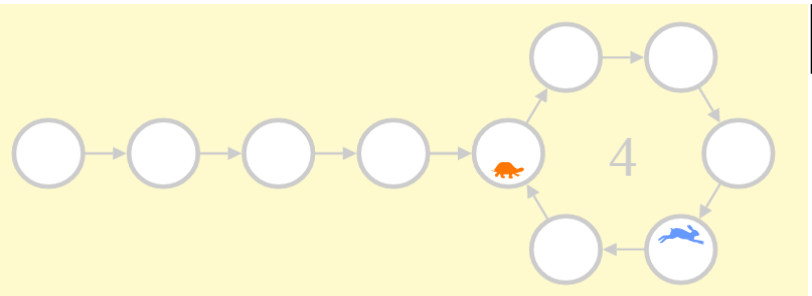
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