

## Swap Nodes in Pairs

In this problem, we must swap nodes (not values) and maintain the linked list structure; the approach is iterative with a dummy node.

- [Key Idea:]
- Use a dummy node before head to simplify pointer manipulation.
  - For each pair:
    - Let first and second be the two nodes to swap
    - Rearrange pointers:  $prev \rightarrow second \rightarrow first \rightarrow next$ .
  - Move  $prev$  to first (new position after swap) and continue.

- [Steps:]
1. Create a dummy node and point it to head.
  2. Use a pointer  $prev$  initialized to dummy.
  3. While there are at least two nodes to swap:
    - Identify  $first = prev \rightarrow next$  and  $second = first \rightarrow next$ .
    - Perform the swap:
      - $prev \rightarrow next = second$ ;
      - $first \rightarrow next = second \rightarrow next$ ;
      - $second \rightarrow next = first$ ;
    - Move  $prev$  to first.
  4. Return dummy  $\rightarrow next$  as new head.

- [Time Complexity:]
- $O(n)$  (one pass through the list)
  - $O(1)$  extra space.