

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.