

EECS 281 Lab 3 Bonus Written Problem

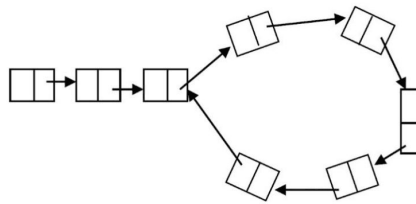
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BW-3. Linked List Cycle

Consider the following definition of a singly-linked list:

```
struct ListNode {
    int val;
    ListNode *next;
    ListNode(int x) : val(x), next(nullptr) {}
};
```

You are given the head pointer of a singly-linked list. Write a function that determines if the list contains a cycle (or loop), where a node's next pointer points back to a previous node in the list:



Complete this function with a runtime complexity of $\Theta(n)$ and an additional space complexity of $\Theta(1)$, where n represents the number of elements in the singly-linked list. You are limited to **15 lines of code** (not including function headers, comments, or braces on a single line).

// Bonus Written Problem (Lab 3): Linked List Cycle

```
bool hasCycle(ListNode *head) {
    // use the two pointer (runner) technique, where one moves faster than the other
    // if the fast pointer ends up catching up with the slow pointer, there must be a cycle!
    ListNode *slow = head;
    ListNode *fast = head;
    while (fast && fast->next) {
        slow = slow->next;
        fast = fast->next->next;
        if (fast == slow) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```