

**Question 1: What is the time complexity for searching the name in the linked list you created?**

The time complexity of the searching of name function is  **$O(n)$** .

The function which starts at the head of the linked list iterates through each node until it reaches the end. If there are  $n$  nodes, this requires  $n$  steps.

**Question 2: What is the time complexity for sorting the linked list?**

Sorting the linked list will have a time complexity of  **$O(n \cdot \log n)$**

The function iterates through the linked list to a regular Python list, which requires  $O(n)$  time to go through all the nodes. It then uses Python's built in sort method which has the time complexity of  $O(n \log n)$  and then rebuilds the linked list from the sorted list.

**Question 3: Explain the key differences between linked lists and stacks**

A stack is a data structure that uses the Last In, First Out (LIFO) principle. This means the last element added is the first one to be removed. The typical operations are:

1. **Push** (Add an element to the top of the stack)
2. **Pop** (Removes the element from the top of the stack)
3. **Peek** (View and return the top element without removing it)

A linked list is a data structure that consists of a sequence of nodes (elements) where each node contains a data and a reference to the next node in the sequence. The typical operations are:

1. **Insertion** (Adding a new node at the beginning, end or specific position)
2. **Deletion** (Removing a node from the list)
3. **Traversal** (Visit all the elements in the Linked list sequentially)

The key differences are:

- **Access patterns**
  - Stack enforces a strict order of operations (LIFO) and do not support traversal (only top element is accessible)
  - Linked lists supports insertion/deletion at any node position
- **Use cases**
  - Linked lists are often used for dynamic data collections that can be modified from time to time
  - Stacks are used more for function calls or algorithms that need to be backtracked