Lecture 3 Linked List

Our Roadmap

Linked List Definition

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Illustration Example

Representing a Sequence of Data

- An ordered collection of items (position matters)
 - Array, lists, stacks, and queues
- What did you study before? Array!
- Advantages of using an array
 - Easy and efficient access to any item in the sequence
 - item[i]: return the i-th element in array item
 - Every item can be accessed in constant time
 - This feature of arrays is known as "random access"
 - Very compact (in terms of memory)
- Disadvantages of using an array?

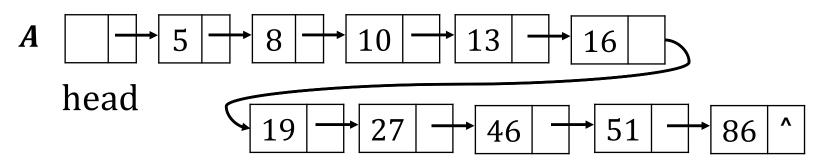
Disadvantages of an Array

- Have to specify an initial array size
- Resize an array is possible, but not so easy
- Difficult to insert/delete elements at arbitrary positions
 - Delete 10 in array A, time complexity?

A	5	8	10	13	16	19	27	46	51	86
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A Linked List

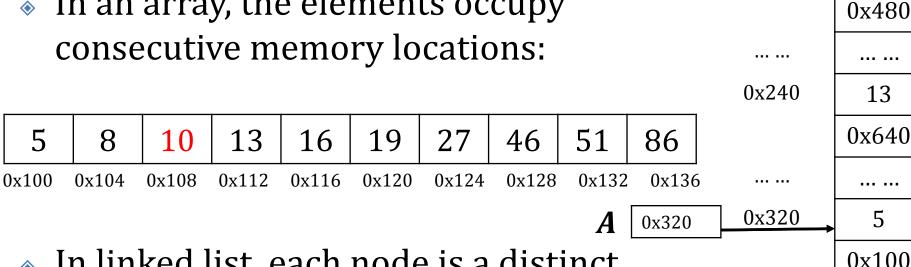
Alternative Representation of a sequence. Example:



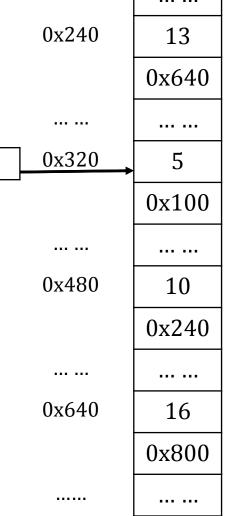
- A linked list stores a sequence of elements in separate nodes
- Each node contains: a single item, a "link" to the node containing the next item: 13
- The last node in the linked list has a link value of "NULL": 86 ↑
- The linked list as a whole is represented by a variable that hold a reference to the first node (e.g., A)

Array vs. Linked List in Memory

In an array, the elements occupy consecutive memory locations:



In linked list, each node is a distinct object. The nodes do NOT have to be next to each other in memory. That's why we need the links to get from one node to the next.

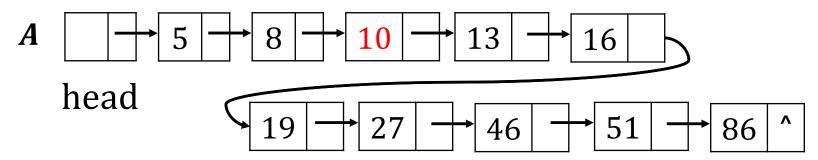


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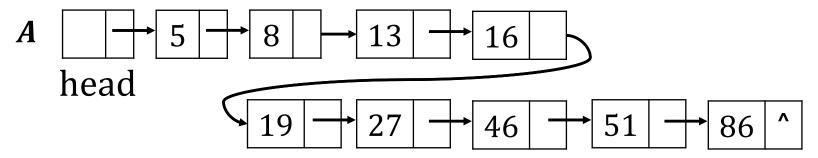
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Features of Linked List

- It can grow without limit (not fixed length)
- Easy to insert/delete an element
- Delete 10 in Linked List A, before:

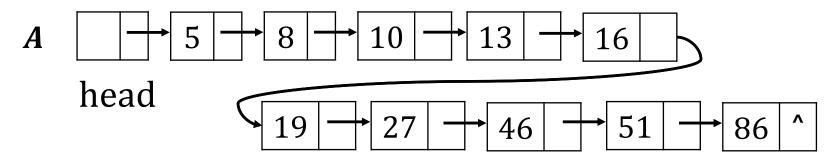


After:

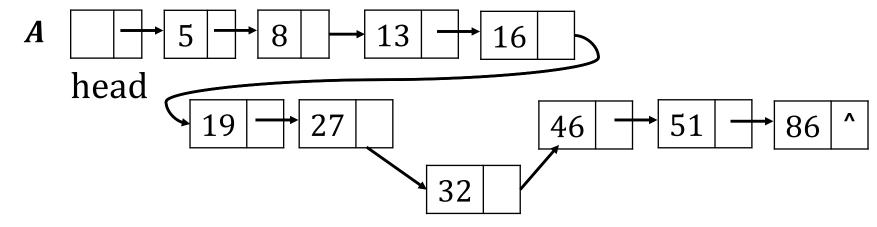


Features of Linked List

Insert 32 in Linked List A, before:



After:



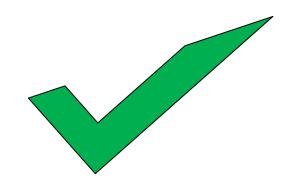
Time Complexity?

Features of Linked List

- Disadvantages of Linked List
 - They do not provide random access
 - Need to "walk down" the list to access an item
 - The links take up additional memory
 - Not compact (in terms of Memory)
- Linked List vs. Array
 - Space complexity
 - Time Complexity: Insert, Delete, Find

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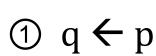
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Basic Operators of Linked List

Before

After



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
q & p \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow & \dots
\end{array}$$

② q ← next of p

$$|a|$$
 $|a|$ $|a|$ $|a|$ $|a|$ $|a|$ $|a|$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & p & q \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 & ... & \rightarrow a & \rightarrow b & \rightarrow ...
\end{array}$$

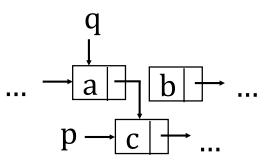
③ p ← next of p

$$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a$$

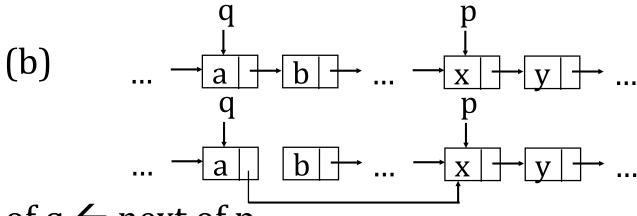
$$a \mapsto b \mapsto ...$$

4 next of $q \leftarrow p$ (a)

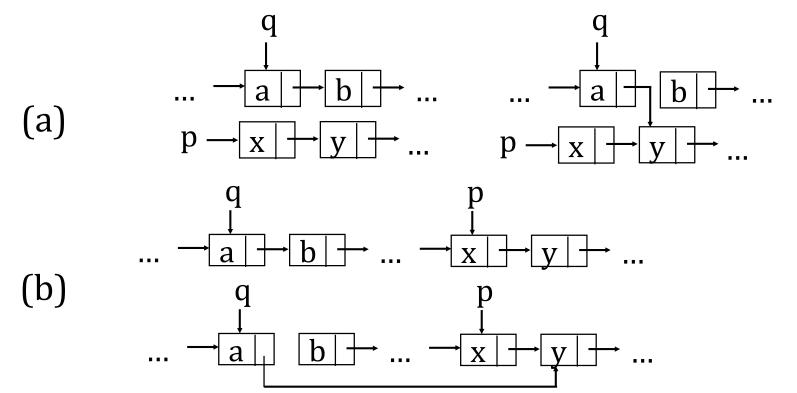
$$\begin{array}{c}
q \\
\downarrow \\
... \rightarrow \boxed{a} \rightarrow \boxed{b} \rightarrow ... \\
p \rightarrow \boxed{c} \rightarrow ...$$



Basic Operators of Linked List

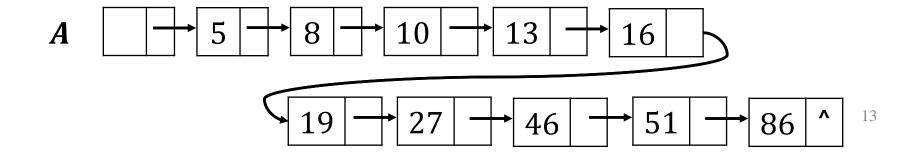


⑤ next of $q \leftarrow next of p$



Traverse a Linked List

- Many tasks require us to traverse or "walk down" a linked list
- Recursion Pseudocode
- Algorithm: traverse(A):
 - 1. if (A=NULL)
 - 2. return
 - 3. else
 - 4. print A.value
 - 5. traverse(A.next)

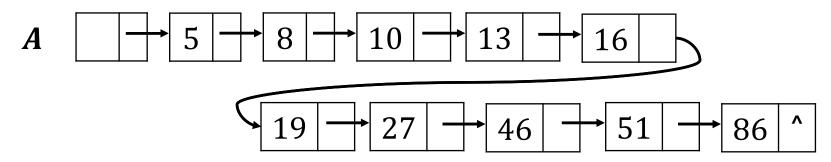


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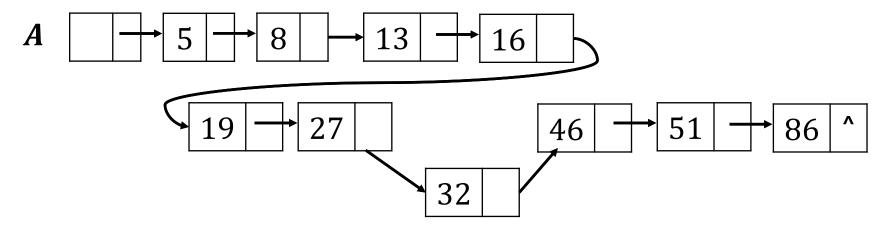
- It can also be done using iteration (for loops, while loops, etc.)
- Iteration Pseudocode
- Algorithm: traverseIteration(A):
 - 1. node trav \leftarrow A
 - 2. While (trav != NULL)
 - 3. **print** trav.value
 - 4. trav ← trav.next
- We use iteration in the following operators, but you can try to use recursion to implement these operators.

Inserting an Item at Position i

Insert 32 in Linked List A at position 8, before:



After:



How to do that?

Inserting an Item at Position i

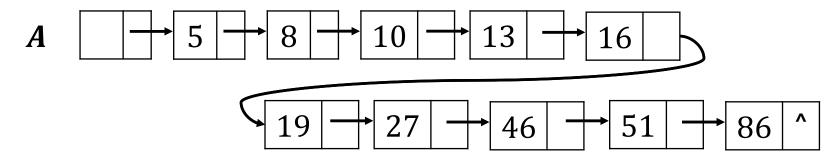
- Problem: insert node q in Linked List A at Position i
- Algorithm: insertNode(A, node q, i):

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1. a \leftarrow 0, node p \leftarrow A,
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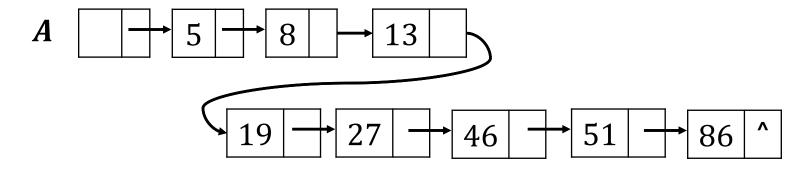
- 2. while (i-1 > a)
- 3. $p \leftarrow p.next$
- 4. $a \leftarrow a + 1$
- 5. tmp \leftarrow p.next
- 6. p.next \leftarrow q
- 7. q.next \leftarrow tmp
- 8. return A
- Time Complexity: O(n)
- Space Complexity: **O(1)**

Deleting an Item at Position i

Delete position 5 in Linked List A, before:



After:



How to do that?

Deleting an Item at Position i

- Problem: delete node in Linked List A at Position i
- Algorithm: deleteNode(A, i):

```
1. a \leftarrow 0, node p \leftarrow A,
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- 2. while (i-1 > a)
- 3. $p \leftarrow p.next$
- 4. $a \leftarrow a + 1$
- 5. p.next \leftarrow p.next.next
- 6. return A
- Time Complexity: O(n)
- Space Complexity: **O(1)**

Finding an Item at Position i

- Problem: Find value x in Linked List A
- Algorithm: findValue(A, x):

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    a ← 0, node p ← A,
    while (p!=NULL)
    if (x = p.value)
    return p
    p ← p.next
    return -1
```

- Time Complexity: O(n)
- Space Complexity: **O(1)**

Updating an Item at Position i

- Problem: Update nodes with value x to y in Linked List A
- Algorithm: updateNodes(A, x):

```
    1. a ← 0, node p ← A,
    2. while (p!=NULL)
    4. if (x = p.value)
    5. p.value ← y
    6. p ← p.next
    7. return A
```

- Time Complexity: O(n)
- Space Complexity: 0(1)

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Operators on polynomials

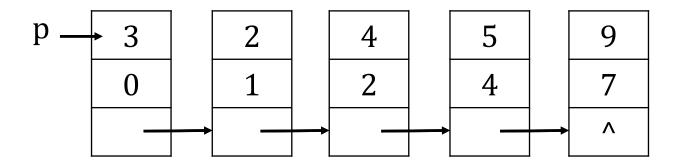
- **Polynomials**: $p(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + ... + p_n x^n$
- a set of ordered pairs of <p_i, i> where p_i is the coefficient and i is the exponent.
- We use linked list store the < p_i, i > pairs of p(x)
- Without loss of generality, we skip all nodes $w/p_i = 0$
- Node representation:

```
\label{eq:node_polyItem} node polyItem \{ \\ float coef \ // record \ p_i \\ int expo \ // record exponent \\ node next \ // reference to next polyItem \}
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Question: how about use array?

Finding degree of a Polynomials

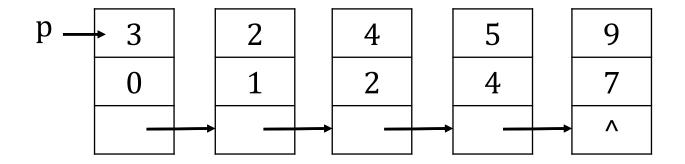
• **Polynomials**: $p(x) = 3 + 2x + 4x^2 + 5x^4 + 9x^7$



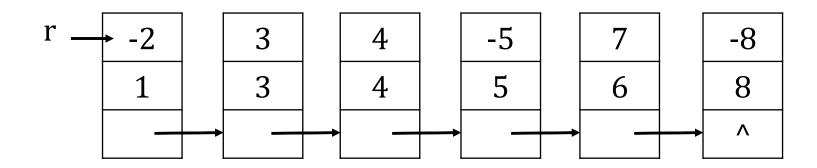
- \bullet Degree of p(x): 7
- Algorithm: findDegree(p):
 - 1. node tmp \leftarrow p
 - 2. While (tmp.next != NULL)
 - 3. $tmp \leftarrow tmp.next$
 - 4. return tmp.expo

Adding two polynomials

 $p(x) = 3 + 2x + 4x^2 + 5x^4 + 9x^7$



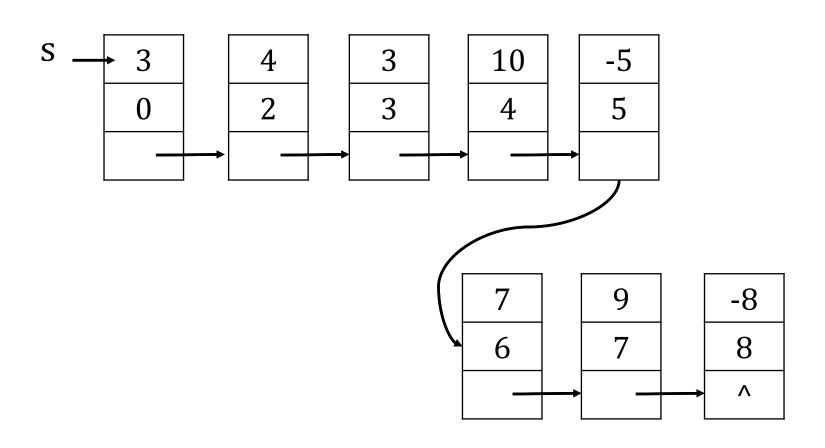
 $r(x) = -2x + 3x^3 + 5x^4 - 5x^5 + 7x^6 - 8x^8$



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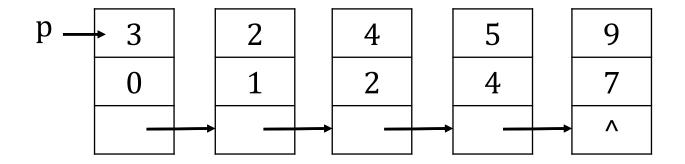
$$s(x) = p(x) + r(x)$$

$$= 3 + 4x^2 + 3x^3 + 10x^4 - 5x^5 + 7x^6 + 9x^7 - 8x^8$$

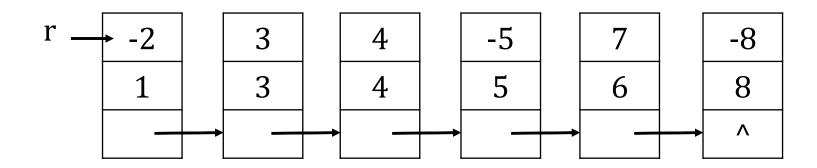


Subtracting two polynomials

$$p(x) = 3 + 2x + 4x^2 + 5x^4 + 9x^7$$



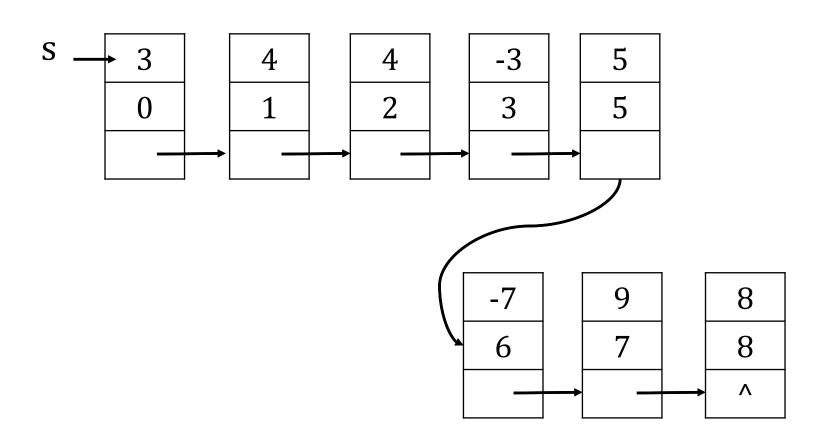
$$r(x) = -2x + 3x^3 + 5x^4 - 5x^5 + 7x^6 - 8x^8$$



Subtracting two polynomials

$$s(x) = p(x) - r(x)$$

$$= 3 + 4x + 4x^2 - 3x^3 + 5x^5 - 7x^6 + 9x^7 + 8x^8$$



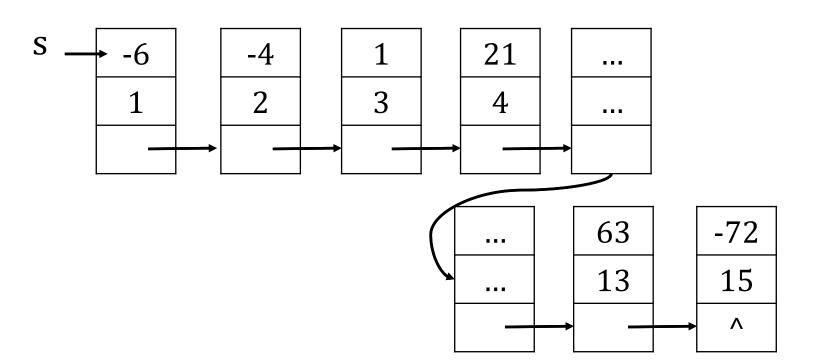
Multiplying two polynomials

$$p(x) = 3 + 2x + 4x^2 + 5x^4 + 9x^7$$

$$r(x) = -2x + 3x^3 + 5x^4 - 5x^5 + 7x^6 - 8x^8$$

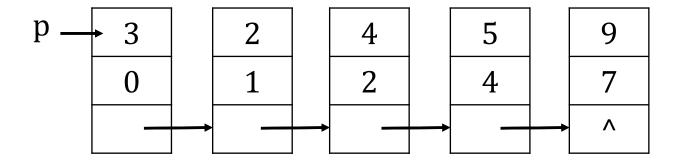
$$s(x) = p(x) * r(x)$$

$$= -6x - 4x^2 + x^3 + 21x^4 - 3x^5 + 31x^6 + 9x^7 + 11x^8 - 41x^9 + 30x^{10} + 45x^{11} - 85x^{12} + 63x^{13} - 72x^{15}$$

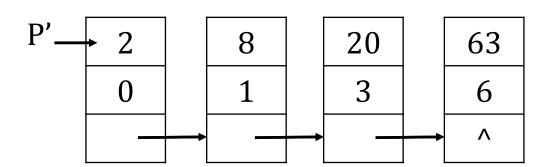


Differentiating of a polynomial

 $p(x) = 3 + 2x + 4x^2 + 5x^4 + 9x^7$

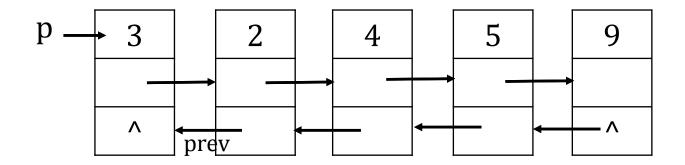


 $p'(x) = 2 + 8x + 20x^3 + 63x^6$



Other variants of Lined List

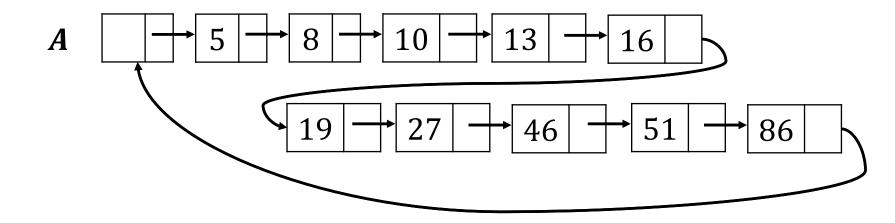
Double linked list



- add a prev reference to each node: refers to the previous node
- allow us to "back up" from a given node

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Circular linked list



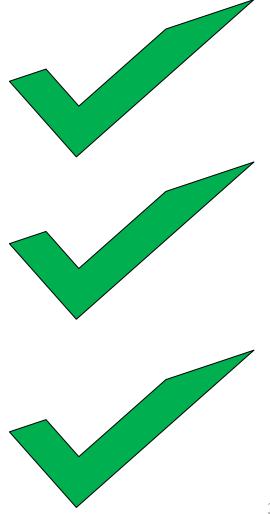
- Is it a empty list? head.next = head?
- Is it the end of list? tmp.next = head?

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Thank You!