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1: // C++ program to detect and remove Loop
2: #include <stdio.h>
3: #include <stdlib.h>
4:
5: typedef struct Node {
6:     int key;
7:     struct Node* next;
8: } Node;
9:
10: Node* newNode(int key)
11: {
12:     Node* temp = (Node*)malloc(sizeof(Node));
13:     temp->key = key;
14:     temp->next = NULL;
15:     return temp;
16: }
17:
18: // A utility function to print a linked list
19: void printList(Node* head)
20: {
21:     while (head != NULL) {
22:         printf("%d ", head->key);
23:         head = head->next;
24:     }
25:     printf("\n");
26: }
27:
28: // Function to detect and remove Loop in a linked list that
29: // may contain loop
30: void detectAndRemoveLoop(Node* head)
31: {
32:     // If list is empty or has only one node without loop
33:     if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL)
34:         return;
35:
36:     Node *slow = head, *fast = head;
37:
38:     // Move slow and fast 1 and 2 steps ahead respectively.
39:     slow = slow->next;

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40:     fast = fast->next->next;
41:
42:     // Search for loop using slow and fast pointers
43:     while (fast && fast->next) {
44:         if (slow == fast)
45:             break;
46:         slow = slow->next;
47:         fast = fast->next->next;
48:     }
49:
50:     /* If loop exists */
51:     if (slow == fast) {
52:         slow = head;
53:
54:         // this check is needed when slow and fast both meet
55:         // at the head of the LL eg: 1->2->3->4->5 and then
56:         // 5->next = 1 i.e the head of the LL
57:         if (slow == fast)
58:             while (fast->next != slow)
59:                 fast = fast->next;
60:         else {
61:             while (slow->next != fast->next) {
62:                 slow = slow->next;
63:                 fast = fast->next;
64:             }
65:         }
66:
67:         /* since fast->next is the looping point */
68:         fast->next = NULL; /* remove loop */
69:     }
70: }
71:
72: /* Driver program to test above function*/
73: int main()
74: {
75:     Node* head = newNode(50);
76:     head->next = head;
77:     head->next = newNode(20);
78:     head->next->next = newNode(15);

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79:     head->next->next->next = newNode(4);
80:     head->next->next->next->next = newNode(10);
81:
82:     /* Create a loop for testing */
83:     head->next->next->next->next->next = head;
84:
85:     detectAndRemoveLoop(head);
86:
87:     printf("Linked List after removing loop \n");
88:     printList(head);
89:
90:     return 0;
91: }
92:
93: // This code is contributed by Aditya Kumar (adityakumar129)
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