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Cycle Detection





A linked list is said to contain a cycle if any node is visited more than once while traversing the list.

Complete the function provided for you in your editor. It has one parameter: a pointer to a *Node* object named *head* that points to the head of a linked list. Your function must return a boolean denoting whether or not there is a cycle in the list. If there is a cycle, return *true*; otherwise, return *false*.

Note: If the list is empty, *head* will be *null*.

Input Format

Our hidden code checker passes the appropriate argument to your function. You are not responsible for reading any input from stdin.

Constraints

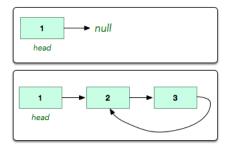
• $0 \le list size \le 100$

Output Format

If the list contains a cycle, your function must return *true*. If the list *does not* contain a cycle, it must return *false*. The binary integer corresponding to the boolean value returned by your function is printed to stdout by our hidden code checker.

Sample Input

The following linked lists are passed as arguments to your function:



Sample Output

0 1

Explanation

- 1. The first list has no cycle, so we return false and the hidden code checker prints $\mathbf{0}$ to stdout.
- 2. The second list has a cycle, so we return true and the hidden code checker prints 1 to stdout.

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    Detect a cycle in a linked list. Note that the head pointer may be 'NULL' if the list is empty.
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     A Node is defined as:
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         struct Node {
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             int data;
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              struct Node* next;
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     */
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11 ▼ bool has_cycle(Node* head) {
         // Complete this function
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         // Do not write the main method
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    }
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