

Delete greater nodes in the right of linked list

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Approach — 1 (naive approach) - TLE ⚠

Time : $O(n^2)$

for because in worst case for n nodes we will check every n-1 nodes that if they are greater then the left nodes or not

Space : $O(1)$

constant space

approach/steps :-

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/* ⚠️✅ [TLE] Approach - 1 (simple O(nsq sol))

    explanation :

    // -> Main fun

    step 1 : create 3 pointers tempHead = head, temp = head -> next, tempHeadPrv
= null
    step 2 : run a loop while tempHead & temp both are non null
        step 3 : when the temp's data is smaller than tempHead's data ,
            step 4 : when the tempHead and head are on same node
                step 4.1 : head = head -> next
                step 4.2 : create a node 'a' and store tempHead into it, then
delete 'a' node
                step 4.3 : update tempHead = head
                step 4.4 : temp = tempHead -> next
            step 5 : else when the tempHead and head are not on same node
                step 5.1 : create a node 'a' and store tempHead into it
                step 5.2 : update tempHead = tempHead -> next
                step 5.3 : update tempHeadPrv -> next = tempHead
                step 5.4 : temp = tempHead -> next

        step 6 : when the temp's data is not smaller than tempHead's data
            step 6.1 : set temp = temp -> next
            step 6.2 : if tempHead = null then
                step 6.3 : update tempHeadPrv = tempHead, tempHead = tempHead ->
next,
                step 6.4 : if tempHead == null then break
                step 6.5 : else temp = tempHead -> next
        step 7 : return the head node

    ⚠️ T : O(N^2) (worst case) -> n is total nodes in linked list
    ✅ S : O(1)

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code :-

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public:
    Node *compute(Node *head)
    {
        // step 1 : create 3 pointers tempHead = head, temp = head -> next,
tempHeadPrv = null
        Node* tempHead = head;
        Node* temp = head -> next;
        Node* tempHeadPrv = nullptr;

        // step 2 : run a loop while tempHead & temp both are non null
        while(tempHead && temp){

            // step 3 : when the temp's data is smaller than tempHead's data ,
            if(temp != nullptr && (temp -> data > tempHead -> data)){

                // step 4 : when the tempHead and head are on same node
                if(tempHead == head){
                    // step 4.1 : head = head -> next
                    head = head -> next;
                    // step 4.2 : create a node 'a' and store tempHead into it, then
delete 'a' node

                    Node* a = tempHead;
                    a -> next = nullptr;
                    delete a;
                    // step 4.3 : update tempHead = head
                    tempHead = head;
                    // step 4.4 : temp = tempHead -> next
                    temp = tempHead -> next;
                }

                // step 5 : else when the tempHead and head are not on same node
                else{
                    // step 5.1 : create a node 'a' and store tempHead into it
                    Node* a = tempHead;
                    // step 5.2 : update tempHead = tempHead -> next
                    tempHead = tempHead -> next;
                    // step 5.3 : update tempHeadPrv -> next = tempHead
                    tempHeadPrv -> next = tempHead;
                    // step 5.4 : temp = tempHead -> next
                    temp = tempHead -> next;
                }
            }

            //step 6 : when the temp's data is not smaller than tempHead's data
            else{
                // step 6.1 : set temp = temp -> next
                temp = temp -> next;
                // step 6.2 : if tempHead = null then
                if(temp == nullptr){
                    // step 6.3 : update tempHeadPrv = tempHead, tempHead = tempHead -

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> next,

    tempHeadPrv = tempHead;
    tempHead = tempHead -> next;
    // step 6.4 : if tempHead == null then break
    if(tempHead == nullptr) break;
    // step 6.5 : else temp = tempHead -> next
    else temp = tempHead -> next;
}

}

}

// step 7 : return the head node
return head;
}

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★ *Approach* — 2 (using deque) - BEST

Time : $O(n)$

| n for inserting nodes into dq, then n for changing links to make a doubly linked list

Space : $O(n)$

| to store n number of nodes in doubly ended queue

Approach :-

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/* ✔️★Approach - 2 (using deque) - Optimal
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    explanation :-
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        Fun.1 : main fun
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            step 91 : create a doubly ended q dq<node*>, create temp node to  
store head
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            step2 : run a loop while temp is not null
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                step 3 : if dq is empty, push temp node from back of dq and  
update the temp = temp -> next
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                step 4 : else if the dq is non empty  
then if the dq's top is greater than dq's back then pop the front  
node from 'dq'
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                step 5 : else if the temp's data is smaller than the dq's back  
node then push the temp into the dq, and set temp = temp -> next
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                step 6 : create 2 nodes 'mainHead = dq.front()' and 'tail = mainHead'  
, pop the front of dq
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                Step 7 : run a loop while the dq is not empty
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                    step 7.1 : create a temp node and save the front of dq into it,  
now pop from front
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                    step 7.2 : set tail -> next = temp, tail = temp
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                step 8 : return the mainHead
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Code :-

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public:
    Node* compute(Node* head) {

        // step 1 : create a doubly ended q dq<node*>, create temp node to store head
        deque<Node*> dq;
        Node* temp = head;

        // step2 : run a loop while temp is not null
        while(temp){
            // step 3 : if dq is empty, push temp node from back of dq and update the
temp = temp -> next
            if(dq.empty()){
                dq.push_back(temp);
                temp = temp -> next;
            }

            // step 4 : else if the dq is non empty
            // then if the dqs top is greater then dq back then pop the front node
from 'dq'
            else if(temp -> data > dq.back() -> data){
                dq.pop_back();
            }

            // step 5 : else if the temps data is smaller then the dq's back node then
push the temp into the dq, and set temp = temp -> next
            else{
                dq.push_back(temp);
                temp = temp -> next;
            }
        }

        // step 6 : create 2 nodes 'mainHead = dq.front()' and 'tail = mainHead' , pop
the front of dq
        Node* mainHead = dq.front();
        Node* tail = mainHead;
        dq.pop_front();

        // Step 7 : run a loop while the dq is not empty
        while(!dq.empty()){
            // step 7.1 : create a temp node and save the front of dq into it, now pop
from front
            Node* temp = dq.front();
            dq.pop_front();
            // step 7.2 : set tail -> next = temp, tail = temp
            tail -> next = temp;
            tail = temp;
        }

        // step 8 : return the mainHead
        return mainHead;
    }

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}  
  
};
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Approach — 3 (recursive) - BEST

Time : $O(N)$

Space : $O(N)$

code :-

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public:  
    ListNode* removeNodes(ListNode* head) {  
  
        // step1 : base case - if the head is null then return null  
        if(head == nullptr) return nullptr;  
        if(head -> next == nullptr) return head;  
  
        // step 2 : recursion will somehow remove greater nodes for right linked list,  
        and will return the head of new right part, connect the head and right head  
        ListNode* rightHead = removeNodes(head -> next);  
        head -> next = rightHead;  
  
        // step 3 : if right head is greater then 'head' then return the righthHead,  
        else return head  
        if(rightHead -> val > head -> val) return rightHead;  
        else return head;  
  
    }
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