

Approach #1 → Maintain 2 Queues: lesser
greater

Problem

① → ④ → ③ → ② → ⑤ → ② $x = 3$

Lesser:

1	2	2	
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Greater

4	3	5
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Finally merge the 2 Queues together
to form the solⁿ.

Time = $O(n)$ & Space = $O(n)$

Approach #2 : Space efficient : Rearrange nodes

Maintain 5 pointers : lt , $ltStart$, gt , $gtStart$, current

Keeps track of all nodes
with $val < x$

Starting node

Keeps track of all
nodes with $val > x$

Starting
node

current
node
being
evaluated

Prblm: $1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 2$

$x=3$

Initial States: $curr = head$; $lt = ltStart = null$; $gt = gtStart = null$

$curr = 1$

$lt = ltStart$



$curr = 4$

$lt = ltStart$



$gt = gtStart = null$

$gt = gtStart$



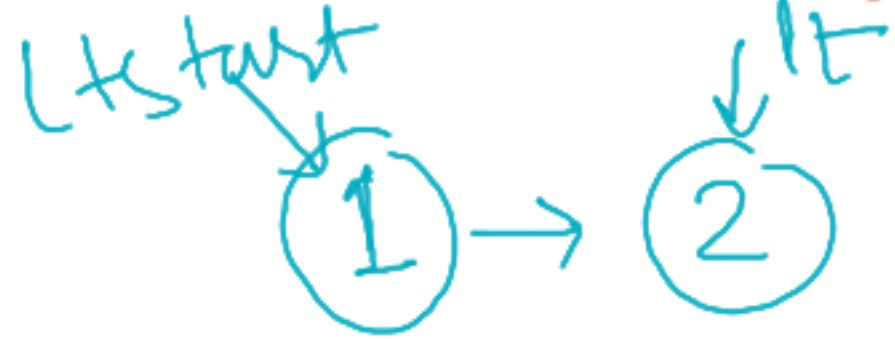
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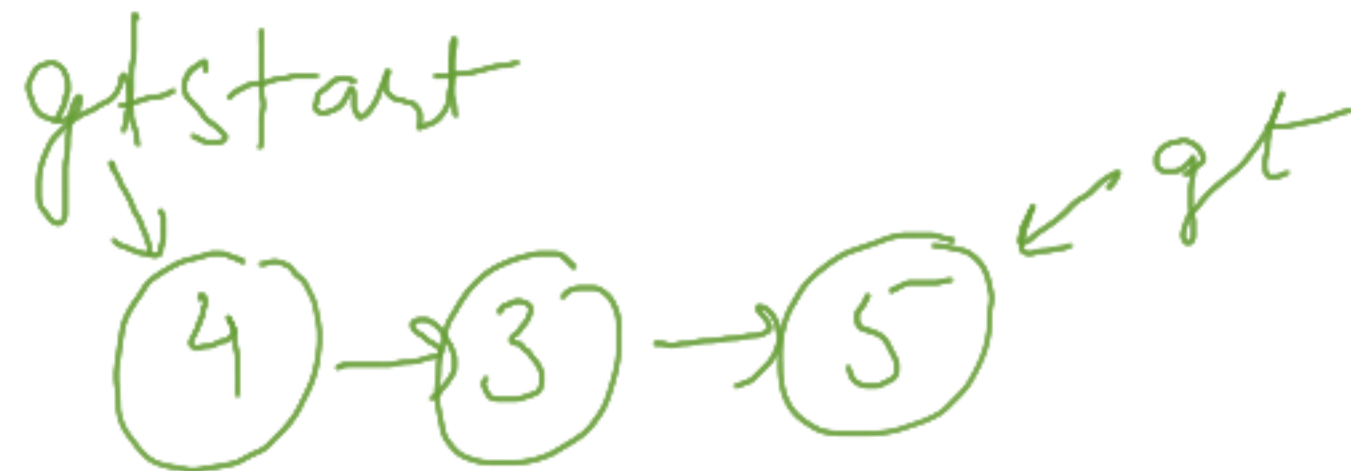
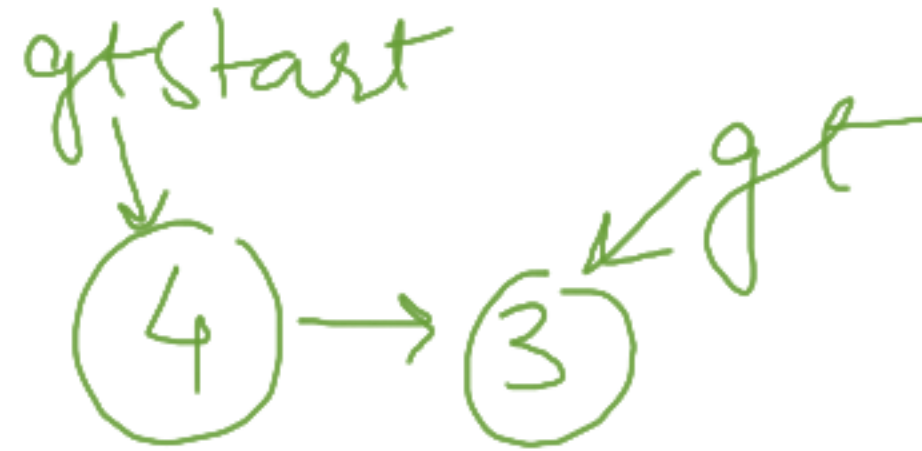
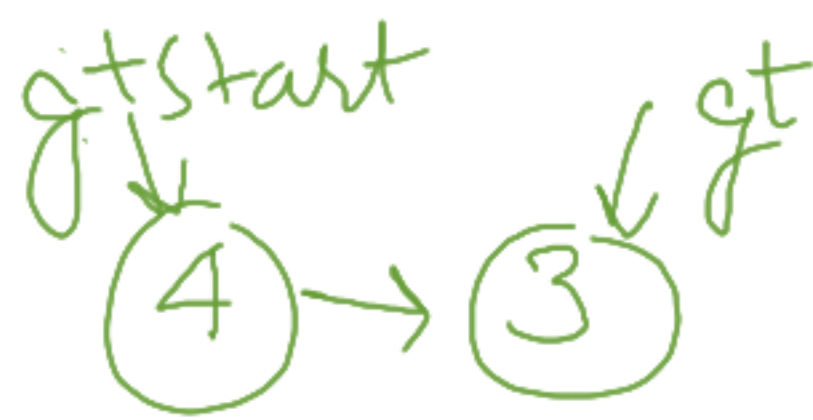
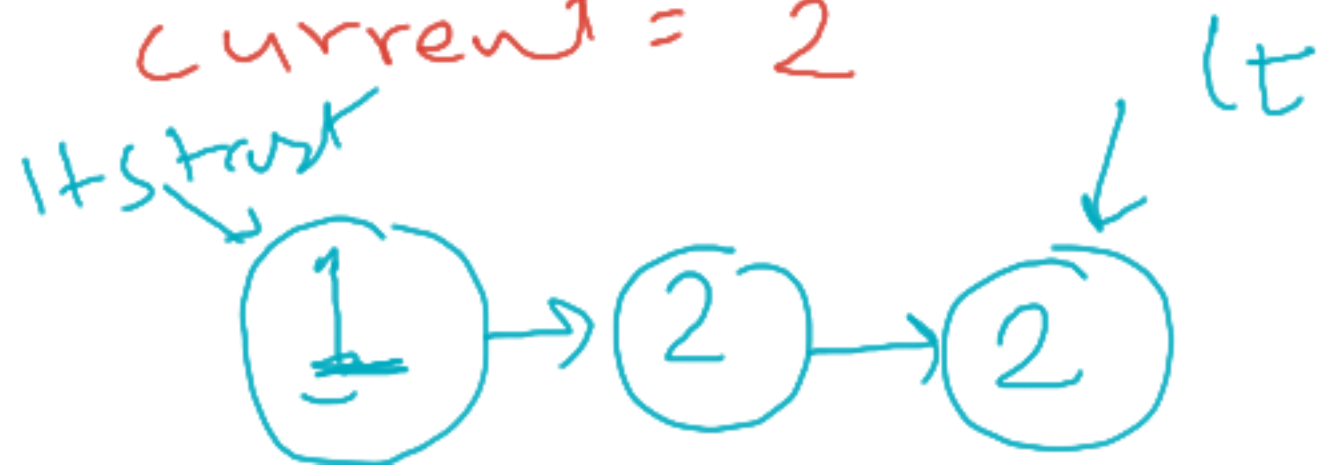
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current = 5



current = 2





Time = $O(n)$; Space = $O(1)$