



Today's agenda

↳ Find mid

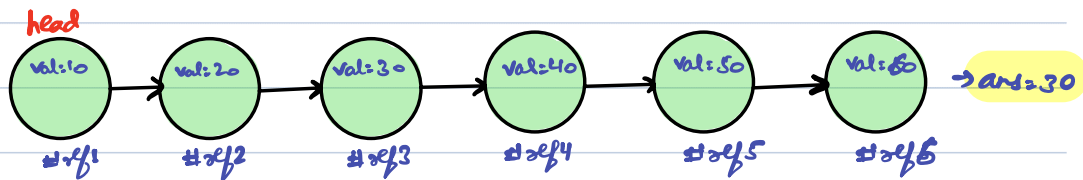
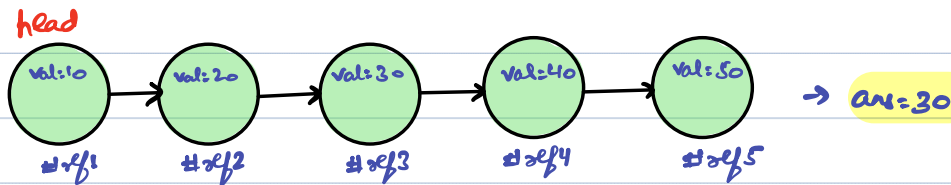
↳ Floyd Cycle



AlgoPrep



Q) Given head of a linkedlist, find the mid of it.



//idea1

↳ iterate and find out length of linkedlist and then iterate again to return  $\frac{\text{length}}{2}$  element.

T.C:  $O(N+N/2)$   
 $\approx O(N)$  S.C:  $O(1)$

//idea2 → single iteration

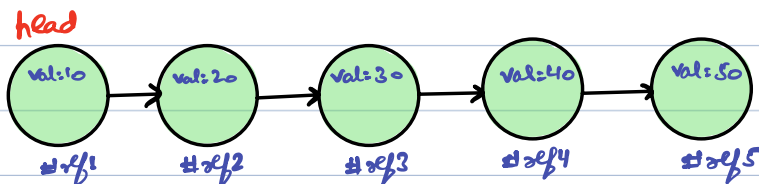
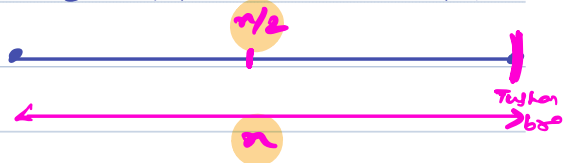
Sankeerath

Tushar

5 km/hr

10 km/hr

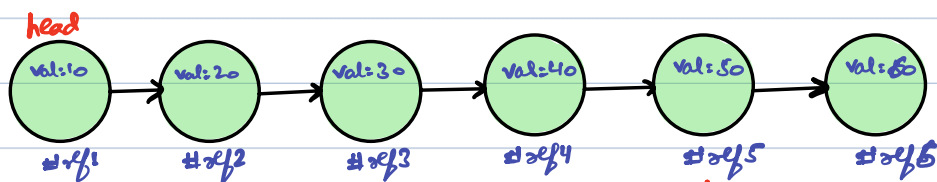
odd length



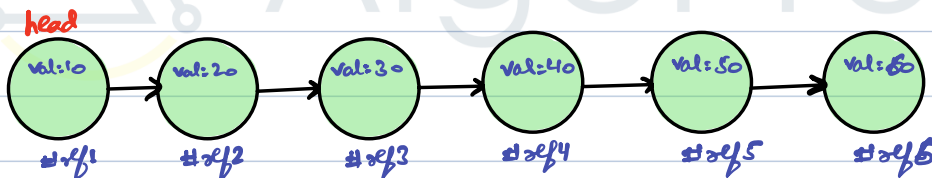
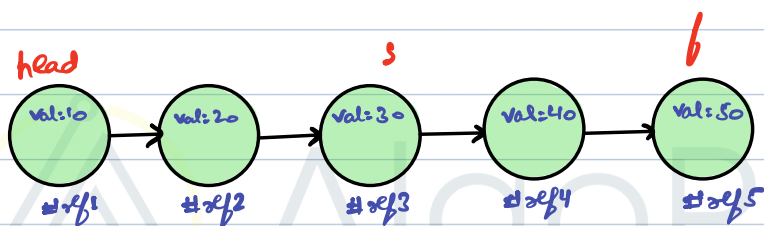
if  $\text{b.next} == \text{null}$  → STOP → S is our answer



even length



if  $b \cdot \text{next} \cdot \text{next} == \text{null}$  → exit → s is our ans.





//Pseudo code

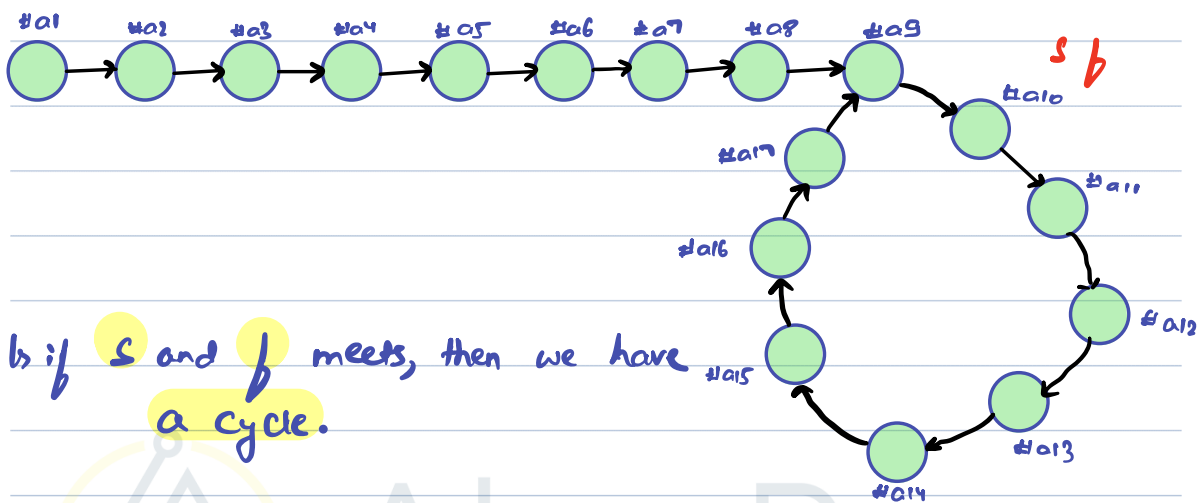
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Node mid (Node head) {  
  
    Node s = head;  
    Node f = head;  
  
    T.C:  $O(N)$   
    S.C:  $O(1)$   
    while (f.next != null && f.next.next != null) {  
        s = s.next;  
        f = f.next.next;  
    }  
    return s;  
}
```



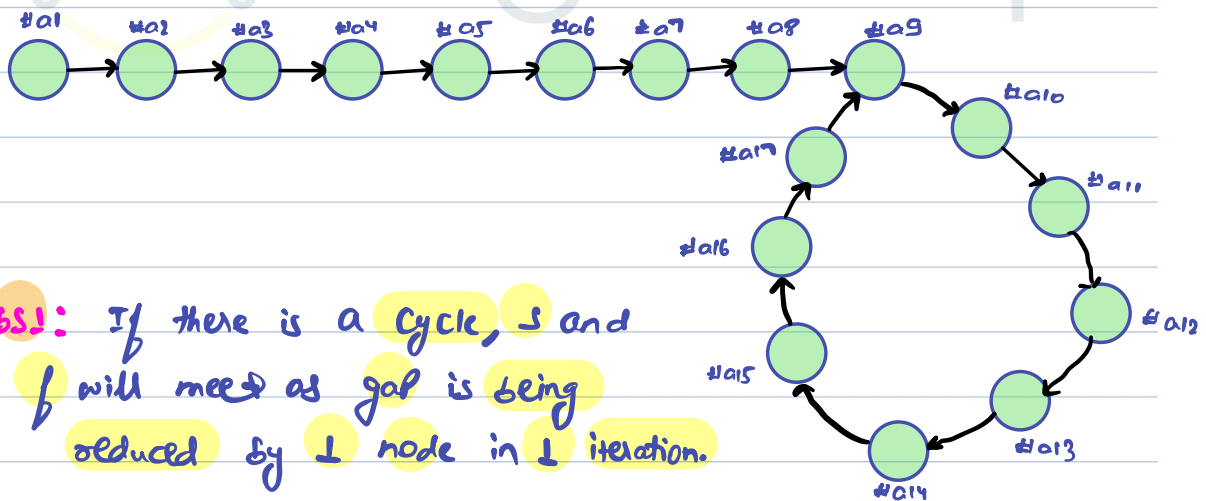
## floyd cycle

Q) Given a linkedlist, check for cycle & return the starting point if exists.

head



↳ if S and f meets, then we have a cycle.



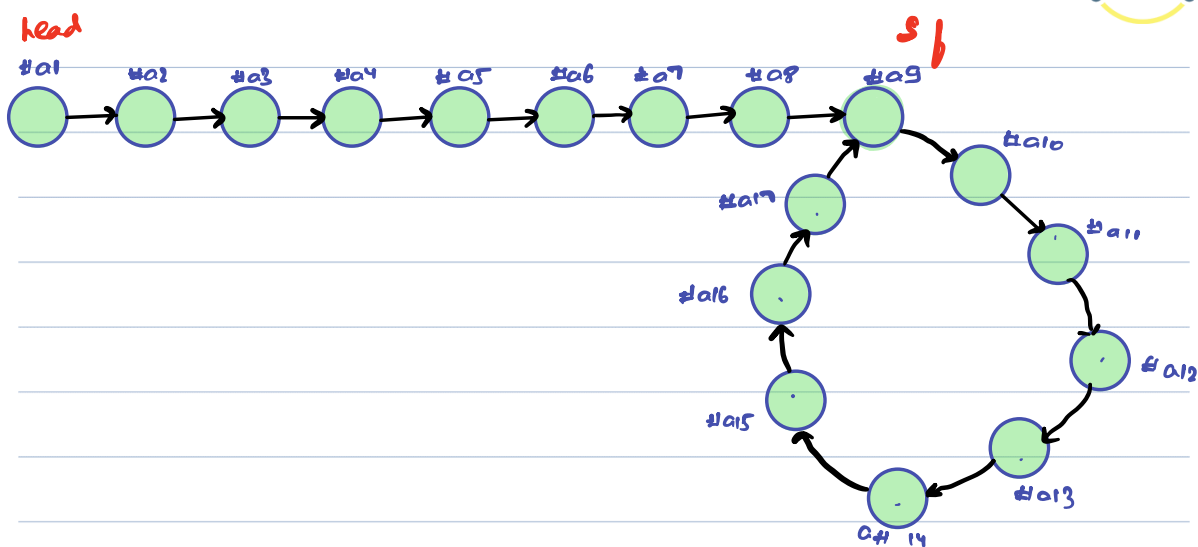
obs1: If there is a cycle, S and f will meet as gap is being reduced by 1 node in 1 iteration.

obs2:

↳ slow can never complete the cycle.



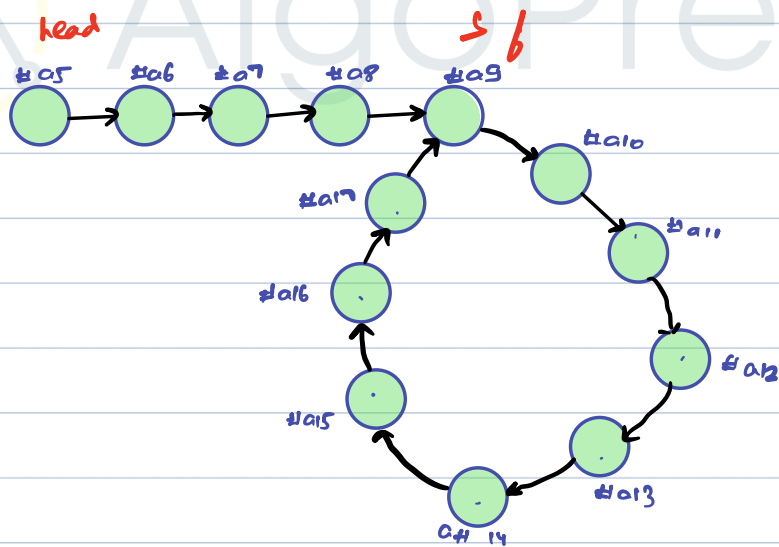
Ex1:



Ex2:

Chain: 4

Cycle: 9



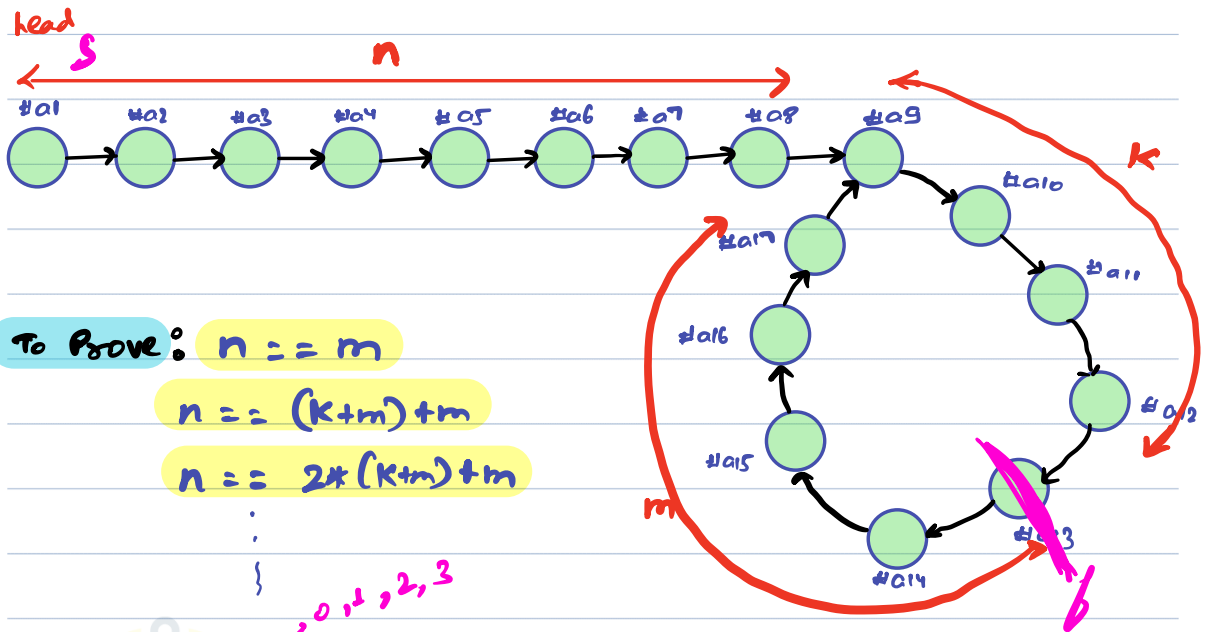


11Pseudo code

```
node removeCycle (node head) {  
    node s = head;  
    node f = head;  
  
    while (s != f) {  
        f = f.next.next;  
        s = s.next;  
    }  
    s = head;  
  
    while (s != f) {  
        s = s.next;  
        f = f.next;  
    }  
  
    return s;  
}
```

T.C:  $O(n)$   
S.C:  $O(1)$

why??



To Prove:  $n = m$

$$n = (K+m) + m$$

$$n = 2 * (K+m) + m$$

$\vdots$   
 $0, 1, 2, 3$

$$n = n * (K+m) + m$$

$$n = (C-1) * (K+m) + m$$

Proof:

$$\text{Slow} = n + K$$

$$\text{fast} = n + C * (K+m) + K$$

$$2 * \text{Slow} = \text{fast}$$

$$2 * (n + K) = n + C * (K+m) + K$$

$$2 * (n + K) - (n + K) = C * (K+m)$$

$$n + K = C * (K+m)$$

$$n + \cancel{K} = (C-1) * (K+m) + \cancel{(K+m)}$$

$$n = (C-1) * (K+m) + m$$

↳ Hence Proved