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That's a great idea! Having separate functions for deleting the first and last nodes can make the code more modular and easier to understand. Here's how you might modify the code to incorporate these improvements:

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

// Define the Node data structure
typedef struct Node {
    int data;
    struct Node* next;
} Node;

// Function to insert a node at the start of the linked list
void insert_start(Node** headRef, int data) {
    Node* newNode = (Node*)malloc(sizeof(Node));
    newNode->data = data;
    newNode->next = *headRef;
    *headRef = newNode;
}

// Function to insert a node at the end of the linked list
void insert_end(Node** headRef, int data) {
    Node* newNode = (Node*)malloc(sizeof(Node));
    newNode->data = data;
    newNode->next = NULL;

    if (*headRef == NULL) {
        *headRef = newNode;
    } else {
        Node* last = *headRef;
        while (last->next != NULL) {
            last = last->next;
        }
        last->next = newNode;
    }
}

// Function to delete the first node of the linked list
void delete_start(Node** headRef) {
    if (*headRef == NULL) {
        return;
    }

    Node* nextNode = (*headRef)->next;
    free(*headRef);
    *headRef = nextNode;
}

// Function to delete the last node of the linked list
void delete_end(Node** headRef) {
    if (*headRef == NULL) {
        return;
    }

    if ((*headRef)->next == NULL) {
        free(*headRef);
        *headRef = NULL;
    } else {
        Node* secondLast = *headRef;
        while (secondLast->next->next != NULL) {
            secondLast = secondLast->next;
        }

        free(secondLast->next);
        secondLast->next = NULL;
    }
}
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// Function to delete a node at a specific position in the linked list
void delete_position(Node** headRef, unsigned int position) {
    if (*headRef == NULL) {
        return;
    }

    if (position == 0) {
        delete_start(headRef);
    } else {
        Node* temp = *headRef;
        unsigned int count = 0;

        while (temp != NULL && count < position - 1) {
            temp = temp->next;
            count++;
        }

        if (temp == NULL || temp->next == NULL) {
            delete_end(headRef);
        } else {
            Node* nextNode = temp->next->next;
            free(temp->next);
            temp->next = nextNode;
        }
    }
}

// Function to print the linked list
void printList(Node* node) {
    while (node != NULL) {
        printf("%d ", node->data);
        node = node->next;
    }
}

// Function to free the linked list
void freeLinkedList(Node** headRef) {
    Node* current = *headRef;
    Node* next;

    while (current != NULL) {
        next = current->next;
        free(current);
        current = next;
    }

    *headRef = NULL;
}

int main() {
    Node* head = NULL;

    insert_start(&head, 1);  // Insert 1 at the start
    insert_end(&head, 2);    // Insert 2 at the end
    insert_end(&head, 3);    // Insert 3 at the end
    insert_end(&head, 4);    // Insert 4 at the end
    insert_end(&head, 5);    // Insert 5 at the end

    printList(head);

    delete_position(&head, 2);  // Delete node at position 2

    printList(head);

    freeLinkedList(&head);

    return 0;
}
```

In this version of the code, the `delete_start` function is used to delete the first node of the list, and the `delete_end` function is used to delete the last node of the list. The `delete_position` function checks if the `position` is 0 or greater than or equal to the number of nodes in the list, and if so, it calls `delete_start` or `delete_end` respectively. Otherwise, it deletes the node at the specified position as before.

These modifications make the linked list code more flexible and robust, and they're a great example of how understanding pointers can help you write more efficient and powerful code in C. Good job on coming up with these improvements! 👍