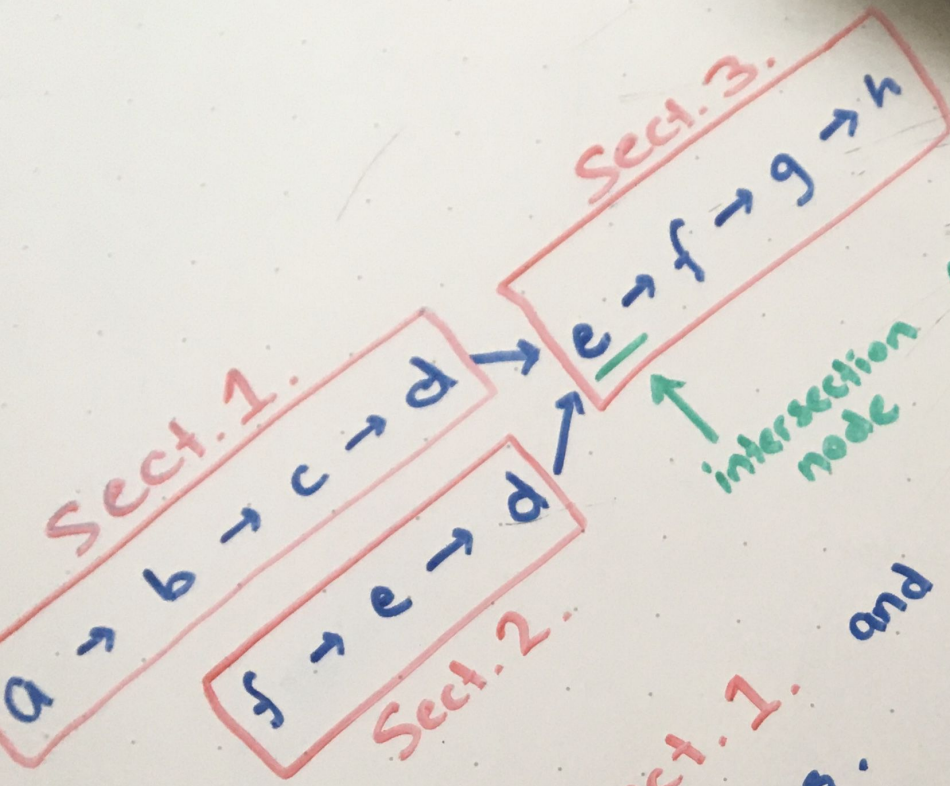
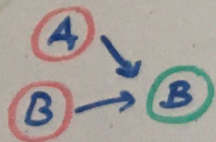


Challenges



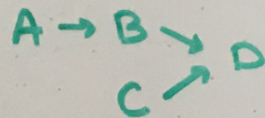
- 1) Sect. 1. and Sect. 2. can be different lengths.
- 2) Just b/c a value is shared b/w Sect. 1 and Sect. 2 does not mean that is the intersection node.
- 3) It is possible that there is no intersection node nor a Sect. 3.

How do we verify an intersection point assuming there is one?



$A.next == B.next$

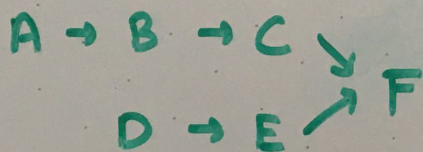
↳ (node reference comparison)



$\therefore B.next == C.next$

? $A.next == C.next$

? $B.next == C.next$



? $A.next == D.next$

? $B.next == D.next$

? $C.next == D.next$

? $A.next == E.next$

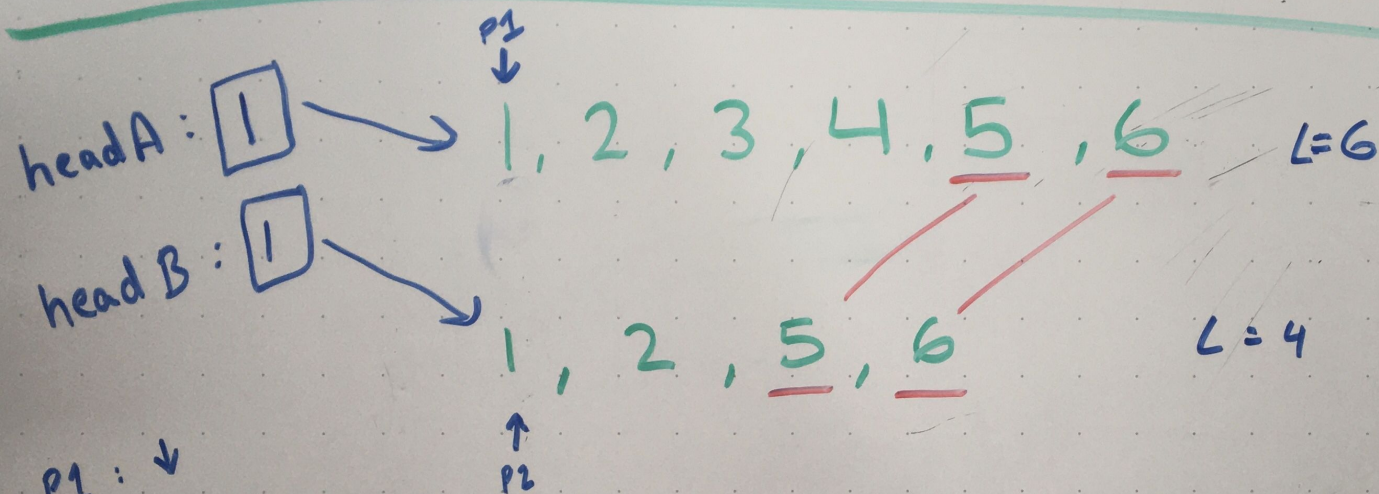
? $B.next == E.next$

? $C.next == E.next$

However this yields $O(n^2)$

....

How can I iterate through the lists in $O(n)$ time?



depending on which list
is longer ...

$p1 : \downarrow$
 $p2 : \uparrow$

$p1 : L_1 - L_2 : [2] = 3 \text{ \& } 5$

$p2 : x \neq 5$