

Linked List 2

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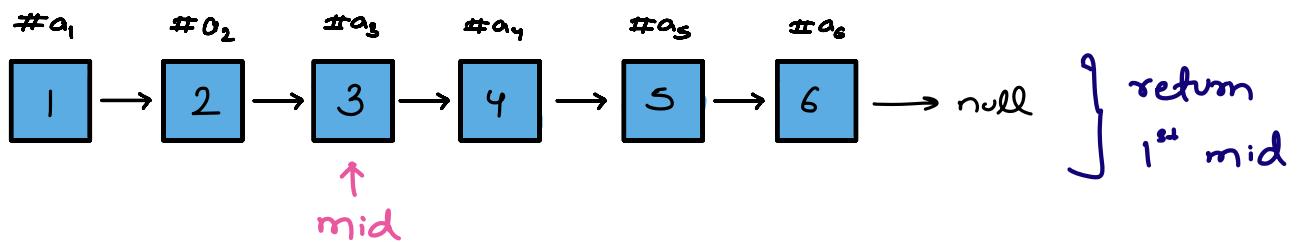
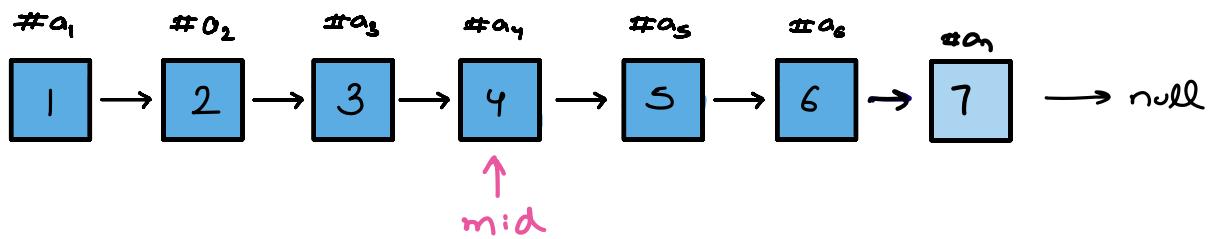
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Today's content

- Mid of Linkedlist
- a) Merge two sorted Linkedlist
- b) Merge sort
- c) Cycle detection
 - (i) Detect cycle
 - (ii) Find start of cycle
 - (iii) Remove cycle

Q1. Given head node, find middle of linkedlist.



BF \rightarrow Count the no. of nodes

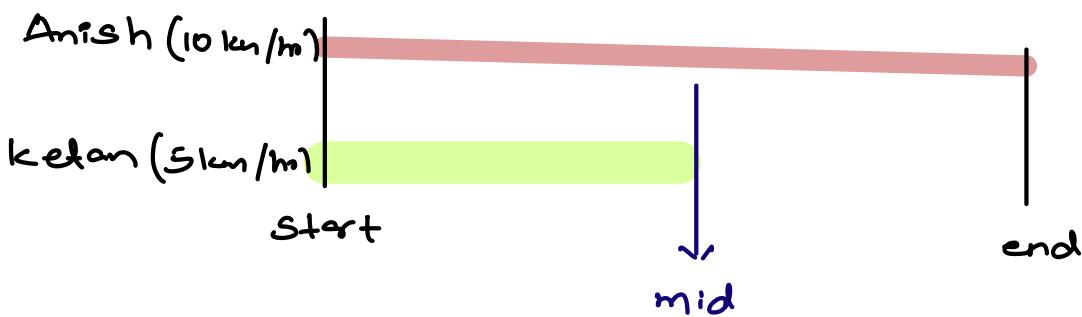
if ($\text{count} \% 2 == 0$) iterate for $\text{count}/2$

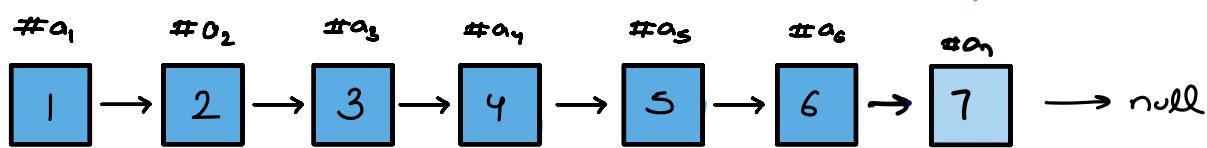
else traverse from head to $\text{count}/2 + 1$

TC: $O(n)$

SC: $O(1)$

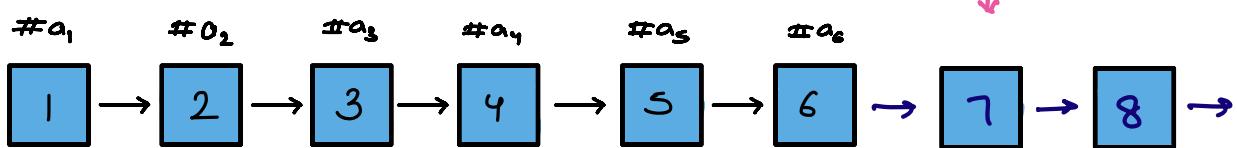
Idea 2 \rightarrow slow & fast ptr





Stopping point

$f.next == null$



$f.next.next == null$

Node middle (Node head)

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if (head == null) return head;
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Node slow = head, fast = head;
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while (f.next != null & f.next.next != null)
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    slow = slow.next;
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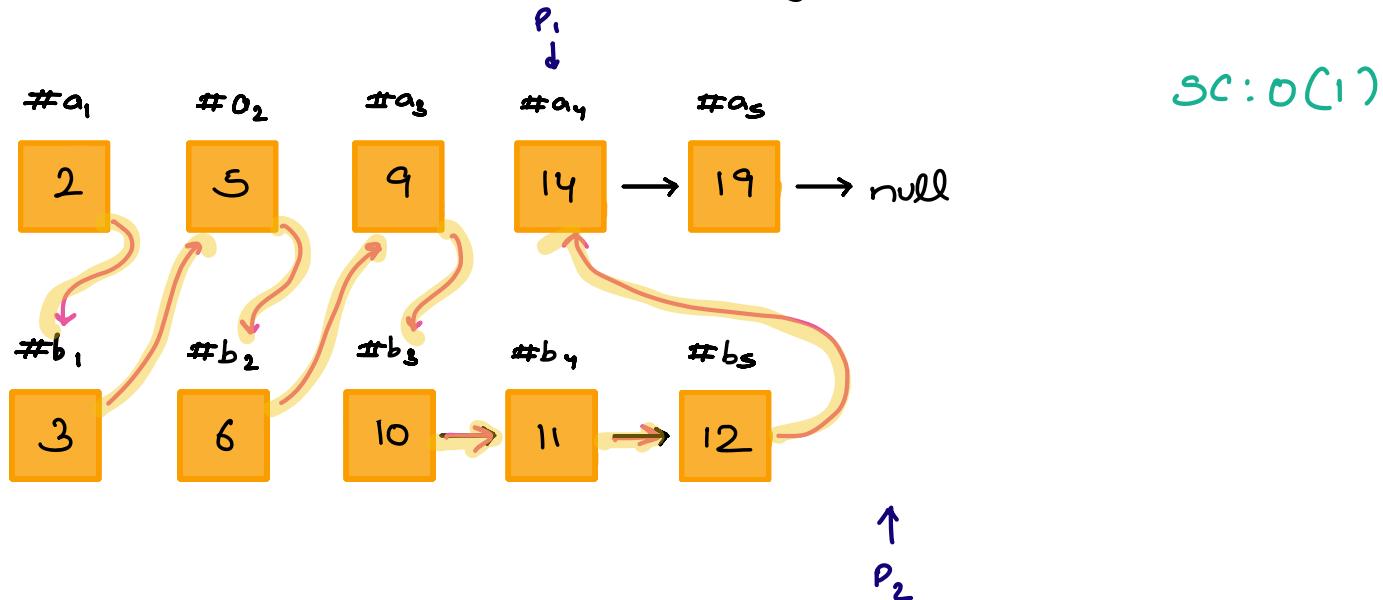
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    fast = fast.next.next;
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return slow;
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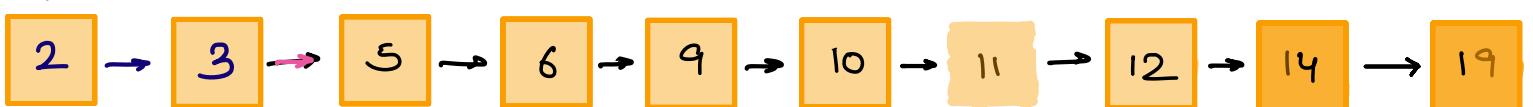
TC: O(n)

Sc: O(1)

Given 2 sorted linkedlist , merge & get final sorted list



head



Node merge (Node h₁ , Node h₂)

if (h₁ == null) return h₂

if (h₂ == null) return h₁

Node head = null;

if (h₁.data ≤ h₂.data) {

 head = h₁;

 h₁ = h₁.next;

 }

 head = h₂

 h₂ = h₂.next;

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Node temp = head;
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while (h1 != null && h2 != null) {
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```
    if (h1.data ≤ h2.data) {
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        temp.next = h1;
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        h1 = h1.next;
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    else {
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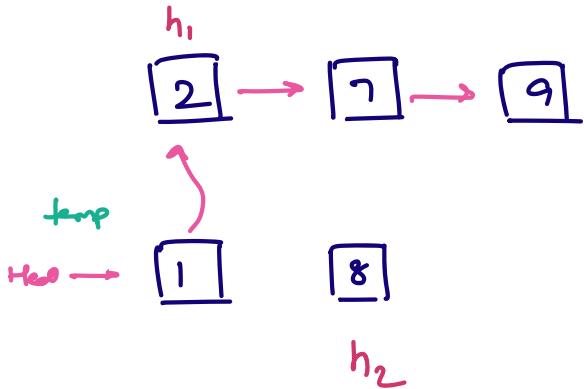
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        temp.next = h2;
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        h2 = h2.next;
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    temp = temp.next;
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    if (h1 != null) {
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        temp.next = h1;
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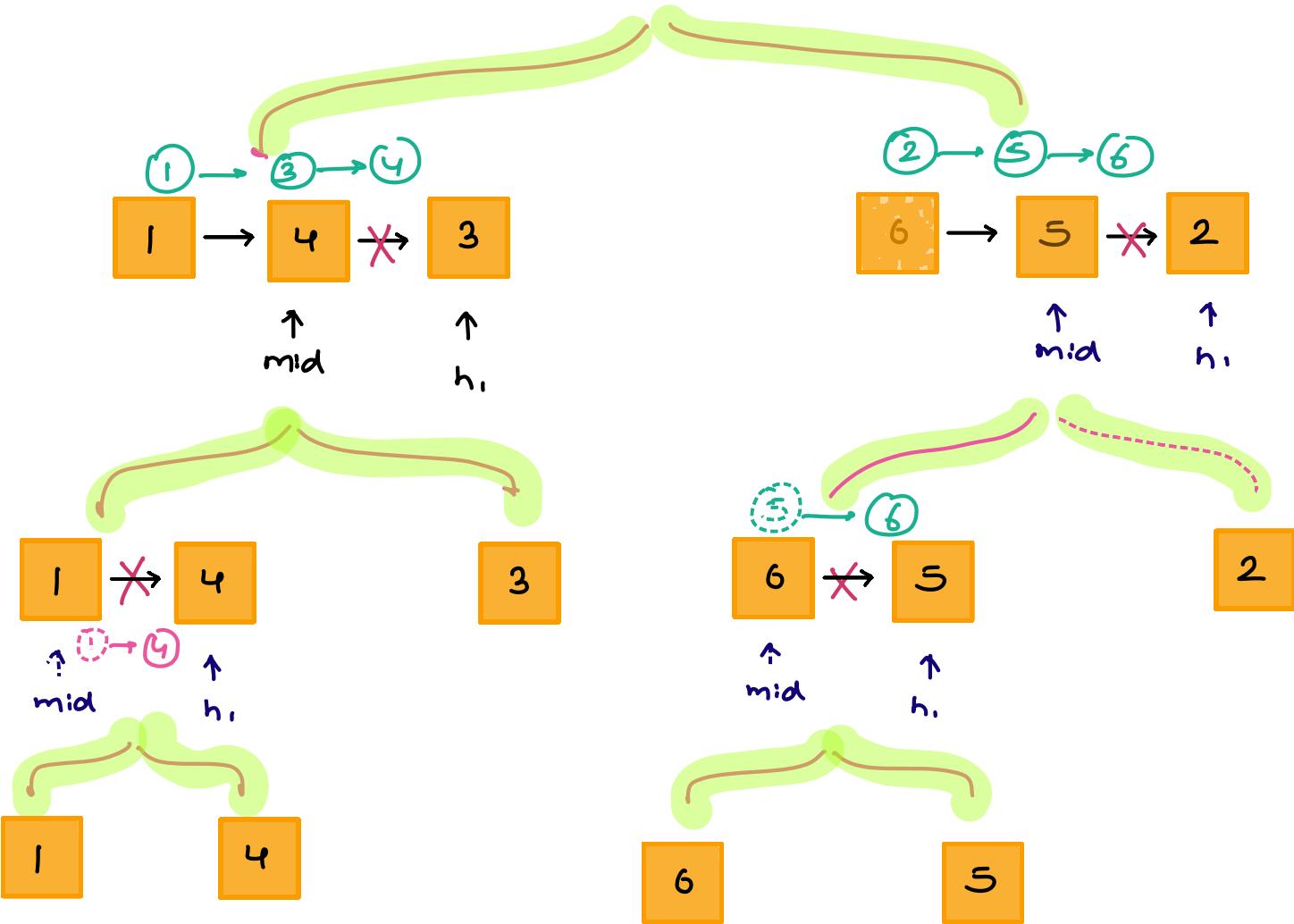
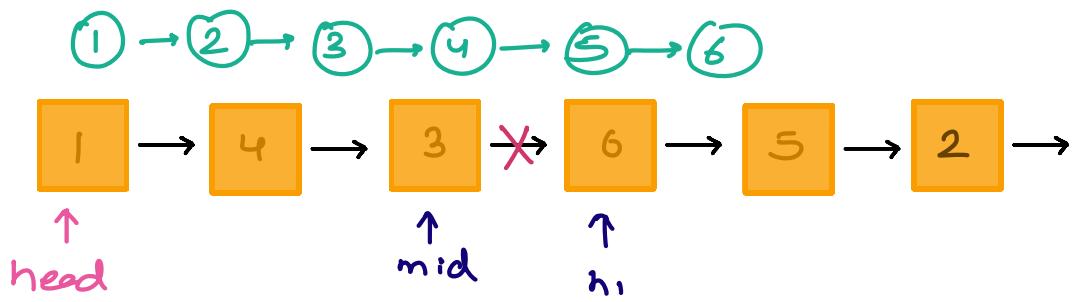
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    if (h2 != null) {
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        temp.next = h2;
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```
return head;
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Merge Sort (Divide & Conquer)



Node mergesort (Node head)

if (head == null || head.next == null) return head;

Node mid = middle (head); $\rightarrow O(n)$

Node h₁ = mid.next;

mid.next = null;

Tc: $O(n \log n)$

Sc: $O(\log n)$

Node t₁ = mergesort (head);

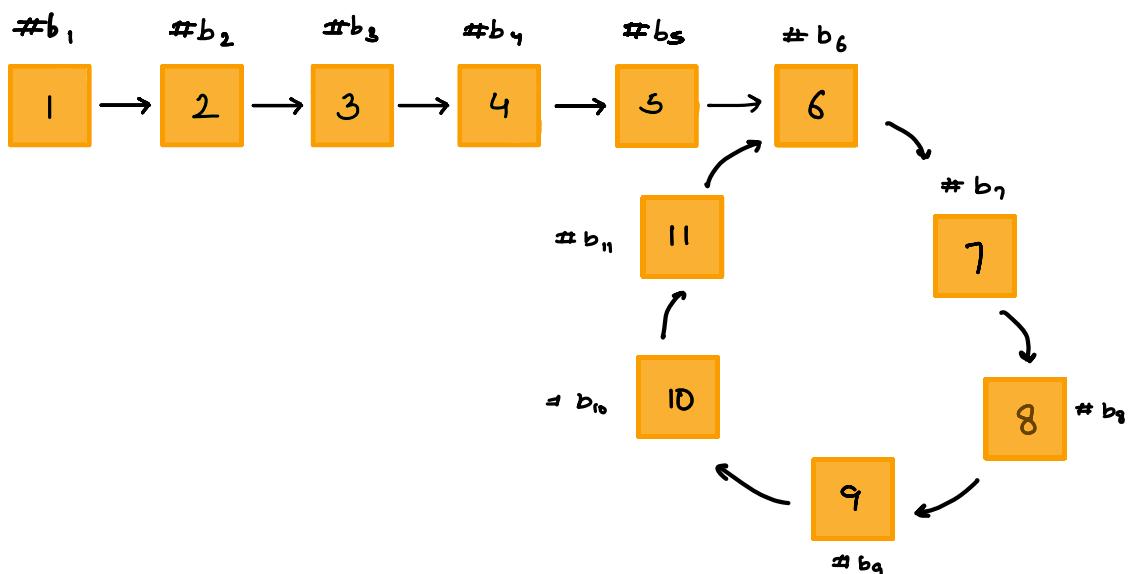
Node t₂ = mergesort (h₁)

return merge (t₁, t₂);

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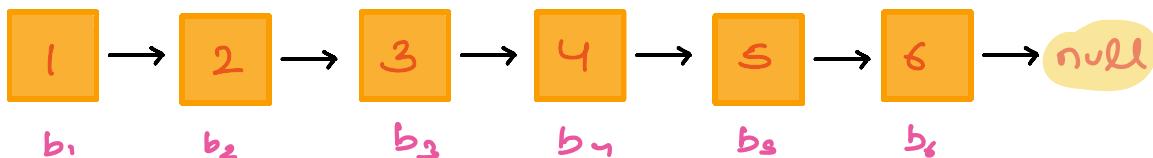
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Q3. Given a head node of Linkedlist, check for cycle detection?

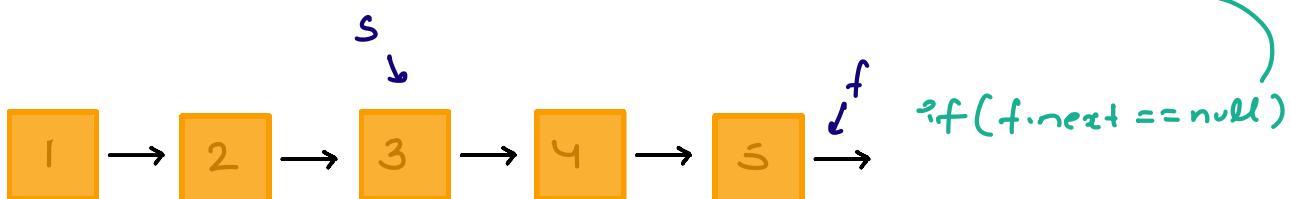
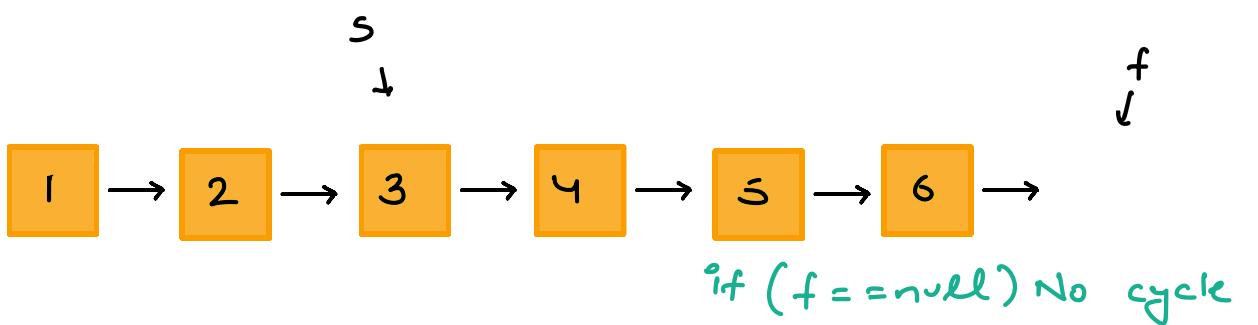
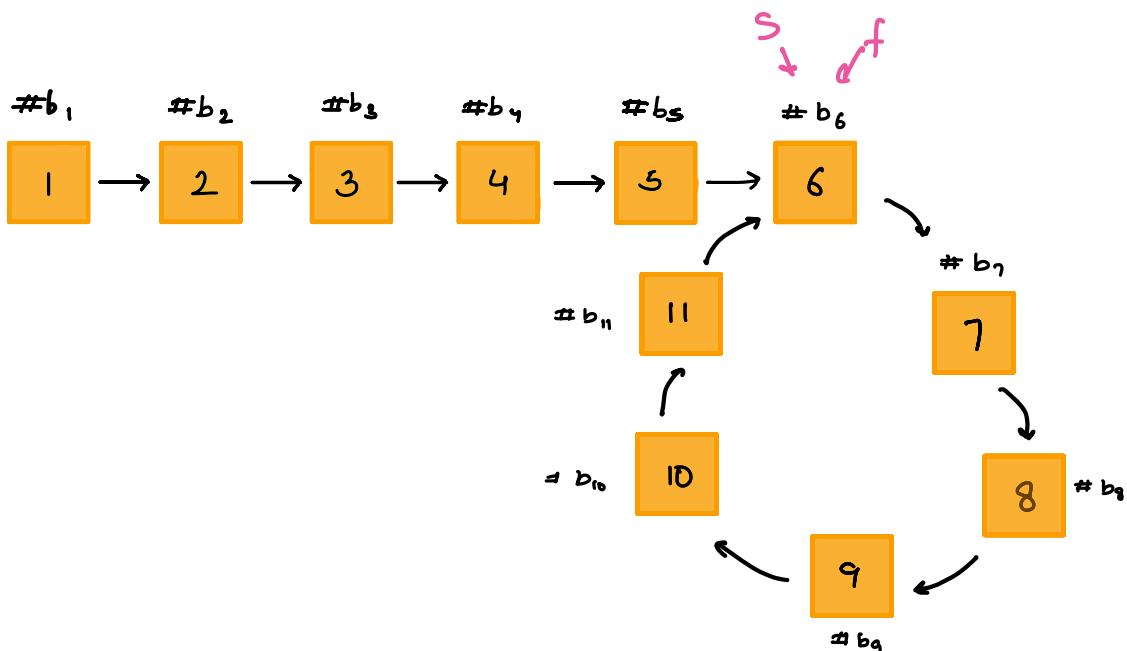


Brute force \rightarrow Create a hashset & store addresses comparing
if it is already present \rightarrow a cycle is present

TC: $O(n)$
SC: $O(n)$



* No extra space is allowed



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boolean detectcycle (Node head)
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```
Node slow = head, fast = head
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```
while ( fast != null && f.next != null ) {
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    s = s.next;
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    f = f.next.next;
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    if ( s == f ) { return true; }
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}
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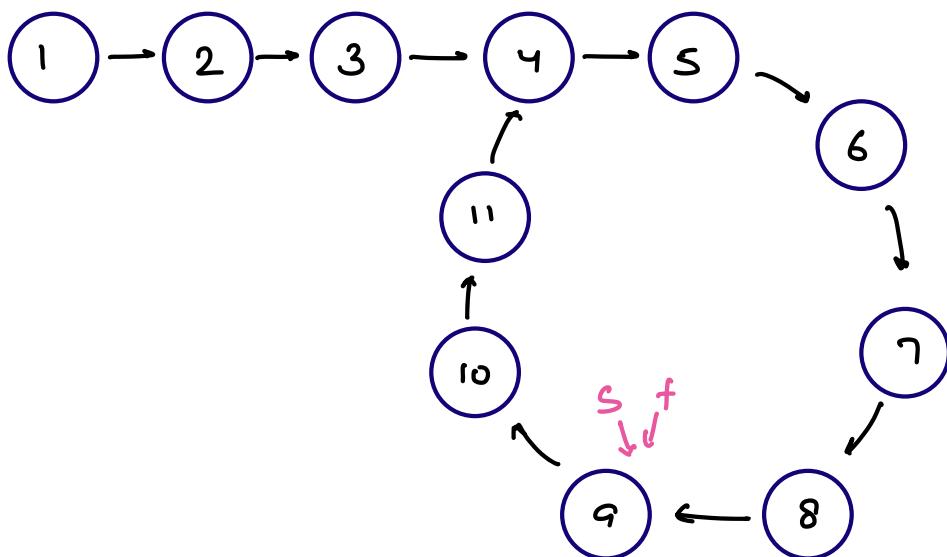
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return false;
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}
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TC:

SC:

* Find start of cycle



Node $P_1 = f$

Node $P_2 = \text{head}$

while ($P_1 \neq P_2$) {

$P_1 = P_1.\text{next};$

$P_2 = P_2.\text{next};$

}

return $P_1;$

Remove cycle

Node $\text{temp} = P_1$

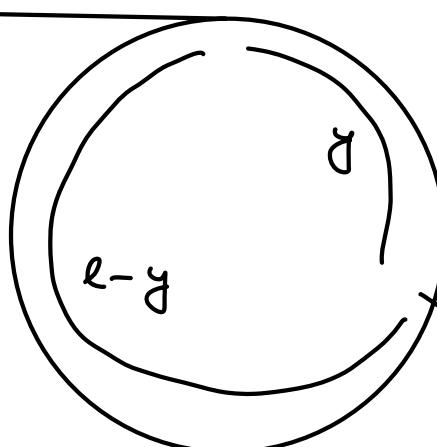
while ($\text{temp}.next \neq P_1$) {

$\text{temp} = \text{temp}.next;$

}

$\text{temp}.next = \text{null};$

$\longleftrightarrow x \longrightarrow$



$l = \text{length of loop}$

Speed of fast ptr = $2 * \text{speed of slow ptr}$

No. of rotations for fast ptr = R_1 ,

No. of rotations for slow ptr = R_2

Distance covered by the fast ptr = $x + R_1.l + y$
before meeting

$$\text{Distance covered by slow} = x + R_2 \cdot l + y$$

$$\text{Distance} = s * t$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{D}{s}$$

$$\frac{D_f}{S_f} = \frac{D_s}{S_s}$$

$$\frac{D_f}{2 S_s} = \frac{D_s}{S_s}$$

$$D_f = 2 * D_s$$

$$x + R_1 \cdot l + y = 2 * (x + R_2 \cdot l + y)$$

$$x + R_1 \cdot l + y = 2x + 2R_2 l + 2y$$

$$R_1 l - 2 R_2 l = 2x + 2y - x - y$$

$$\underbrace{(R_1 - 2 R_2)}_{R_3} l = x + y$$

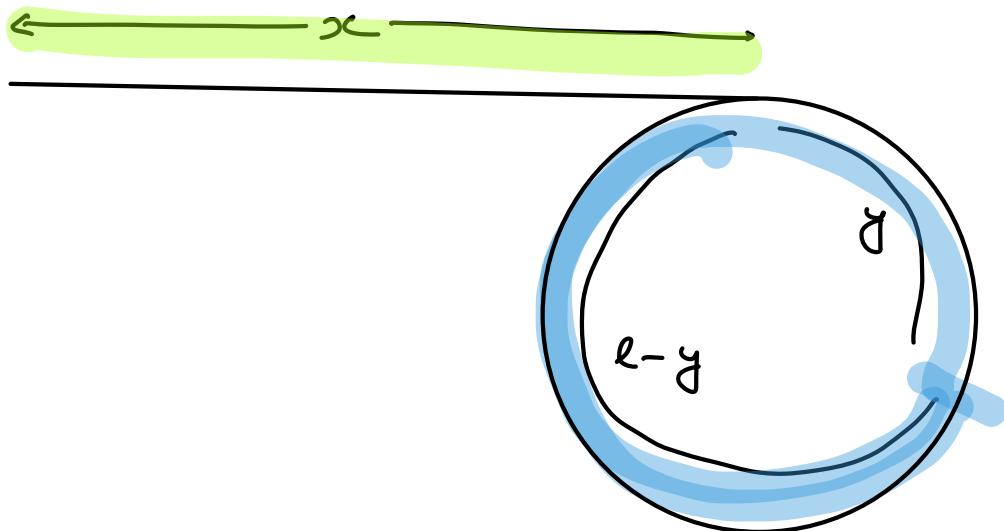
$$R_3 \cdot l = x + y$$

$$x = R_3 \cdot l - y$$

$$R_3 = 1 \rightarrow x = l - y$$

$$R_3 = 2 \rightarrow x = 2l - y$$

$$x = l + (l - y)$$



$$R_3 = 3 \quad x = 3l - y$$

$$= 2l + (l - y)$$