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Linked List

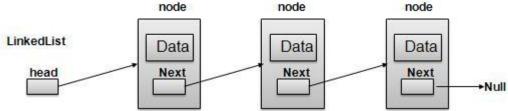


Linked List is the **linear data structure** which are connected together via links and is a sequence of nodes which contains items and connection to another node. It is the **second most used data structure** after array.

Important Concepts:

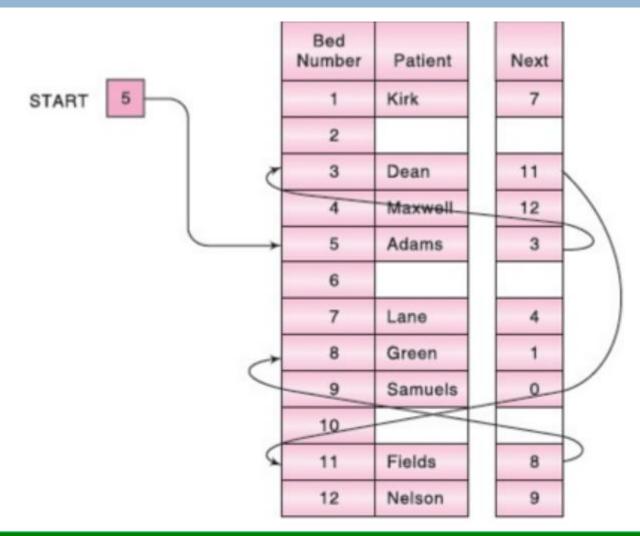
- **Node** Each node of a linked list store a data called an **element**.
- **Next** Each Link of a linked list contain a link to next link called Next.
- Head A Linked List contains the connection link to the first node. This can also be termed as start.

Linked list can be visualized as a chain of nodes, where every node points to the next node.



Linked List Example





Linked List Advantages, Disadvantages and Applications



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Advantages

- They are a dynamic in nature which allocates memory when required.
- ☐ Insertion and deletion operations can be easily implemented.
- Stacks and queues can be easily executed.
- Linked List reduces the access time.

Disadvantages

- ☐ The memory is wasted as pointers require extra memory for storage.
- No element can be accessed randomly; it has to access each node sequentially.
- Reverse traversing is difficult in linked list.

Applications

- Used to implement stacks, queues, graphs, etc
- Maintaining directory of names
- Performing arithmetic operations on long integers.
- Previous and next page in web browser

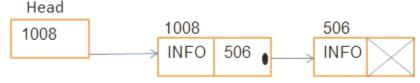
Linked List Representation



In memory the linked list is stored in **scattered locations**. The memory for each node is allocated dynamically i.e. as and when required. So the Linked List can increase as per the user wish and the size is not fixed, it can vary.

Suppose first node of linked list is **allocated** with an address 1008. Its graphical representation looks like:

Suppose next node is allocated at an address 506, so the list becomes



Suppose next node is allocated with an address 10 and the list becomes



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Declaration of struct that should be used to create a list where each node holds info.

```
struct node
{
  int info;
  struct node *next;
};
```

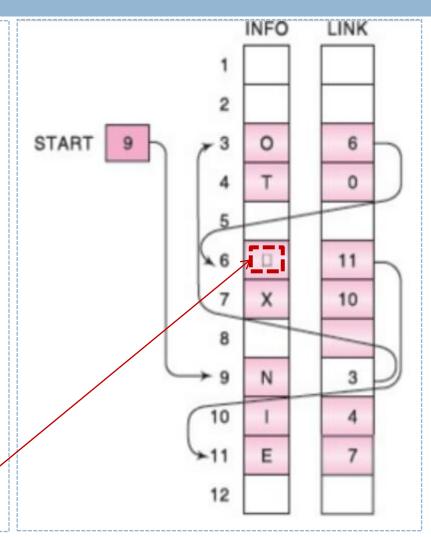
- The next step is to declare a pointer to serve as the list head, i.e. struct node *head;
- Once node data structure is declared and have created a NULL head pointer, an empty linked list is created.
- The next step is to implement operations with the list.

Linked List Representation – Array based

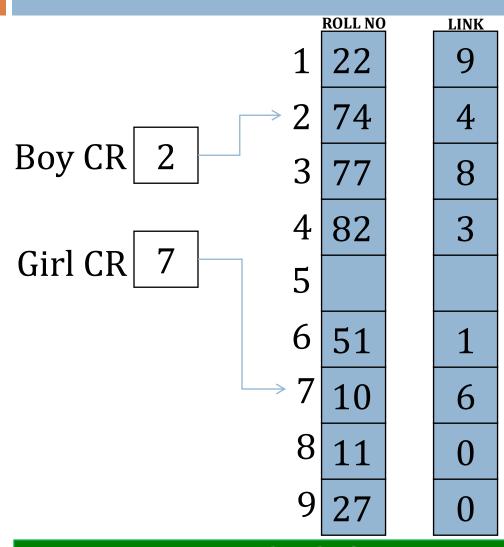


Let **LIST** be the linked list and will be maintained in memory. First of all, LIST requires two linear arrays – call them as **INFO** and **LINK**. INFO[K] represents the **information** part and LINK[K] represents the **next pointer** field of the node of LIST for **K**th element. LIST also requires 2 variables such as **START** which contains the location of the beginning of the list and the **next pointer sentinel** denoted by **NULL** which **indicates** the end of the list. Since the subscript of the arrays INFO and LINK will usually be positive, so NULL should be treated as **0** unless otherwise stated.

Note: represents blank character in the picture



Example



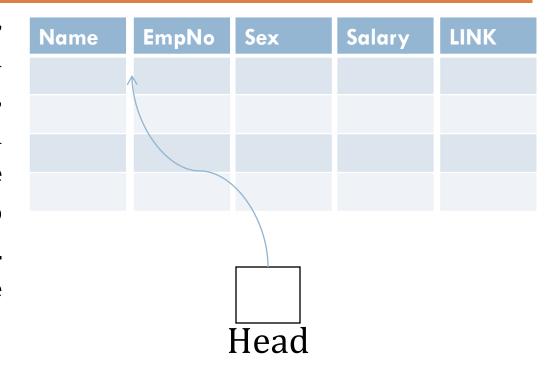
Class Work



Suppose the personnel file of a small company contains the following data of its employees: Name, Employee No, Sex, Salary. Design a linked list using arrays.

Solution

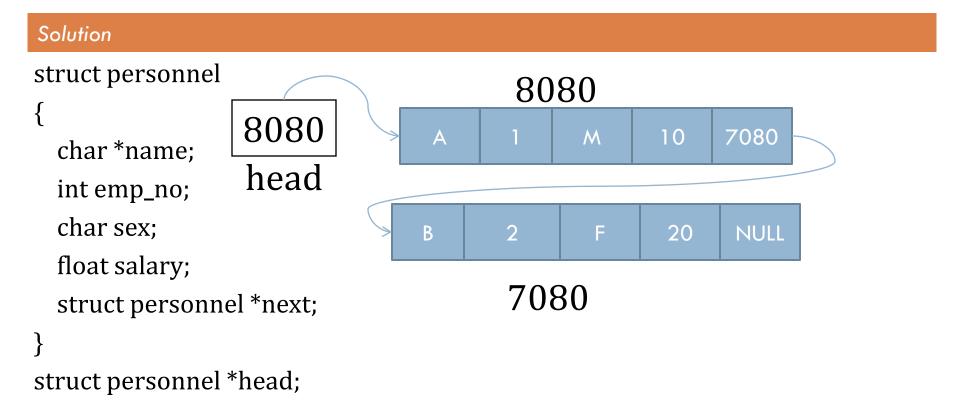
So four parallel arrays say Name, EmpNo, Sex, Salary are required to store the data. Additionally, parallel array LINK is required for the next pointer field of the list and the variable HEAD is to point to the 1st record in the list. 0 can be used to represent the **null** pointer.



Class Work



Suppose the personnel file of a small company contains the following data of its employees: Name, Employee No, Sex, Salary. Design a linked list using structure.

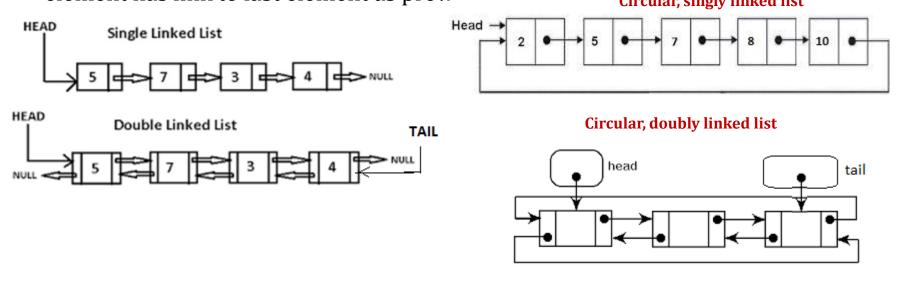


Types of Linked List



- □ Single Linked List Item navigation is forward only. Also called as one-way list
- □ **Double Linked List** Items can be navigated forward and backward way
- □ **Circular Linked List** Last item contains link of the first element as next and first element has link to last element as prev.

 Circular, singly linked list



Chains – A chain is a linked list in which each node represents one element **Two-Way Lists** – Double and Circular Linked List

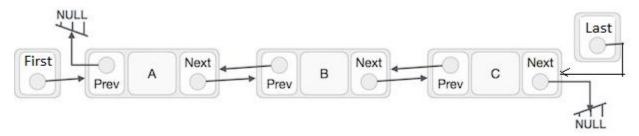
Double Linked List



Doubly Linked List is a variation of Linked list in which navigation is possible in both ways i.e. either forward and backward.

Important Concepts:

- **Node** Each node of a linked list store the data
- Next Each node of a linked list contain a link to next link
- □ **Prev** Each node of a linked list contain a link to previous link
- □ **Linked List** A Linked List contains the connection link to the first Link called **First** and to the last link called **Last**. **First** is also called as **Head** and **Last** is also called as **Tail**.

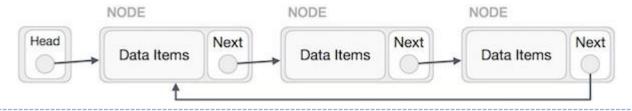


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Circular Linked List is a variation of Linked list in which first element points to last element and last element points to first element. Both Singly Linked List and Doubly Linked List can be made into as circular linked list.

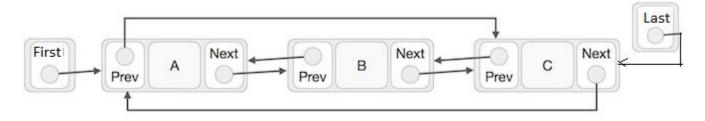
Singly Linked List as Circular

In singly linked list, the next pointer of the last node points to the first node.



Doubly Linked List as Circular

In doubly linked list, the next pointer of the last node points to the first node and the previous pointer of the first node points to the last node making the circular in both directions.



Linked List Basic Operation



- □ **Insertion** add an element at the beginning of the list.
- □ **Deletion** delete an element at the beginning of the list.
- □ **Insert Last** add an element in the end of the list.
- □ **Delete Last** delete an element from the end of the list.
- □ **Insert After** add an element after an item of the list.
- Traverse Traverse and display the complete list in forward manner.
- □ **Search** search an element using given key or data item.
- □ **Delete** delete an element using given key or data item.
- □ Traverse Backward displaying complete list in backward manner. Applicable for double and circular linked list

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```
Consider the singly linked list node structure as follows:
struct node
  int data;
  struct node *next;
struct node *head=NULL;
 Create the node structure with data and key
struct node
   int data;
   int key;
   struct node *next;
};
struct node *head=NULL;
```

Insertion at Start



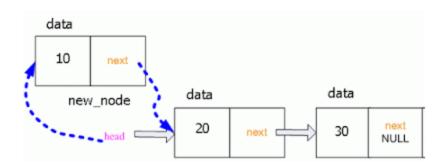
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Inserting a node at start in the SLL (Single Linked List):

- Create new node
- Fill data into "data field" of newly created node
- Attach this newly created node to head
- Make new node as starting node

Pseudocode:

```
struct node *new_node;
new_node=(struct node *)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d", &new_node ->data);
if(head==NULL)
 head=new_node;
else
 new_node->next=head;
 head=new_node;
```



Insertion at Last



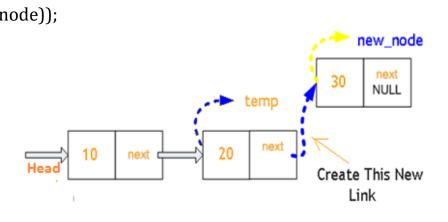
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Inserting a node at last in the SLL (Single Linked List):

- Create New Node
- Fill Data into "Data Field"
- Make it's "Pointer" or "Next Field" as NULL
- Node is to be inserted at Last Position so we need to traverse SLL up to Last Node.
- Make link between last node and new node

Pseudocode:

```
struct node *new_node = (struct node *)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d", &new_node ->data);
if(head==NULL)
  head=new_node;
else
 struct node * temp = NULL;
 for(temp = head; temp->next!=NULL; temp = temp->next);
 temp->next = new_node;
```



Insertion at Specific Position



Inserting a node at last in the SLL (Single Linked List):

- Create New Node
- Fill Data into "Data Field"
- Make it's "Pointer" or "Next Field" as NULL
- Node is to be inserted at given Position so we need to traverse SLL up to given position.
- Make link between specific position node and new node

Pseudocode:

```
struct node *new_node = (struct node *)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
scanf("%d", &new_node ->data);
                                                                                     temp
                                                                                                    New node
int pos;
scanf("%d", &pos);
                                                                                                    88
if(head==NULL)
  head=new_node;
else
 struct node * temp = NULL; int i=1;
                                                                                    temp1
 for(temp = head; i< pos - 1; temp = temp->next,++i);
 struct node * temp1=temp->next; temp->next = new_node; new_node->next=temp1;
```

Traversal



Traversing linked list means visiting each and every node of the singly linked list. Following steps are involved while traversing the singly linked list –

- 1. Firstly move to the first node
- 2. Fetch the data from the node and if required, perform the operations such as arithmetic operation or any operation depending on data type.
- 3. After performing operation, advance pointer to next node and perform all above steps on visited node.

Pseudocode:

```
void traverse()
{
    struct node *temp = head; //Move to First Node
    do
    {
        printf("%d", temp->data);
        temp = temp->next; //Move Pointer to Next Node
    }while(temp!=NULL);
```

Class Work



Design search algorithm for SLL (Single Linked List)

Deletion



Pseudocode for Deletion of First Node from Singly Linked List:

```
struct node *temp;
temp = head;
head = head->next;
free(temp);
```

Pseudocode for Delete Last Node from Singly Linked List:

```
struct node *temp = head, t = NULL;
if(head->next==NULL)
{
    free(head);
    head=NULL;
}
else
{
    for(;temp->next != NULL; temp=temp->next, t = temp);
    free(t->next);
    t->next=NULL;
```

Class Work



Design an algorithm to delete a node at a specified position.

Design a recursive algorithm to count number of nodes in SLL.

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Singly Linked List



Double Linked List





Singly Linked List as Circular



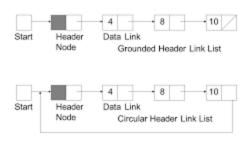
Header Linked List



Header linked list is a linked list which always contains a special node called the Header Node, at the beginning of the list. It does not contain actual data item included in the list but usually contains some useful information about the entire linked list. It has two types:

- 1. Grounded Header Link List- Last Node Contains the NULL Pointer
- Circular Header Link List Last Node Points Back to the Header Node.

Note: Start/Head always points to Header Node.



Header Linked List Implementation



Grounded Header Link List





Class Work



Write creation and display method of Circular Header Link List

Polynomials



Polynomial is an expression constructed from one or more variables and constants, using only the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and constant positive whole number exponents. A term is made up of coefficient and exponent.

Examples –

- Polynomial with single variable $P(X) = 4X^3 + 6X^2 + 7X + 9$ (4,6,7 are coefficient & 3,2 are exponent)
- Polynomial with 2 variables $P(X, Y) = X^3 2XY + 1$ (2 is coefficient & 3 is exponent)

Definition-

Polynomial with single variable $P(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k x^k = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + ... + a_n x^n$

Polynomial can be represented using Linked List in 2 ways namely:

- Single Linked List
- Header linked list

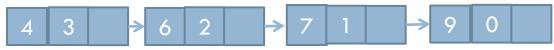
Single Linked List Polynomial Representation



Node of a polynomial:



For example, $P(X) = 4X^3 + 6X^2 + 7X + 9$ is represented as



In each node the exponent field will store the corresponding exponent and the coefficient field will store the corresponding coefficient. Link field points to the next item in the polynomial.

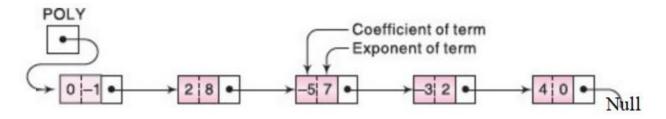
Points to keep in mind

- The sign of each coefficient and exponent is stored within the coefficient and the exponent itself
- 2. The storage allocation for each term in the polynomial must be done in descending order of their exponent

Header Linked List Polynomial Representation



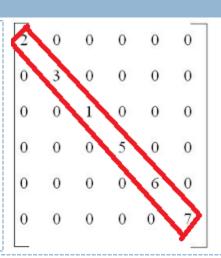
Let p(x) denote the following polynomial in one variable (containing four nonzero terms): $P(x) = 2x^8 - 5x^7 - 3x^2 + 4$. It may be represented by the header list shown below where each node corresponds to a nonzero term of p(x). Specifically, the information part of the node is divided into two fields representing the coefficient and the exponent of the corresponding term and the nodes are linked according to decreasing degree of the exponent. The header node is needed to represent the zero polynomial (i.e. a polynomial with the value zero (0) is known as zero polynomial)



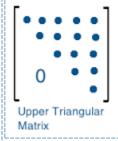
Sparse Matrix

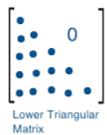


A **sparse matrix** is a two-dimensional array in which most of the elements are zero or null. It is a wastage of memory and processing time if we store null values or 0 of the matrix in an array. To avoid such circumstances different techniques are used such as linked list.



N-square sparse matrices is called **triangular matrix**. A square matrix is called **lower triangular** if all the entries above the main diagonal are zero. Similarly, a square matrix is called **upper triangular** if all the entries below the main diagonal are zero.





Sparse Matrix cont...



Sparse matrix can be represented using a list in 2 ways -

Single Linked List and Header linked list

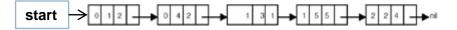
1. Single Linked List: For example, consider the sparse matrix

0	2	0	0	2	0
0	0	0	1	0	5
0	0	4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0

Node Structure

```
struct node
{
    int row;
    int column;
    int value;
    struct node *next;
} *start;
```

The linked list can be represented using linked list as shown below



Class Work



Design non-array based data structure to represent lower triangular, upper triangular and tri-diagonal matrix.

Sparse Matrix cont...



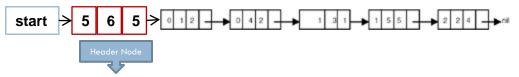
Header Linked List: For example, consider the sparse matrix

0	2	0	0	2	0
0	0	0	1	0	5
0	0	4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0



```
struct node
{
    int row;
    int column;
    int value;
    struct node *next;
} *start;
```

The linked list can be represented using linked list as shown below



Represents the header node and consists of:

- 1. Number of rows in the sparse matrix
- 2. Number of columns in the sparse matrix
- 3. Number of non-zero elements in the sparse matrix





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- Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to add a given value K to each element in the LIST.
- 2. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to deletes the last node from the LIST.
- 3. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete the 1st node from the list.
- 4. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code which interchanges the K^{th} and $K+1^{st}$ elements
- 5. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to swap nodes in a linked list without swapping data.
- 6. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to reverse the nodes in a linked list.
- 7. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to create a linked list from a given linked list. The new linked list must contain every alternate element of the existing linked list.
- 8. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to count the number of times a given key occurs in a linked list
- 9. Let a linked list consists of n number of nodes, where each node consists of an unique number, a priority number(in between 1 to 5), and pointer to next node Design the algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to divide the nodes into different linked list where each linked consists of nodes having same priority.

Assignments





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- 10. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete n nodes after m nodes of a linked list
- 11. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to check if a singly linked list is palindrome
- 12. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to search an element in a linked list, if found delete that node and insert that node at beginning. Otherwise display an appropriate message.
- 13. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to add, subtract and multiply 2 polynomials.
- 14. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete last occurrence of an item from linked list
- 15. Given a singly linked list with nodes $L_0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow ... \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_n$. Design the algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to rearrange the nodes in the list so that the new formed list is: $L_0 \rightarrow L_n \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_{n-2} \dots$





Home Work (HW)





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- 1. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete the whole linked List
- 2. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to find kth node from the end of a linked list
- 3. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to merge two sorted linked lists and create a sorted linked list.
- 4. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete alternate nodes of a linked list.
- 5. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to find the union of two linked list
- 6. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to find the difference of two linked list
- 7. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to find the intersection of two linked list
- 8. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete all duplicate nodes from a doubly circular linked list.
- 9. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to delete consecutive two nodes from a doubly linked list based on the given position
- 10. Design algorithm/develop pseudocode/write C code to add two sparse matrices,

Supplementary Reading



- http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/data-structures/linked-list/
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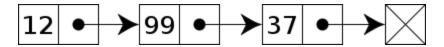


FAQ



■ What is Linked List?

a linked list is a linear collection of data elements, in which linear order is not given by their physical placement in memory. Each pointing to next node by means of a pointer. It is a data structure consisting of a group of nodes which together represent a sequence. Under the simplest form, each node is composed of data and a reference (in other words, a link) to the next node in the sequence. This structure allows for efficient insertion or removal of elements from any position in the sequence during iteration. More complex variants add additional links, allowing efficient insertion or removal from arbitrary element references.



FAQ



Linked List ADT

ADT consists of the following primitive operations:

Create()

Destroy()

Add(element)

Remove(element)

Traverse()

IsEmpty()

Search(element)

Remove loop in Linked List

Write a function that checks whether a given Linked List contains loop and if loop is present then removes the loop and returns true. And if the list doesn't contain loop then returns false. Above diagram shows a linked list with a loop. On passing it to the function, it should modify the below list to 1->2->3->4->5->NULL.

