

# Swap-Nodes

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## 0.1 Problem Statement

Given a linked list, swap the two nodes present at position  $i$  and  $j$ , assuming  $0 \leq i \leq j$ . The positions are based on 0-based indexing.

**Note:** You have to swap the nodes and not just the values.

**Example:** \*linked\_list = 3 4 5 2 6 1 9\* positions = 2 5\* output = 3 4 1 2 6 5 9

**Explanation:** \* The node at position 3 has the value 2 \* The node at position 4 has the value 6  
\* Swapping these nodes will result in a final order of nodes of 3 4 5 6 2 1 9

### 0.1.1 Let's take an example to understand a simple approach -

Given linked list = [3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 1, 9] position\_one = 2 position\_two = 5 **Note the original order of indexes - 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

**Step 1** - Identify the two nodes to be swapped. Also, identify the previous of both the two nodes.

**Step 2** - Swap the references making use of a temporary reference **Check the order of the updated indexes as - 0, 1, 5, 3, 4, 2, 6**, which implies that index 2 and index 5 have been swapped.

### 0.1.2 Helper Class

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In [1]: class Node:
        """LinkedListNode class to be used for this problem"""
        def __init__(self, data):
            self.data = data
            self.next = None
```

### 0.1.3 Exercise - Write the function definition here

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In [1]: """
        :param: head- head of input linked list
        :param: `position_one` - indicates position (index) ONE
        :param: `position_two` - indicates position (index) TWO
        return: head of updated linked list with nodes swapped

        TODO: complete this function and swap nodes present at position_one and position_two
        Do not create a new linked list
        """
```

```
def swap_nodes(head, left_index, right_index):
    pass
```

Hide Solution

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In [ ]: # Solution
        """
        :param: head- head of input linked list
        :param: `position_one` - indicates position (index) ONE
        :param: `position_two` - indicates position (index) TWO
        return: head of updated linked list with nodes swapped
        """
        def swap_nodes(head, position_one, position_two):

            # If both the indices are same
            if position_one == position_two:
                return head

            # Helper references
            one_previous = None
            one_current = None

            two_previous = None
            two_current = None

            current_index = 0
            current_node = head
            new_head = None

            # LOOP - find out previous and current node at both the positions (indices)
            while current_node is not None:

                # Position_one cannot be equal to position_two,
                # so either one of them might be equal to the current_index
                if current_index == position_one:
                    one_current = current_node

                elif current_index == position_two:
                    two_current = current_node
                    break

                # If neither of the position_one or position_two are equal to the current_index
                if one_current is None:
                    one_previous = current_node

                two_previous = current_node

                # increment both the current_index and current_node
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        current_node = current_node.next
        current_index += 1

# Loop ends

'''SWAPPING LOGIC'''
# We have identified the two nodes: one_current & two_current to be swapped,
# Make use of a temporary reference to swap the references
two_previous.next = one_current
temp = one_current.next
one_current.next = two_current.next
two_current.next = temp

# if the node at first index is head of the original linked list
if one_previous is None:
    new_head = two_current
else:
    one_previous.next = two_current
    new_head = head
# Swapping logic ends

return new_head

```

#### 0.1.4 Test - Let's test your function

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In [3]: def test_function(test_case):
        head = test_case[0]
        left_index = test_case[1]
        right_index = test_case[2]

        left_node = None
        right_node = None

        temp = head
        index = 0
        try:
            while temp is not None:
                if index == left_index:
                    left_node = temp
                if index == right_index:
                    right_node = temp
                    break
                index += 1
                temp = temp.next

        updated_head = swap_nodes(head, left_index, right_index)

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temp = updated_head
index = 0
pass_status = [False, False]

while temp is not None:
    if index == left_index:
        pass_status[0] = temp is right_node
    if index == right_index:
        pass_status[1] = temp is left_node

    index += 1
    temp = temp.next

if pass_status[0] and pass_status[1]:
    print("Pass")
else:
    print("Fail")
    return updated_head
except Exception as e:
    print("Fail")

```

In [7]: *# helper functions for testing purpose*

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def create_linked_list(arr):
    if len(arr)==0:
        return None
    head = Node(arr[0])
    tail = head
    for data in arr[1:]:
        tail.next = Node(data)
        tail = tail.next
    return head

def print_linked_list(head):
    while head:
        print(head.data, end=" ")
        head = head.next
    print()

```

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In [8]: arr = [3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 1, 9]
        head = create_linked_list(arr)
        left_index = 3
        right_index = 4

        test_case = [head, left_index, right_index]
        updated_head = test_function(test_case)

```

Pass

```
In [9]: arr = [3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 1, 9]
        left_index = 2
        right_index = 4
        head = create_linked_list(arr)
        test_case = [head, left_index, right_index]
        updated_head = test_function(test_case)
```

Pass

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In [10]: arr = [3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 1, 9]
         left_index = 0
         right_index = 1
         head = create_linked_list(arr)
         test_case = [head, left_index, right_index]
         updated_head = test_function(test_case)
```

Pass