

Common linked list questions include:

- Reversing a linked list
- Detecting a cycle in a linked list
- Removing duplicates from a sorted linked list
- Checking if a linked list represents a palindrome

As an example, below we reverse a linked list. Said another way, given the input linked list  $4 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2$ , we want to write a function which returns  $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4$ . To implement this, we first start with a basic node class:

```
class Node:
    def __init__(self, val):
        self.val = val
        self.next = None
```

Then we create the `LinkedList` class, along with the method to reverse its elements. The reverse function iterates through each node of the linked list. At each step, it does a series of swaps between the pointers of the current node and its neighbors.

```
class LinkedList:
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = None

    def reverse(self):
        prev = None
```



```
curr = self.head
while curr:
    next = curr.next
    curr.next = prev
    prev = curr
    curr = next
self.head = prev
```

Like array interview questions, linked list problems often have an obvious brute-force solution that uses  $O(n)$  space, but then also a more clever solution that utilizes the existing list nodes to reduce the memory usage to  $O(1)$ . Another commonality between array and linked list interview solutions is the prevalence of off-by-one errors. In the linked list case, it's easy to mishandle pointers for the head or tail nodes.