SPC - DSA Upskilling Series

Linked Lists

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Introduction

This document introduces Linked Lists, a foundational data structure where elements

are stored in a linear sequence but connected by pointers. Linked Lists rely heavily on

pointer concepts, so having a strong understanding of pointers is essential. All operations

in Linked Lists are pointer-based, and most problems are solved using multiple pointers

and additional helper variables. This pointer-centric approach is central to effectively

managing and navigating Linked Lists.

Understanding Pointers

To understand the core idea of pointers, refer to this video: Pointer Concepts in C

Note that the syntax in this video is based on C language and differs from Python.

For syntax in Python, you may refer to the following resource: Using Pointers in Python

with ctypes.

Problem Set and Resources

Problems to Understand

• Problem: Delete Node in a Linked List

Video Explanation: YouTube

• Problem: Intersection of Two Linked Lists

Video Explanation: YouTube

Problems to Solve

• Problem: Linked List Cycle

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• Problem: Linked List Cycle II

Video Explanation: YouTube

• Problem: Add Two Numbers

Video Explanation: YouTube

• Problem: Remove Duplicates from Sorted List II

Video Explanation: YouTube

Playlist

For comprehensive insights into Linked Lists, refer to this playlist that covers fundamental concepts essential for problem-solving: YouTube Playlist