

**2) (10 pts) DSN (Linked Lists)**

We can store an integer in a linked list of nodes, where each node stores digit, in reverse order. For example, the integer 2163 would be stored in the linked list  $3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$ . Using the node struct shown below that is used to store numbers in this manner, write a **recursive** compareTo function that takes in pointers to two integer stored in this manner and returns a negative integer if the number in the list pointed to by num1 is less than the number in the list pointed to by num2, 0 if the two respective numbers are equal, or a positive integer if the number in the list pointed to by num1 is larger than the number in the list pointed to by num2. For example, compareTo( $3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$ ,  $4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$ ) should return a negative integer and compareTo( $3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$ ,  $9 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 1$ ) should return a positive integer.

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typedef struct node {
    int digit;
    struct node* next;
} node;

int compareTo(node* num1, node* num2) {

    if (num1 == NULL && num2 == NULL) return 0;

    if (num1 == NULL) return -1;

    if (num2 == NULL) return 1;

    int tmp = compareTo(num1->next, num2->next);

    if (tmp != 0) return tmp;

    return num1->digit - num2->digit;
}
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**Grading: 1 pt for each base case (order matters to avoid null ptr error)**

**3 pts for the recursive call**

**2 pts to return the recursive call answer when it's not 0.**

**2 pts to return appropriately when the least significant digit breaks the tie.**

**Note: The base cases can be done in a few ways.**

**Most students will probably use an if-else to compare num1->digit, num2->digit at the end there.**