



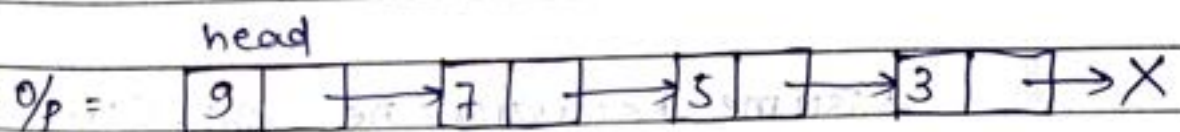
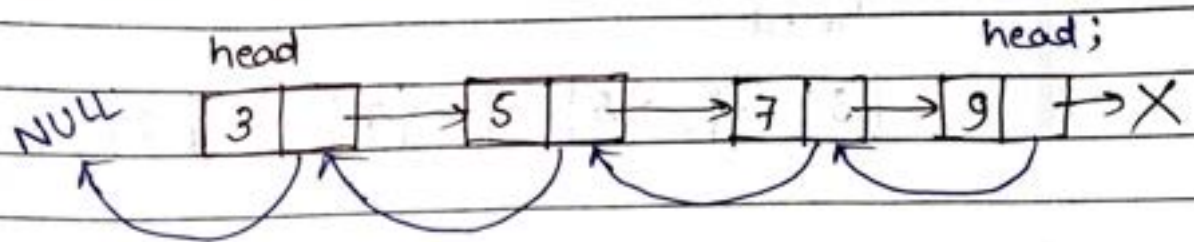
Linked List

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LINKED LIST

Q Reverse linked list



Program:-

```
Node* reverseLinkedList(Node *head)
{
    if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL) {
        return head;
    }

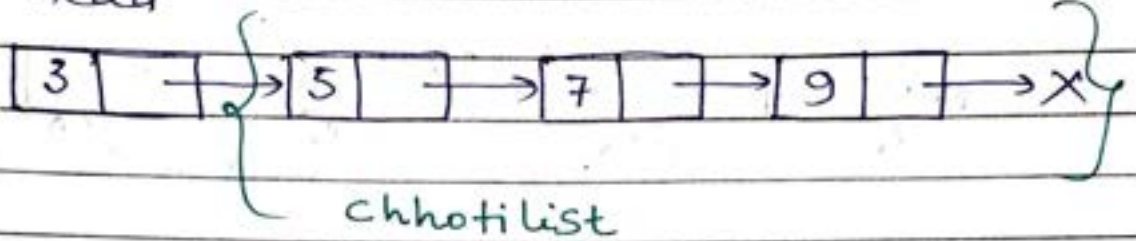
    Node* prev = NULL;
    Node* curr = head;

    while (curr != NULL) {
        Node* forward = curr->next;
        curr->next = prev;
        prev = curr;
        curr = forward;
    }

    return prev;
}
```

→ Recursive approach

head



Assume Recursion ne chhotilist ko reverse kr diya, uske bad

head



head → next → next

head → next → next = head;

(9 → 7 → 5 → 3)

↓
chhotiHead

uske baad, head → next = NULL;

(9 → 7 → 5 → 3 → X)

Program:-

```
Node* reverse(Node* head) {
```

```
    if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL) {  
        return head;  
    }
```

```
    Node* chhotaHead = reverse(head->next);  
    head->next->next = head;  
    head->next = NULL;  
    return chhotaHead;  
}
```

```
Node* reverseLinkedList(Node* head) {
```

```
    return reverse(head);  
}
```


Another Recursive approach:-

```
void reverse(Node* &head, Node* curr, Node* prev) {
```

```
    // base case
```

```
    if (curr == NULL) {
```

```
        head = prev;
```

```
        return;
```

```
    }
```

```
    Node* forward = curr->next;
```

```
    reverse(head, forward, curr);
```

```
    curr->next = prev;
```

```
}
```

```
Node* reverseLinkedList(Node* head) {
```

```
    Node* curr = head;
```

```
    Node* prev = NULL;
```

```
    reverse(head, curr, prev);
```

```
    return head;
```

```
}
```

Q Middle of a linked list

i/p \rightarrow (1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4) \rightarrow NULL

i/p \rightarrow (1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4) \rightarrow (5) \rightarrow NULL

Approach 1:

```
int getlength(Node* head) {  
    int len = 0;  
    while (head != NULL) {  
        len++;  
        head = head  $\rightarrow$  next;  
    }  
    return len;  
}
```

```
Node* findMiddle(Node* head) {  
    int len = getlength(head);  
    int ans = (len/2);
```

```
    Node* temp = head;  
    int cnt = 0;  
    while (cnt < ans) {  
        temp = temp  $\rightarrow$  next;  
        cnt++;  
    }  
    return temp;  
}
```

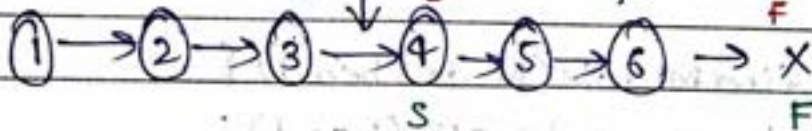
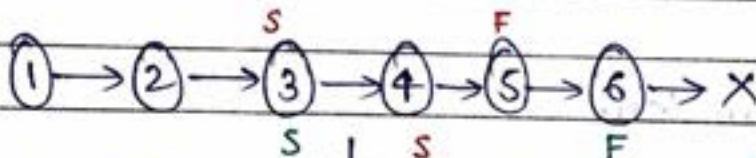
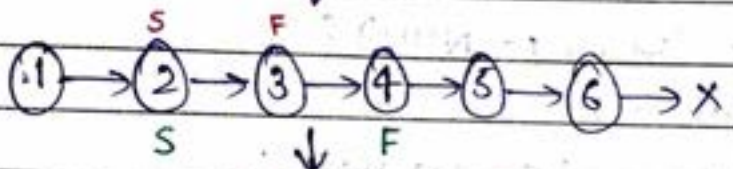
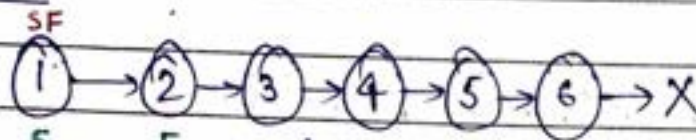
Approach 2! → Use 2 pointers

Slow (moves by 1)

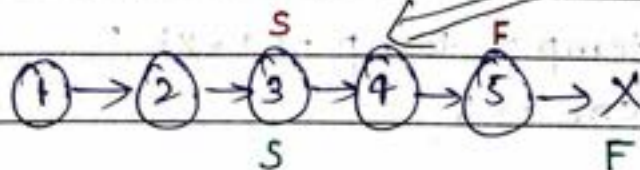
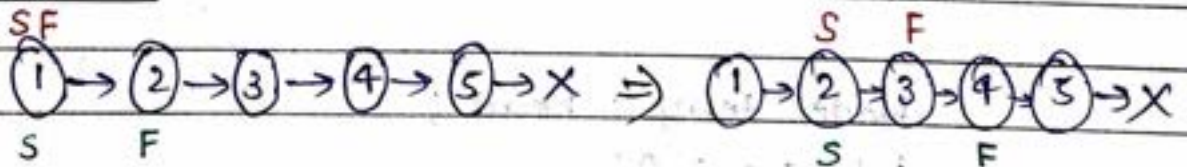
fast (moves by 2)

By the time, fast reaches the end,
slow points to the mid.

Even :-



Odd :-



More optimized
→ Program (2)

Program !→ (2)

```
Node* getMiddle (Node* head) {  
    if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL)  
        return head;
```

```
    if (head->next->next == NULL) {  
        return head->next;  
    }
```

```
    Node* slow = head;
```

```
    Node* fast = head->next;
```

```
    while (fast != NULL) {
```

```
        fast = fast->next;
```

```
        if (fast != NULL) {
```

```
            fast = fast->next;
```

```
        }
```

```
        slow = slow->next;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return slow;
```

```
}
```

```
Node* findMiddle (Node* head) {
```

```
    return getMiddle(head);
```

```
}
```


Important

More Optimized Method :-

```
Node* findMiddle(Node* head) {
```

```
    if (head == NULL)
```

```
        return head;
```

```
    Node* slow = head;
```

```
    Node* fast = head;  $\rightarrow$  next;
```

```
    while (fast != NULL && fast  $\rightarrow$  next != NULL) {
```

```
        fast = fast  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next;
```

```
        slow = slow  $\rightarrow$  next;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return slow;
```

```
}
```

i/p \rightarrow [1, 2, 3, 4] \Rightarrow o/p = [3, 4]

i/p \rightarrow [1, 2, 3, 4] \Rightarrow o/p = [2, 3, 4]

Q Reverse list in K-Groups

i/p! → 3 → 7 → 8 → 11 → 17 → 2 → X

o/p! → K=2.

7 → 3 → 11 → 8 → 2 → 17 → X

o/p! → K=3

8 → 7 → 3 → 2 → 17 → 11 → X

Approach 1! →

Algorithm! →

→ 1 case solve k range

• Iterative algo (count < K)



First K Node reverse

→ head → next = recursion call

→ return head of reversed Linked list



return Prev;

Program:-

```
Node* kReverse (Node* head, int k) {
```

```
    // base case
```

```
    if (head == NULL) {
```

```
        return NULL;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // Step 1:- reverse first k nodes
```

```
    Node* next = NULL;
```

```
    Node* curr = head;
```

```
    Node* prev = NULL;
```

```
    int count = 0;
```

```
    (1) while (curr != NULL && count < k) {
```

```
        next = curr->next;
```

```
        curr->next = prev;
```

```
        prev = curr;
```

```
        (2) curr = next;
```

```
        count++;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // Step 2:- recursion dekh lega aage ka.
```

```
    if (next != NULL) {
```

```
        head->next = kReverse(next, k);
```

```
    }
```

```
    // Step 3:- return head of reversed list
```

```
    return prev;
```

```
}
```


Q Circularly linked list
(Assume empty list as Circular)

Approach 1 →

Agar M jis node se start kiya, uss node pe dubara aa jaaui toh Circular linked list hai.

Program →

```
bool isCircularList(Node * head) {  
    // empty list  
    if (head == NULL) {  
        return true;  
    }
```

```
    Node* temp = head → next;  
    while (temp != NULL && temp != head) {  
        temp = temp → next;  
    }
```

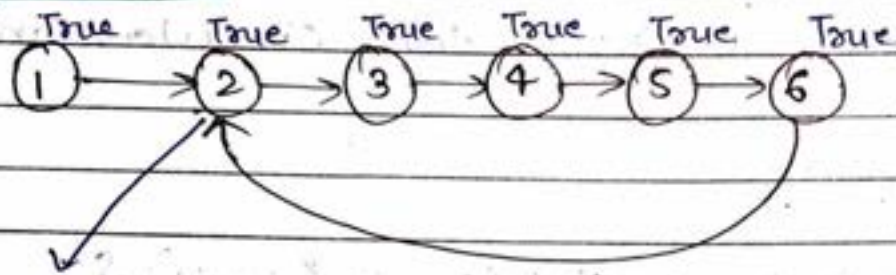
```
    if (temp == head) {  
        return true;  
    }
```

```
    return false;  
}
```

Q Detect and Remove Loop

→ Detect Loop

Algorithm: 1 :-



Yahan Phle se hi true mark kiya hua hai, mtlb loop exist krta hai.

Program:-

```
bool detectLoop(Node* head) {  
    if (head == NULL)  
        return false;
```

S.C = $O(n)$
T.C = $O(n)$

```
    map<Node*, bool> visited;
```

```
    Node* temp = head;
```

```
    while (temp != NULL) {
```

```
        // Cycle is present
```

```
        if (visited[temp] == true) {
```

```
            return true;
```

```
        }
```

```
        visited[temp] = true;
```

```
        temp = temp->next;
```

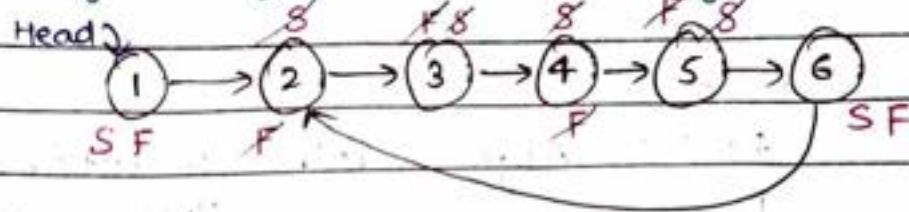
```
    }
```

```
    return false;
```

```
}
```


Note :- In this page, blue pen is used to return true/false and red pen is used for the code to return the node from where the loop is starting

Floyd's Cycle detection Algorithm :-



if (slow == fast) \Rightarrow loop is present

if (fast == NULL) \Rightarrow No loop.

Program :- (T.C $\rightarrow O(n)$, S.C $\rightarrow O(1)$)

```

bool
Node * floydDetectLoop (Node* head) {
    if (head == NULL)
        return false;
    Node* slow = head;
    Node* fast = head;
    while (slow != NULL && fast != NULL) {
        fast = fast->next;
        if (fast != NULL) {
            fast = fast->next;
        }
        slow = slow->next;
        if (slow == fast) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
  
```

while (fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL) {

fast = fast->next;

slow = slow->next;

if (slow == fast) {

return true;

}

slow;

return false;

}

NULL;

→ Starting Node of Loop

Approach:→

→ FCD Algo ⇒ Point of Intersection
(slow == fast)

→ slow = head



move slow & fast at same pace
of '1'.

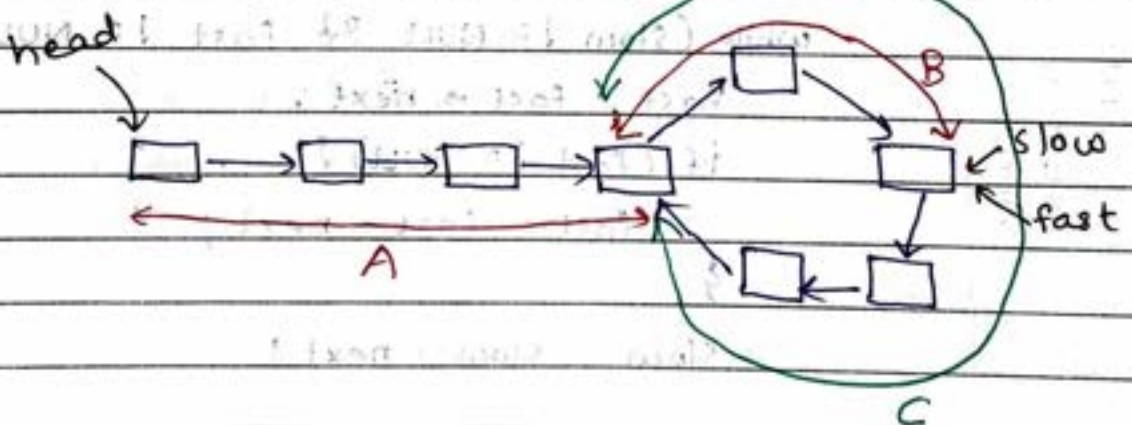


when (slow == fast)



starting point of loop.

Proof:→



Distance by fast pointer = 2 * Distance by slow
Pointer

$$(A + (x * C) + B) = 2 * (A + (y * C) + B)$$

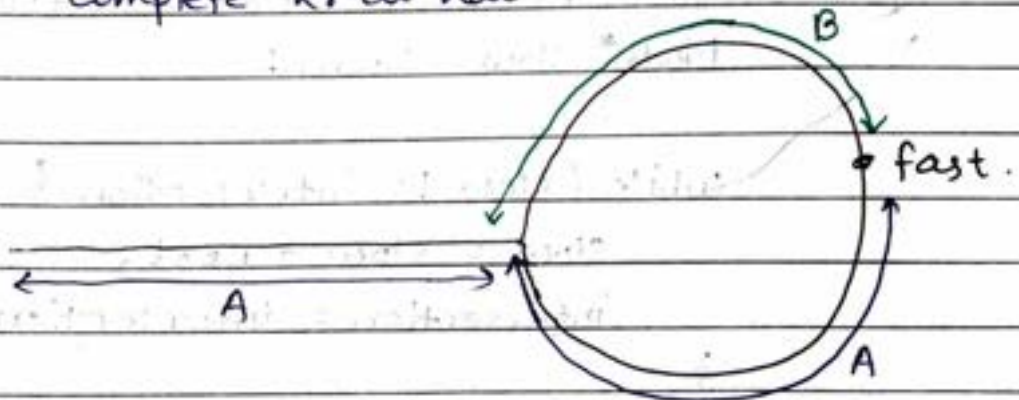
where, x & y are no. of cycles.

$$\Rightarrow C(x-2y) = A + B$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\rightarrow K}$

$$\Rightarrow A + B = K \text{ times } C.$$

Mtlb, $A+B$ ka mtlb hai ki maine Cycle Complete kr di hai.



Toh agar main 'B' distance pe hu toh iss cycle ko complete krne ke liye 'A' distance lgega.

Toh fast pointer aur head se '1' steps aage bahne pe Jb (slow = fast) ho jaye toh whi starting ~~for~~ node hogi loop ki.

if (intersection == NULL) } → Jb loop nhi ho toh
return NULL; } starting node kahan
se hoga.

Program :-

```
Node* getStartingNode (Node* head) {  
    if (head == NULL)  
        return NULL;
```

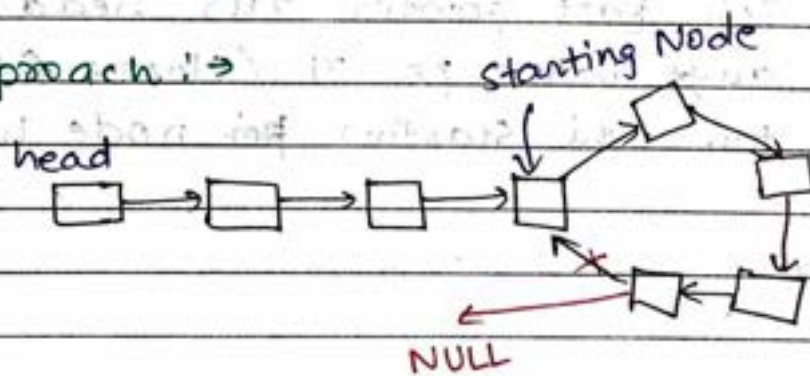
```
Node* intersection = floydDetectLoop (head);  
Node* slow = head;
```

```
while (slow != intersection) {  
    slow = slow → next;  
    intersection = intersection → next;  
}
```

```
return slow;
```

→ Remove Cycle from L.L

Approach :-



Agar starting Node ke ek phle wala node ke pointer ko NULL pointer bana du toh loop remove ho jayega.


```
if (startOfLoop == NULL)
    return NULL;
```

Program:-

```
Node*
Void removeLoop (Node* head) {
    if (head == NULL)
        return NULL;
```

```
    Node* startOfLoop = getStartingNode(head);
    Node* temp = startOfLoop;
```

```
    while (temp->next != startOfLoop) {
        temp = temp->next;
    }
```

```
    temp->next = NULL;
```

```
    return head;
}
```

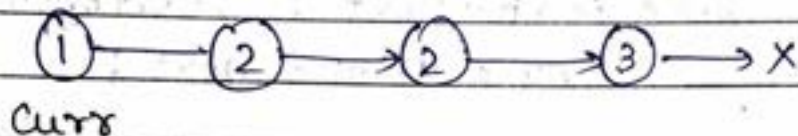
Q Remove Duplicates from Sorted Linked List

i/p \rightarrow (1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4) \rightarrow X

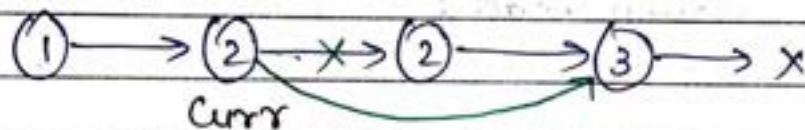
O/p \rightarrow (1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4) \rightarrow X

Program :-

Approach :-



Now, $1 \neq 2 \Rightarrow \text{curr} = \text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next}$



Now, $2 = 2$

$\Rightarrow \text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next_next} = \text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$

And delete $\text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{next_next}$

Kyunki agar delete ke phle $\text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next}$ ko change krnge toh jo Node delete krna hai usko track nhi kr payenge.

Program :-

```
Node* uniqueSortedlist (Node* head) {  
    //empty list  
    if (head == NULL)  
        return NULL;  
  
    // non-empty list  
    Node* curr = head;  
    while (curr->next != NULL) {  
        if (curr->data == curr->next->data) {  
            Node* next-next = curr->next->next;  
            Node* nodeToDelete = curr->next;  
            delete (nodeToDelete);  
            curr->next = next-next;  
        }  
        else { // Not equal  
            curr = curr->next;  
        }  
    }  
    return head;  
}
```

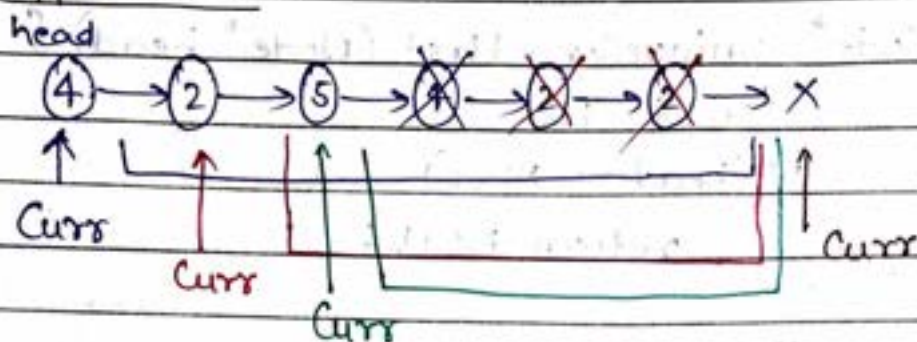
T.C = $O(n)$

S.C = $O(1)$



Q Remove duplicates from Unsorted Linked list

Approach 1 :-



Has ek element ke liye aage ki linked list traverse kr rhe hai, aur jahan jahan mil rha wo element delete krte ja rhe jbtak (curr != NULL)

$$T.C = O(n^2), S.C = O(1)$$

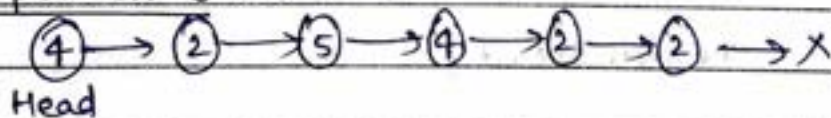
Approach 2 :-

Step 1 :- Sort Linked list $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$

Step 2 :- Previous qstn $\rightarrow O(n)$

$$T.C \rightarrow O(n \log n), S.C \rightarrow O(1)$$

Approach 3 :-

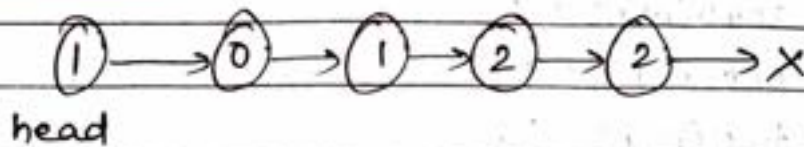


map < Node*, bool > visited

$$T.C \rightarrow O(n), S.C \rightarrow O(n)$$

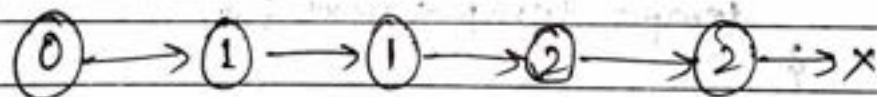
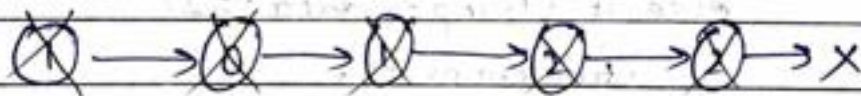
Linked list of
Q Sort \uparrow 0s, 1s, 2s.

Approach:-



Algo \rightarrow Count 0, 1, 2

No.	Count
0	\rightarrow 1
1	\rightarrow 2
2	\rightarrow 2



T.C $\rightarrow O(n)$, S.C $\rightarrow O(1)$

Phle Saare no. ko Count kr liye fir data ko replace kr de rhe.

Program:-

```
Node* SortList (Node* head) {
```

```
    int zeroCount = 0;
```

```
    int oneCount = 0;
```

```
    int twoCount = 0;
```

```
    Node* temp = head;
```

```
    while (temp != NULL) {
```

```
        if (temp->data == 0)
```

```
            zeroCount++;
```

```
        else if (temp->data == 1)
```

```
            oneCount++;
```

```
        else if (temp->data == 2)
```

```
            twoCount++;
```

```
        temp = temp->next;
```

```
    }
```

```
    temp = head;
```

```
    while (temp != NULL) {
```

```
        if (zeroCount != 0) {
```

```
            temp->data = 0;
```

```
            zeroCount--;
```

```
        }
```

```
        else if (oneCount != 0) {
```

```
            temp->data = 1;
```

```
            oneCount--;
```

```
        else if (twoCount != 0) {
```

```
            temp->data = 2;
```

```
            twoCount--;
```

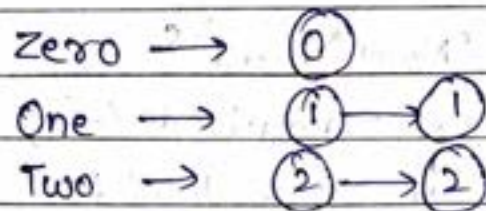
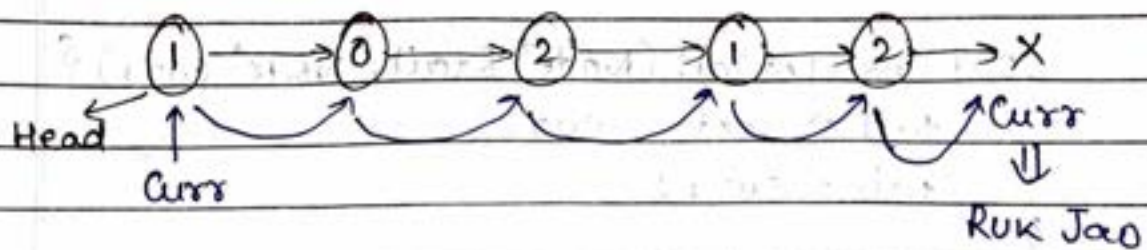
```
        temp = temp->next;
```

```
    }
```

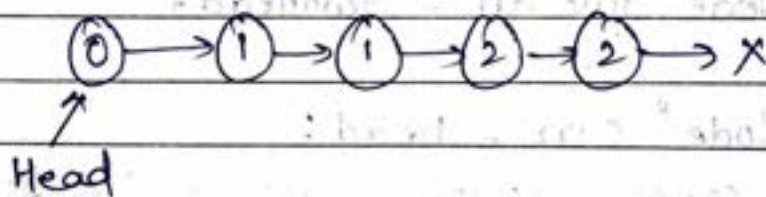
```
    return head;
```

```
}
```

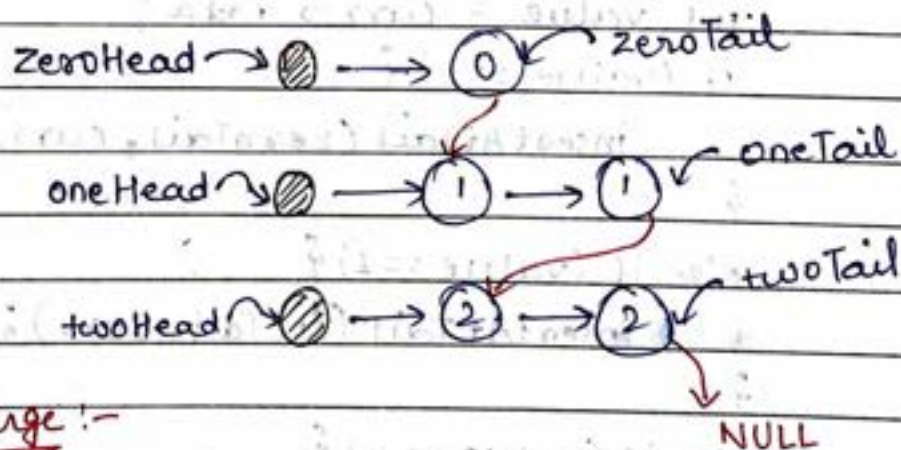

Approach 2:- When Data Replacement isn't allowed.



3 alag-alag linked list bn gya, ab Teeno ko merge kr dena hai.



→ Create dummy nodes.



Merge:-

T.C → $O(n)$, S.C → $O(1)$

Program :-

```
void insertAtTail (Node* &tail, Node* curr) {  
    tail → next = curr;  
    tail = curr;  
}
```

```
Node* sortList (Node* head) {  
    Node* zeroHead = newNode (-1);  
    Node* zeroTail = zeroHead;  
    Node* oneHead = newNode (-1);  
    Node* oneTail = oneHead;  
    Node* twoHead = newNode (-1);  
    Node* twoTail = twoHead;
```

```
    Node* curr = head;  
    // create separate list of 0s, 1s, 2s  
    while (curr != NULL) {  
        int value = curr → data;  
        if (value == 0) {  
            insertAtTail (zeroTail, curr);  
        }  
        else if (value == 1) {  
            insertAtTail (oneTail, curr);  
        }  
        else if (value == 2) {  
            insertAtTail (twoTail, curr);  
        }  
        curr = curr → next;  
    }
```

```
//merge 3 sublist
```

```
// 1s list not empty
```

```
if (oneHead → next != NULL) {
```

```
    zeroTail → next = oneHead → next;
```

```
}
```

```
else {
```

```
    // 1s list is empty
```

```
    zeroTail → next = twoHead → next;
```

```
}
```

```
oneTail → next = twoHead → next;
```

```
twoTail → next = NULL;
```

```
//setup head
```

```
head = zeroHead → next;
```

```
//delete dummy nodes
```

```
delete zeroHead;
```

```
delete oneHead;
```

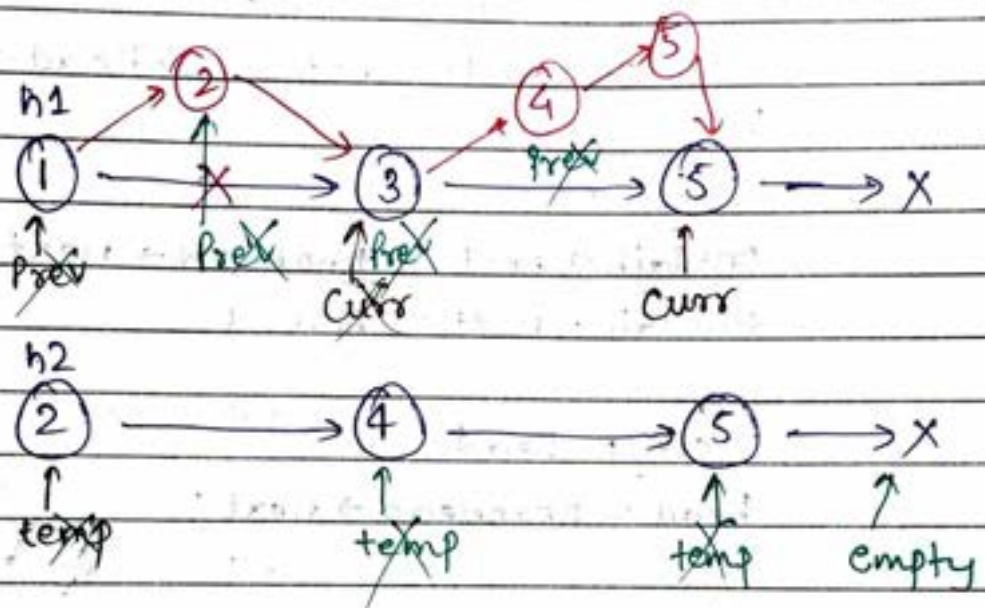
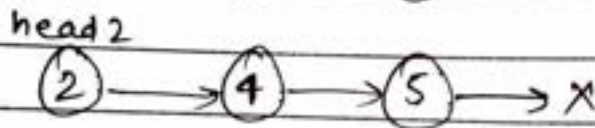
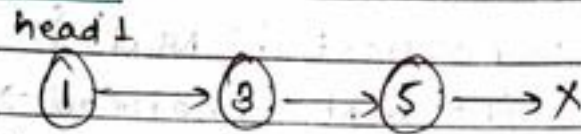
```
delete twoHead;
```

```
return head;
```

```
}
```


8 Merge 2 Sorted Linked list

Approach \Rightarrow



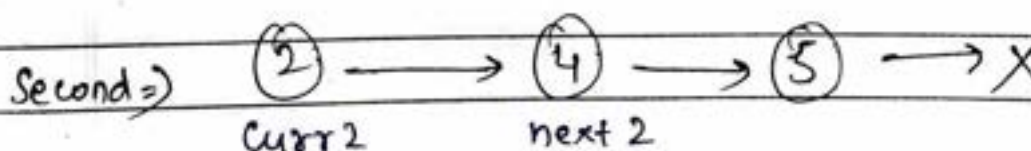
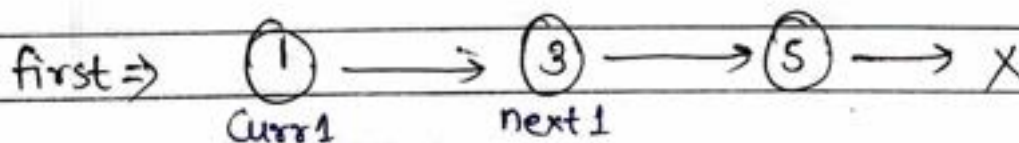
Prev → data ≤ temp → data ≤ Curr → data

TRUE

FALSE

daal do Node bich mein
aur pointers update
kr do.

Curr pointer
aage bdha do.



Program:-

```
Node<int>* solve(Node<int>* first, Node<int>* second) {  
    //if only one element is present in first list  
    if (first->next == NULL) {  
        first->next = second;  
        return first;  
    }
```

```
    Node<int>* curr1 = first;  
    Node<int>* next1 = curr1->next;  
    Node<int>* curr2 = second;  
    Node<int>* next2 = curr2->next;
```

```
    while (next1 != NULL && curr2 != NULL) {
```

```
        if ((curr2->data >= curr1->data) &&  
            (curr2->data <= next1->data)) {
```

```
            //add node in b/w the node of first list
```

```
            curr1->next = curr2;  
            next2 = curr2->next;  
            curr2->next = next1;
```

```
            //updating pointer
```

```
            curr1 = curr2;  
            curr2 = next2;
```

```
        }
```

```
else { // go one step ahead in first list
```

```
curr1 = next1;
```

```
next1 = next1 -> next;
```

```
if (next1 == NULL) {
```

```
curr1 -> next = curr2;
```

```
return first;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
return first;
```

```
}
```

```
Node<int>* sortTwoLists (Node<int>* first, Node<int>* second) {
```

```
if (first == NULL)
```

```
return second;
```

```
if (second == NULL)
```

```
return first;
```

```
if (first -> data <= second -> data) {
```

```
solve (first, second);
```

```
}
```

```
else {
```

```
solve (second, first);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```


Q Check Palindrome in a Linked List

Approach 1:-

Step 1:- Create an array.

Step 2:- Copy L.L Content into array.

Step 3:- Write logic to check palindrome in array.

T.C $\rightarrow O(N)$, S.C $\rightarrow O(N)$

Program:-

\rightarrow for Copying L.L Content into array.

```
bool isPalindrome(Node* head)
{
    vector<int> arr;
    Node* temp = head;
    while (temp != NULL) {
        arr.push_back(temp->data);
        temp = temp->next;
    }
    return checkPalindrome(arr);
}
```

\rightarrow Step 3 ka function
Jo hm likh skte hai.

Approach 2:-

	T.C
Step 1:- find middle	$O(N)$
Step 2:- reverse L.L after it	$O(N)$
Step 3:- Compare both halves	$O(N)$
Step 4:- repeat step 2.	$O(N)$

T.C $\rightarrow O(N)$, S.C $\rightarrow O(1)$

Program:-

```
bool isPalindrome(Node* head) {
    if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL)
        return true;
    // Step 1:- find middle
    Node* middle = getMid(head);
    // Step 2:- reverse L.L after middle
    Node* temp = middle->next;
    middle->next = reverse(temp);
    // Step 3:- Compare both halves
    Node* head1 = head;
    Node* head2 = middle->next;
    while (head2 != NULL) {
        if (head1->data != head2->data)
            return false;
        head1 = head1->next;
        head2 = head2->next;
    }
    // Step 4:- repeat step 2. (Optional)
    temp = middle->next;
    middle->next = reverse(temp);
    // yahan tk aa gaya toh true hoga
    return true;
}
```


first = [2, 9, 3], second = [5, 6, 4]

O/p = [7, 0, 8].

Explanation $\Rightarrow 342 + 465 = 807$

Add two numbers represented by linked list.

Algorithm \rightarrow Step 1: \rightarrow Reverse both L.L

Step 2: \rightarrow Add them from left

Step 3: \rightarrow Reverse ans.

Program \rightarrow

```
Node* reverse (Node* head) {
```

```
}
```

```
void insertAtTail (struct Node* &head, struct Node* &tail, int val) {
```

```
}
```

```
struct Node* add (struct Node* first, struct Node* second) {
```

```
    int carry = 0;
```

```
    Node* ansHead = NULL;
```

```
    Node* ansTail = NULL;
```

```
    while (first != NULL || second != NULL || carry != 0) {
```

```
        int val1 = 0;
```

```
        if (first != NULL)
```

```
            val1 = first->data;
```

```
        int val2 = 0;
```

```
        if (second != NULL)
```

```
            val2 = second->data;
```

```
        int sum = carry + val1 + val2;
```

```
        int digit = sum % 10;
```



```
// create node and add in ans LL  
insertAtTail (ansHead, ansTail, digit);
```

```
Carry = sum/10;
```

```
if (first != NULL)
```

```
    first = first → next;
```

```
if (second != NULL)
```

```
    second = second → next
```

```
}
```

```
return ansHead;
```

```
}
```

```
public:
```

```
struct Node* addTwoLists (struct Node* first, struct Node  
                           *second) {
```

```
    // Step 1 → reverse input LL
```

```
    first = reverse (first);
```

```
    second = reverse (second);
```

```
    // Step 2 → add 2 LL
```

```
    Node* ans = add (first, second);
```

```
    // Step 3 → reverse ans
```

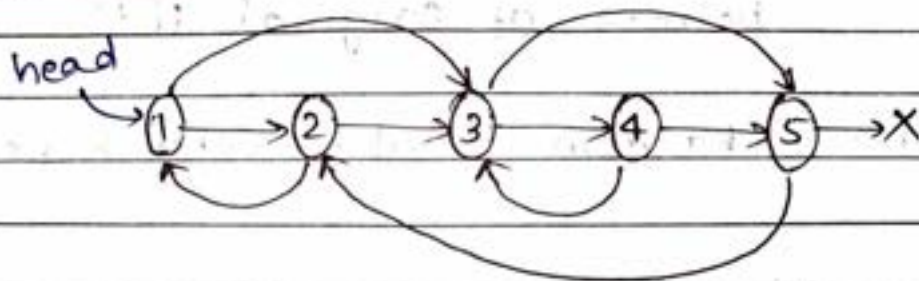
```
    ans = reverse (ans);
```

```
    return ans;
```

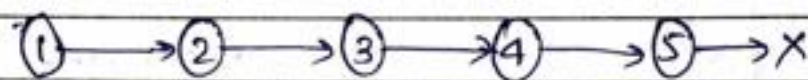
```
}
```

8 Clone a linked list with next and random pointers.

Approach 1 :-



Step 1 :- Create a clone list (using Original list next pointer). $O(n)$



Step 2 :- Ab bss random pointer ko copy krna bcha hai.

Toh M hr node ke liye dekhunga ki uska random pointer kitna dur hai aur usko point krwa dunga, fir next node pe jaunga.

for (Original list mein dhund rhe ki uska random ptr. kitna distance p h.

{

$O(n^2)$ while (Jotk main clone wali list ko iske random ptr. ko su jgh nhi lga deta).

• { }

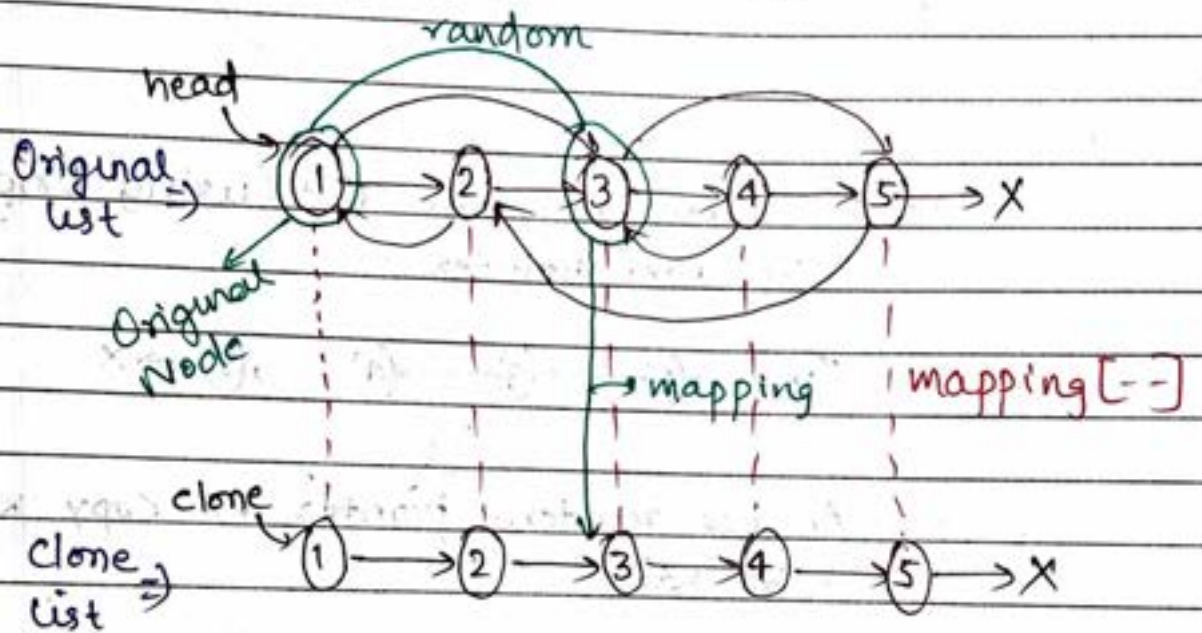
};

T.C $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

Approach 2:-

Step 1:- Create a clone list (using next pointers of Original list)

Step 2:- Random pointer copy krne hai



Clone Node \rightarrow random = mapping[original Node \downarrow random]

T.C $\rightarrow O(N)$

S.C $\rightarrow O(N)$, because of map.

Program:-

Private:

```
void insertAtTail(Node* &head, Node* &tail, int d) {
```

```
    - - - - -  
}
```

public:

```
Node* copyList(Node* head) {
```

```
    // create a clone list (step 1)
```

```
    Node* cloneHead = NULL;
```

```
    Node* cloneTail = NULL;
```

```
    Node* temp = head;
```

```
    while (temp != NULL) {
```

```
        insertAtTail(cloneHead, cloneTail, temp->data);
```

```
        temp = temp->next;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // step 2 :- create a map
```

```
    unordered_map<Node*, Node*> oldToNewNode;
```

```
    Node* originalNode = head;
```

```
    Node* cloneNode = cloneHead;
```

```
    while (originalNode != NULL && cloneNode != NULL) {
```

```
        oldToNewNode[originalNode] = cloneNode;
```

```
        originalNode = originalNode->next;
```

```
        cloneNode = cloneNode->next;
```

```
    }
```

```
// set random pointer
```

```
originalNode = head;
```

```
cloneNode = cloneHead;
```

```
while (originalNode != NULL) {
```

```
    cloneNode->random = oldToNewNode[originalNode  
                                ->random];
```

```
    originalNode = originalNode->next;
```

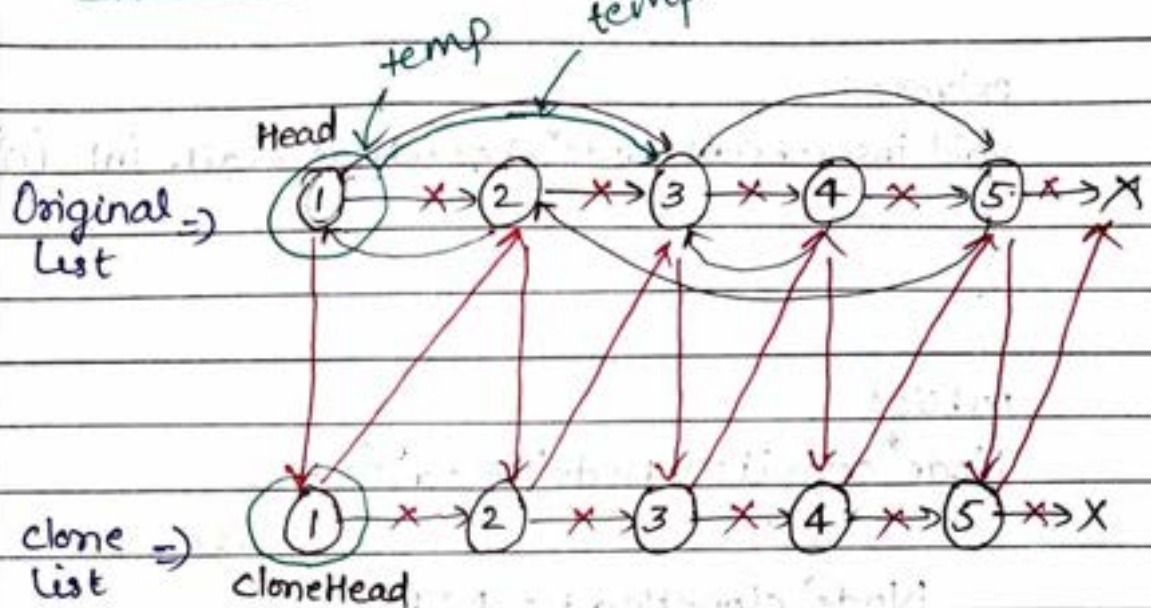
```
    cloneNode = cloneNode->next;
```

```
}
```

```
return cloneHead;
```

```
}
```

Approach 3 :-



Step 1:- create a clone list

Step 2:- Add cloneNodes in b/w OriginalList

Step 3:- Random pointer: (clone list)

temp \rightarrow next \rightarrow random = temp \rightarrow random \rightarrow next

Step 4:- revert changes done in step 2.

Step 5:- return ans (cloneHead)

Program:-

private :

```
void insertAtTail (Node* &head, Node* &tail, int d){  
    . . . . .  
}
```

public:

```
Node* copyList (Node* head){
```

```
    //Step 1:- Create a clone List
```

```
    Node* cloneHead = NULL;
```

```
    Node* cloneTail = NULL;
```

```
    Node* temp = head;
```

```
    while (temp != NULL){
```

```
        insertAtTail (cloneHead, cloneTail, temp->data);
```

```
        temp = temp->next;
```

```
    }
```

```
    //Step 2:- Add cloneNodes in b/w Original list
```

```
    Node* originalNode = head;
```

```
    Node* cloneNode = cloneHead;
```

```
    while (originalNode != NULL && cloneNode != NULL){
```

```
        Node* next = originalNode->next;
```

```
        originalNode->next = cloneNode;
```

```
        originalNode = next;
```

```
        next = cloneNode->next;
```

```
        cloneNode->next = originalNode;
```

```
        cloneNode = next;
```

```
    }
```

// Step 3 :- random pointer copy

temp = head;

while (temp != NULL) {

if (temp->next != NULL) {

temp->next->random = temp->random

? temp->random->next : temp->random

}

temp = temp->next->next;

}

// Step 4 :- revert changes done in step 2

originalNode = head;

cloneNode = cloneHead;

while (originalNode != NULL && cloneNode != NULL) {

originalNode->next = cloneNode->next;

originalNode = originalNode->next;

if (originalNode != NULL) {

cloneNode->next = originalNode->next;

}

cloneNode = cloneNode->next;

}

// Step 5 :- return ans

return cloneHead;

}

Q Merge Sort in Linked list

```
Node* findMid (Node* head) {  
    Node* slow = head;  
    Node* fast = head->next;  
    while (fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL) {  
        slow = slow->next;  
        fast = fast->next->next;  
    }  
    return slow;  
}
```

```
Node* merge (Node* left, Node* right) {  
    if (left == NULL)  
        return right;  
    if (right == NULL)  
        return left;
```

```
    Node* ans = new Node(-1);  
    Node* temp = ans;  
    // merge 2 sorted L.L  
    while (left != NULL & right != NULL) {  
        if (left->data < right->data) {  
            temp->next = left;  
            temp = left;  
            left = left->next;  
        }  
        else { temp->next = right;  
            temp = right;  
            right = right->next;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



```

        while (leftright != NULL) {
            temp → next = right;
            temp = right;
            right = right → next;
        }
        while (rightleft != NULL) {
            temp → next = left;
            temp = left;
            left = left → next;
        }
        ans = ans → next;
        return ans;
    }

```

```

Node* mergeSort (Node* head) {
    // base case
    if (head == NULL || head → next == NULL)
        return head;
    // break LL into two halves, after finding Mid
    Node* mid = findMid(head);
    Node* left = head;
    Node* right = mid → next;
    mid → next = NULL;
    // recursive calls to sort both halves
    left = mergeSort(left);
    right = mergeSort(right);

    // merge both left and right halves
    Node* result = merge(left, right);
    return result;
}

```

Q Delete Node in a linked list (leetcode 237)

NOTE:→ You will not be given access to the head of list, instead only the node to be deleted directly.

Program:-

```
void deleteNode(Node* node) {  
    *node = *node → next;  
}
```

(or)

```
node → val = node → next → val;  
node → next = node → next → next;
```