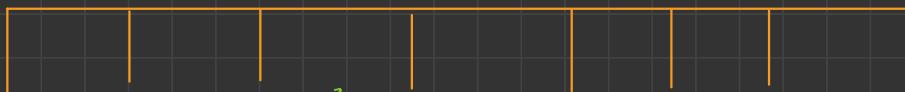



MERGE SORT

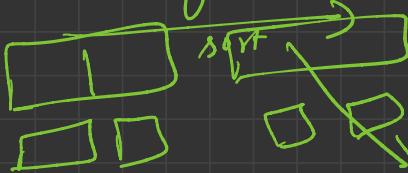
Linked List

① Merge sort?

what - ?



left



Right

Right

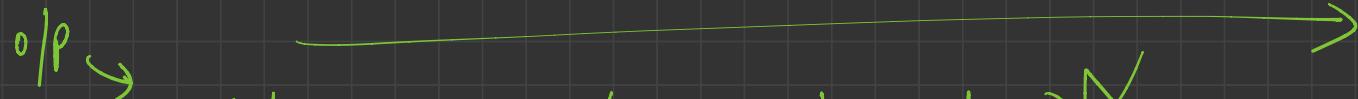
sort

sort



Merge

Merge

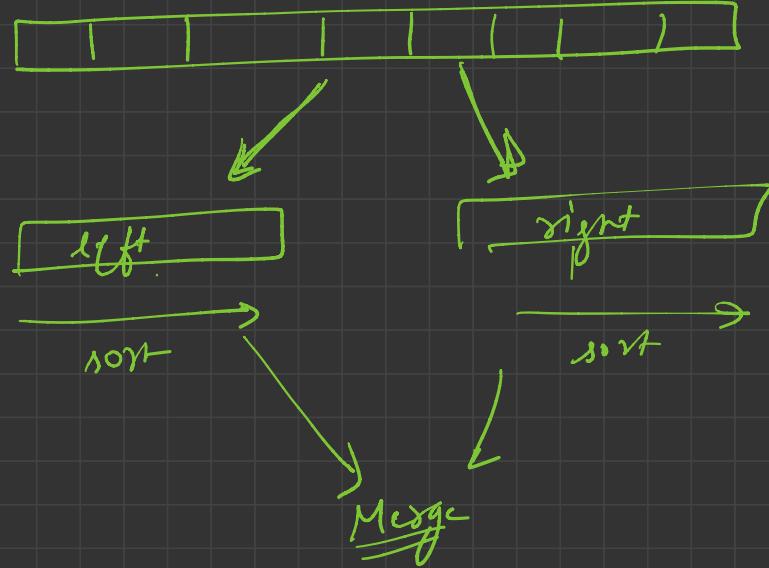


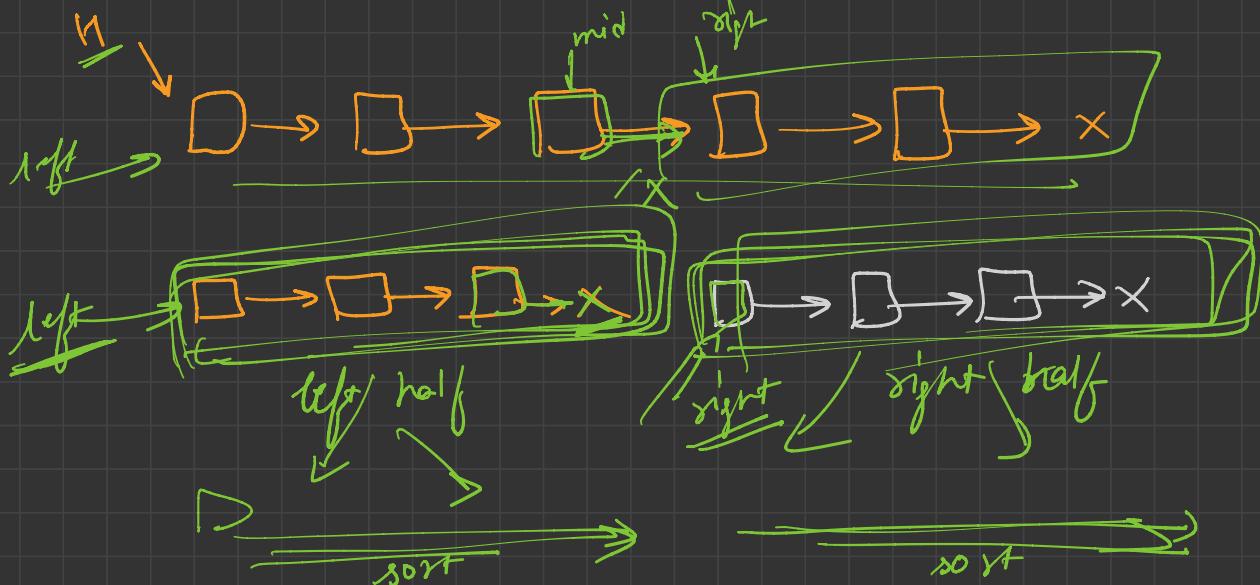
data replacement → ✗

change links

How - ?

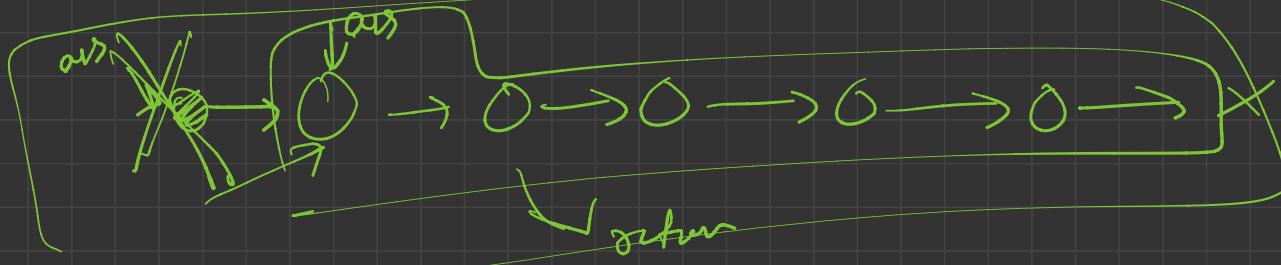
Approach:-





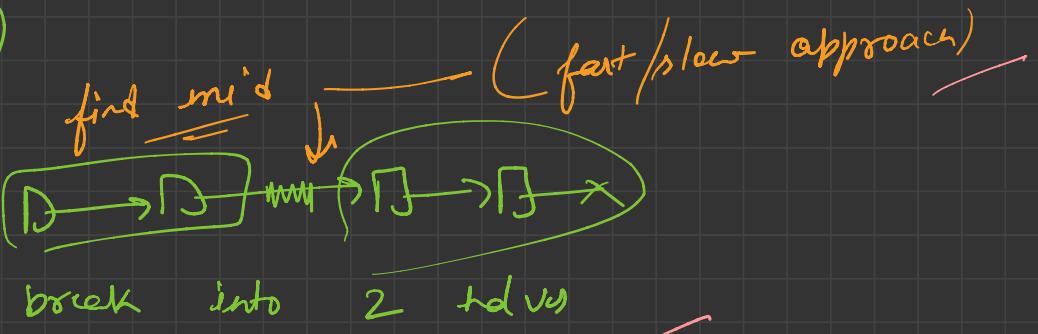
$T.C \rightarrow O(n \log n)$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Merge}}$
 Merge 2 sorted LL;
M.S (LL)



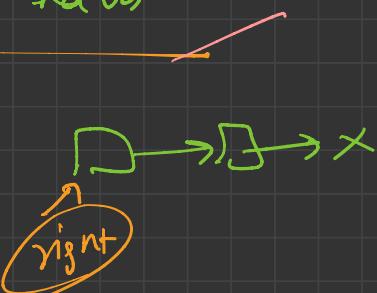
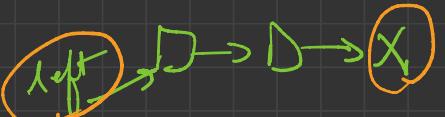
M.S. \rightarrow (LL)

(I) \rightarrow



$$T.C \rightarrow O(n \log n)$$

$$S.C \rightarrow O(\log n)$$



(III)

Recursively sort left / right halves

(IV)

merge left / right sorted halves

Merge 2 sorted LL

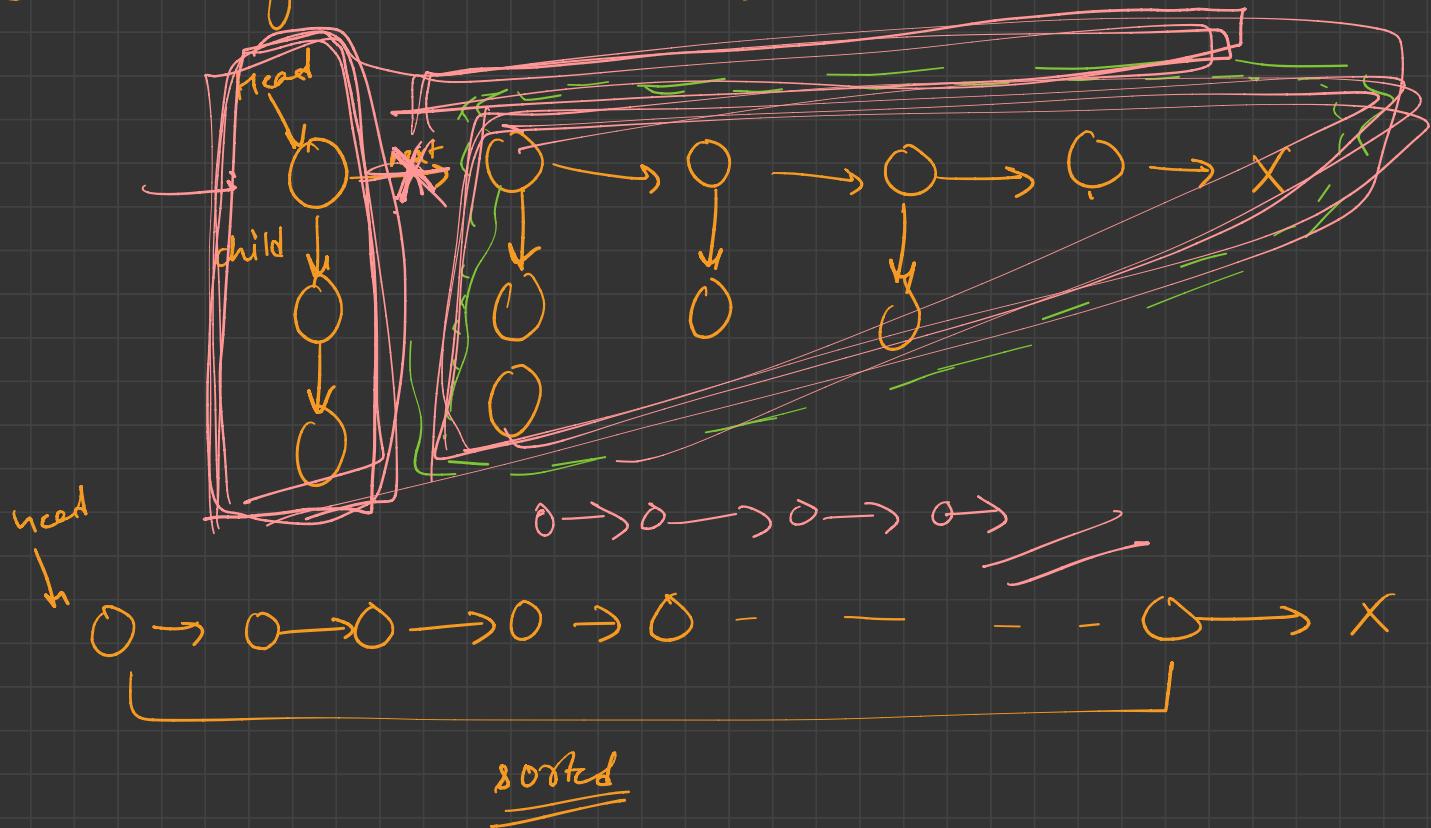
(V)

return merged list

Hybrid

II

flatten a Linked List



flatten (head)

Node * down = head ;
down → next = NULL ;
Node * right = flatten (head → right)



○ → ○ → ○ → ○ → X

Expect
Code → X

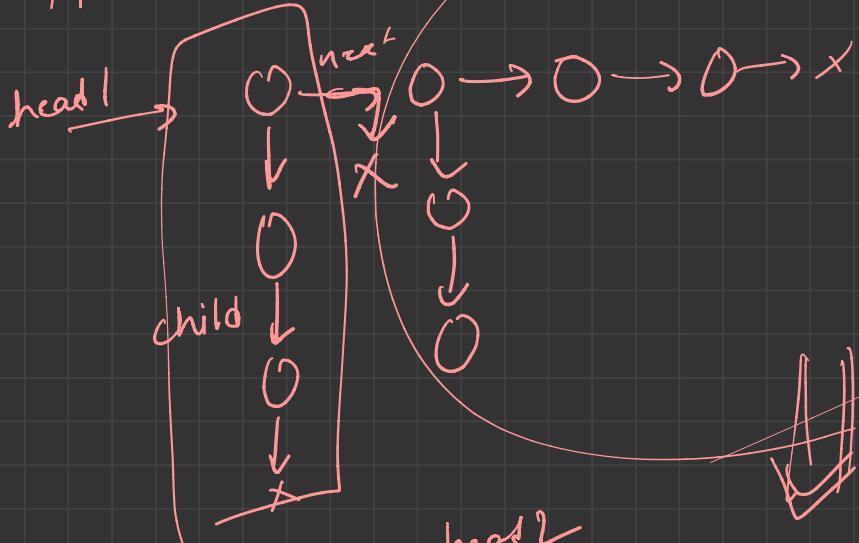
Node * ans = merge (down, right)

return ans;

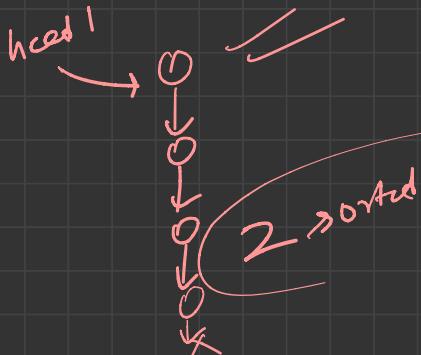
Merge 2 sorted
Linked List

H/w

i/p



Recurr.



head 2



LL

merge 2 sorted LL

ans

single sorted LL

