

143. Reorder List

You are given the head of a singly linked list.

Re-order the list like so:

$$L_0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_n \quad \Rightarrow \quad L_0 \rightarrow L_n \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots$$

Ex.]

Input: [1 2 3 4]

Output: [1 4 2 3]

1 → 2 → 3 → 4
1 → 3 → 2 → 4
1 → 4 → 2 → 3

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 8 2 7 3 6 4 5

1 3 2 4 5 6 7 8

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1 5 2 3 4 6 7 8

1 6 2 3 4 5 7 8

1 7 2 3 4 5 6 8

1 8 2 3 4 5 6 7

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1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → \0

front → next = back → next

1 6 2

back → next → next = front → next → next

1 → 6 → 2 → 5 →

1 → 2 → 3 6 → 5 → 4

1 6 2 5 3 4

tmp1 = nullptr

tmp2 = nullptr

1 → 6 → 2 → 5 → 3 → 4

while (rhs & & lhs)

tmp1 = rhs → next

tmp2 = lhs → next

lhs → next = rhs

1) Find mid-point of linked list

2) Reverse rhs of linked list

3) lhs & rhs, insert rhs into lhs

tmp = lhs → next

lhs → next = rhs

tmp1 = rhs → next

rhs → next = tmp

lhs = tmp

rhs = tmp1

1) How to find midpoint?

slow = head // Assume 'head' is not nullptr

fast = head

while fast → next and fast → next → next

slow = slow → next

fast = fast → next → next

2.) How to reverse?

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

prev = nullptr

current = head

next = nullptr

while current

next = current->next

current->next = prev

prev = current

current = next

return prev

3.) How to insert?

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow \text{nullptr}$

$6 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow \text{nullptr}$

$1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow \text{nullptr}$

$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \downarrow & & \\ 6 & \rightarrow 5 & 4 \end{array}$

lhs1 = null

rhs1 = null