

# ODD EVEN LINKED LIST

★ In this problem, we are given a singly linked list and our job is to return a list where all the odd indices are at the start and even indices are at the end.

Brute force solution is to create a desired format of our linked list in an array after one iteration. Then in another iteration we just change values in linked list. Time Complexity is  $O(2N)$  and space complexity is  $O(N)$ .

Optimal Solution will eliminate use of array. We use 2 pointers, odd (head) and even (head  $\rightarrow$  next). At each step we will modify links of each node.

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C++  
Node* oddEvenLinkedList(Node* head) {  
    Node* odd = head;  
    Node* even = head  $\rightarrow$  next;  
    Node* evenHead = head  $\rightarrow$  next;  
    while (even != null ptr && even  $\rightarrow$  next != null ptr) {  
        odd  $\rightarrow$  next = odd  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next;  
        even  $\rightarrow$  next = even  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next;  
        odd = odd  $\rightarrow$  next;  
        even = even  $\rightarrow$  next;  
    }
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}  
odd → next = evenHead ;  
return head ;  
}
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