

N^{th} NODE FROM BACK

★ In this problem, we are given a singly linked list and a value K . Our job is to return the linked list after deleting the N^{th} node from the back.

Bruteforce solution is to calculate the length of the linked lists. Then just iterate to $N-K$ and delete that node. Time Complexity is $O(N + K)$.

Optimal Solution is to use 2 pointers, a fast one and a slow one. Fast one will get a headstart of K steps, after which both the slow and fast pointers move together. In this manner, when the fast pointer is at the last node, slow pointer will reach the $N-K^{\text{th}}$ Node.

C++ :

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Node* nthNodeFromBack(Node* head, int K) {  
    Node* fast = head;  
    Node* slow = head;  
    for (int i = 0; i < K; i++) {  
        fast = fast->next;  
    }  
}
```

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while (fast → next != nullptr) {  
    slow = slow → next ;  
    fast = fast → next ;  
}
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Node * delNode = slow → next ;  
slow → next = slow → next → next ;  
delete delNode ;  
return head ;  
}
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