


| Palindrome in C++ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <pre>#include <iostream> using namespace std; // Node class for the linked list class Node { public: int val; Node* next; Node(int val) { this->val = val; this->next = nullptr; } }; // Function to find the middle node of the linked list Node* midNode(Node* head) { if (head == nullptr head->next == nullptr) return head; Node* slow = head; Node* fast = head; while (fast->next != nullptr && fast->next->next != nullptr) { slow = slow->next; fast = fast->next->next; } return slow; } // Function to reverse a linked list Node* reverseOfLL(Node* head) { if (head == nullptr head->next == nullptr) return head; Node* prev = nullptr; Node* curr = head; Node* forw = nullptr; while (curr != nullptr) { forw = curr->next; curr->next = prev; prev = curr; curr = forw; } return prev; } // Function to check if a linked list is a palindrome bool isPalindrome(Node* head) { if (head == nullptr head->next == nullptr) return true; // Find the middle of the linked list Node* mid = midNode(head); // Reverse the second half of the list Node* nHead = mid->next;</pre> | <h3>Step-by-Step Dry Run Table</h3> <table><tr><th>Step</th><th>Operation</th><th>Pointer/Variable</th><th>Value(s)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Find mid</td><td>slow, fast</td><td>Mid = 3 (slow stops here)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Reverse 2nd half</td><td>From node 2 -> 1</td><td>Reversed to 1 -> 2</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Compare halves</td><td>1-2-3 vs 1-2</td><td>Matches fully</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Restore 2nd half</td><td>Reverse back 1->2</td><td>Back to 2->1</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Result</td><td></td><td>✔ true (Palindrome)</td></tr></table> <div> Output</div> <p>true</p> | | | Step | Operation | Pointer/Variable | Value(s) | 1 | Find mid | slow, fast | Mid = 3 (slow stops here) | 2 | Reverse 2nd half | From node 2 -> 1 | Reversed to 1 -> 2 | 3 | Compare halves | 1-2-3 vs 1-2 | Matches fully | 4 | Restore 2nd half | Reverse back 1->2 | Back to 2->1 | 5 | Result | | ✔ true (Palindrome) |
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mid->next = nullptr; // Split the list into two halves
nHead = reverseOfLL(nHead);

// Compare the two halves
Node* c1 = head;
Node* c2 = nHead;

bool res = true;
while (c2 != nullptr) { // Only need to compare until
c2 ends
    if (c1->val != c2->val) {
        res = false;
        break;
    }
    c1 = c1->next;
    c2 = c2->next;
}

// Restore the original list
nHead = reverseOfLL(nHead);
mid->next = nHead;

return res;
}

// Function to create a linked list from an array of
integers
Node* createList(int values[], int n) {
    Node* dummy = new Node(-1);
    Node* prev = dummy;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        prev->next = new Node(values[i]);
        prev = prev->next;
    }
    return dummy->next;
}

int main() {
    // Hardcoding the linked list: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 2 -> 1
    int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 2, 1};
    int n = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(arr[0]);
    Node* head = createList(arr, n);

    // Checking if the linked list is a palindrome
    cout << boolalpha << isPalindrome(head) <<
endl; // should print true

    return 0;
}

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Output:-

true