

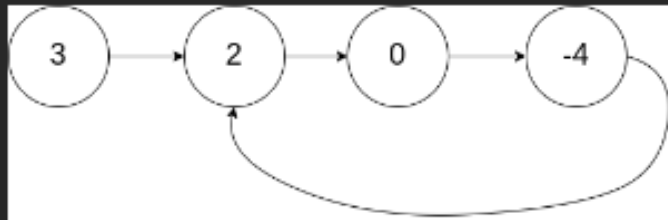
Detect the cycle in Linked List

Given `head`, the head of a linked list, determine if the linked list has a cycle in it.

There is a cycle in a linked list if there is some node in the list that can be reached again by continuously following the `next` pointer. Internally, `pos` is used to denote the index of the node that tail's `next` pointer is connected to. **Note that `pos` is not passed as a parameter.**

Return `true` if there is a cycle in the linked list. Otherwise, return `false`.

Example 1:

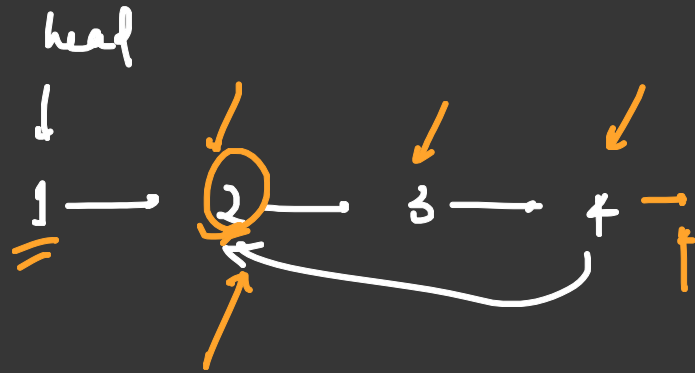


Input: `head = [3,2,0,-4]`, `pos = 1`

Output: `true`

Explanation: There is a cycle in the linked list, where the tail connects to the 1st node (0-indexed).

Brute force:



NULL

return false

return true.

hashmap set



- We use hashmap/hashset to save prev node to find cycle in it.

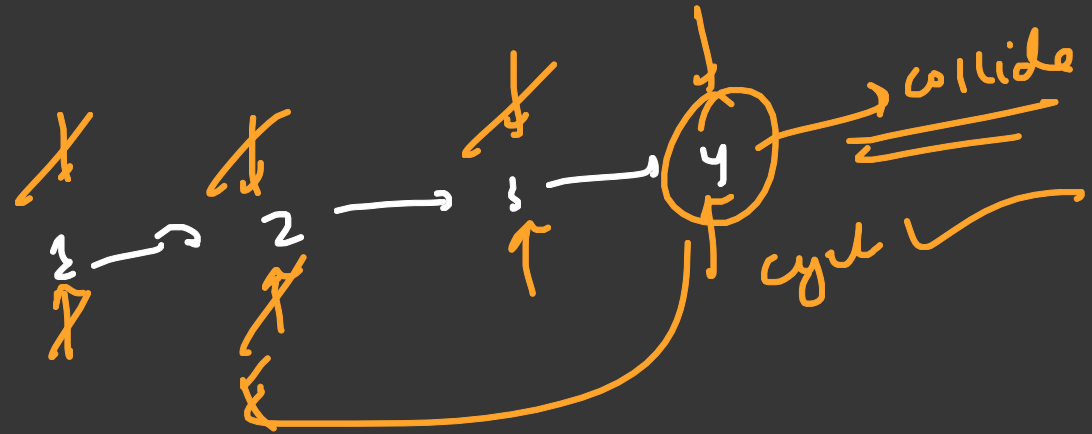
$$T.C. = O(N) \quad S.C. = \underline{\underline{O(N)}}$$

Optimal Approach:

Slow fast point method if $\text{slow} == \text{fast} \rightarrow$ true cycle.
else not

$\text{slow} = \text{slow} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{fast} = \text{fast} \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$



T.C $\sim O(N)$

S.C $\sim O(1)$