

LeetCode Linked List: AddTwoNumbers & MergeTwoLists

Problem 1: Add Two Numbers (Linked List)

Description:

Given two numbers represented by linked lists in reverse order, add them as you would do digit by digit.

Example:

Input: l1 = [2,4,3], l2 = [5,6,4]

Output: [7,0,8] because $342 + 465 = 807$

Code with Steps:

```
public class Solution {  
  
    public ListNode AddTwoNumbers(ListNode l1, ListNode l2) {  
  
        ListNode dummyHead = new ListNode(0);    // Step 1: create dummy head to simplify result list  
creation  
  
        ListNode current = dummyHead;            // Step 2: current points to last node in result list  
  
        int carry = 0;                            // Step 3: carry is used when sum >= 10  
  
        while (l1 != null || l2 != null || carry != 0) {  
  
            int sum = carry;                        // Step 4: Start with carry from last digit  
  
            if (l1 != null) {  
  
                sum += l1.val;                      // Step 5: add l1's digit if available  
  
                l1 = l1.next;                        // Step 6: move to next node in l1  

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    }

    if (l2 != null) {
        sum += l2.val;           // Step 7: add l2's digit if available
        l2 = l2.next;           // Step 8: move to next node in l2
    }

    carry = sum / 10;            // Step 9: calculate carry for next digit
    int digit = sum % 10;        // Step 10: extract current digit

    current.next = new ListNode(digit); // Step 11: add new node with the digit
    current = current.next;      // Step 12: move current forward
}

return dummyHead.next;         // Step 13: return the list starting after dummy node
}
}

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Problem 2: Merge Two Sorted Lists

Description:

You are given two sorted linked lists. Merge them into one sorted list.

Example:

Input: l1 = [1,2,4], l2 = [1,3,4]

Output: [1,1,2,3,4,4]

Code with Steps:

```
public class Solution {  
  
    public ListNode MergeTwoLists(ListNode l1, ListNode l2) {  
  
        ListNode dummyHead = new ListNode(0);    // Step 1: dummy head helps build result  
  
        ListNode current = dummyHead;            // Step 2: pointer to build new list  
  
        while (l1 != null && l2 != null) {  
  
            if (l1.val < l2.val) {  
  
                current.next = l1;                // Step 3: attach l1's node if smaller  
  
                l1 = l1.next;                      // Step 4: move l1 forward  
  
            } else {  
  
                current.next = l2;                // Step 5: attach l2's node if smaller or equal  
  
                l2 = l2.next;                      // Step 6: move l2 forward  
  
            }  
  
            current = current.next;                // Step 7: move current forward  
  
        }  
  
        if (l1 != null) current.next = l1;        // Step 8: attach remaining l1 nodes  
  
        if (l2 != null) current.next = l2;        // Step 9: attach remaining l2 nodes  
  
        return dummyHead.next;                    // Step 10: return result starting after dummy  
  
    }  
  
}
```