

## 141. Linked List Cycle

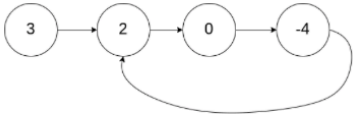
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Given `head`, the head of a linked list, determine if the linked list has a cycle in it.

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:

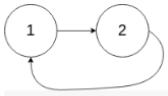


Input: `head = [3,2,0,-4]`, `pos = 1`

Output: `true`

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

Example 2:



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

Output: `true`

Explanation: There is a cycle in the linked list, where the tail connects to the 0th node.

Example 3:

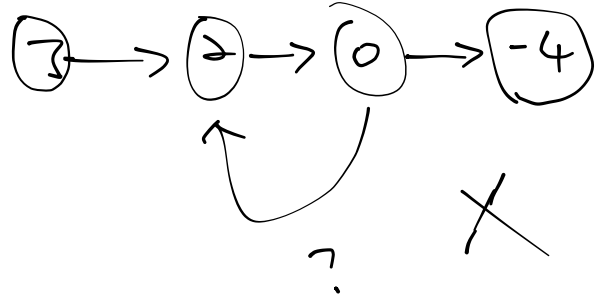


Input: `head = [1]`, `pos = -1`

Output: `false`

Explanation: There is no cycle in the linked list.

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Since the Node 0

can only have one pointed  
next node.

∴ the cycle can only  
be formed through the  
tail node.

A. Use flag to label  
all visited nodes.

Failed to create  
outer flag for each

nodes.

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Python3  Autocomplete

1 # Definition for singly-linked list.
2 # class ListNode:
3 #     def __init__(self, x):
4 #         self.val = x
5 #         self.next = None
6
7 class Solution:
8     def hasCycle(self, head: ListNode) -> bool:
9         t=[]
10        flag=0
11        not_end = True
12        while head and not_end:
13
14            if flag in t :
15                return True
16            t.append(flag)
17            flag+=1
18            if head.next ==None:
19                not_end = False
20            head = head.next
21
22
23        return False
```

Bug.

revisit will overwrite  
the flag.

To fix, Modify the node  
val directly after we visited it.


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10             if head.val == None:
11                 return True
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13             head = head.next
14         return False
```

When we reach  
a node with val None

We found a cycle.

B. Use a `set()` to store visited node.

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16
17 class Solution:
18     def hasCycle(self, head: ListNode) -> bool:
19         visited = set()
20
21
22         while head:
23             if head in visited: — check
24                 return True
25             else:
26                 visited.add(head) ← Add into the
27                 head = head.next      visited pool after
28         return False                jump to next node.
29
```



C. Floyd's cycle theory.

Check the solution in leetcode.

\* If two ppl running inside

a loop with diff speed,

they will meet eventually .