

CS218 - Data Structures

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1 Example Problems

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Example Problems

```
In [ ]: class Node:
        def __init__(self, data=None):
            self.val = data
            self.next = None

        class LinkedList:
            def __init__(self):
                self.head = None
```

Minimum and Maximum Values in a List

```
In [ ]: def find_min(self):
        if self.head is None: return None

        # min is first one to start with
        l_min = self.head.val

        temp = self.head.next

        while temp is not None:
            if temp.val < l_min:
                l_min = temp.val

            temp = temp.next

        return l_min
LinkedList.find_min = find_min
```

```
In [ ]: l.find_min()
```

```
In [ ]: def find_min(self):
        if self.head is None: return None

        # min is first one to start with
        l_min = self.head.val
        l_min_i = 0

        temp = self.head.next
        counter = 1 # keep track of counter

        while temp is not None:
            if temp.val < l_min:
                l_min = temp.val
                l_min_i = counter

            temp = temp.next
            counter += 1

        return (l_min_i, l_min) # return both the corresponding index and the actual minimum value
LinkedList.find_min = find_min
```

```
In [ ]: mini, _ = l.find_min()
        print(mini, _)
```

Remove the Minimum from a List

```
In [ ]: def remove_min(self):
        if self.head is None: return
        l_min_i = self.find_min()[0]

        self.remove_at(l_min_i)

LinkedList.remove_min = remove_min
```

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In [ ]: print(l)
```

```
In [ ]: l.remove_min()
print(l)
```

```
In [ ]: l.remove_min()
print(l)
```

You can do the exact same thing for maximum instead of a minimum

Find Third Highest

```
In [ ]: l = [101, 202, 303, 404, 5, 6, 10, 20, 1001]
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```
In [ ]: def find_three_highest(l):
        if len(l) < 3: return None

        h1 = l[0]
        h2 = l[0]
        h3 = l[0]

        for i in l:
            if i >= h1:
                h3 = h2      # scootch over everybody!
                h2 = h1
                h1 = i

            elif i >= h2:
                h3 = h2
                h2 = i

            elif i >= h3:
                h3 = i

        return (h1, h2, h3)
```

```
In [ ]: find_three_highest(l)
```

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In [ ]: def find_third_highest(l):
        return find_three_highest(l)[2]
```

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In [ ]: find_third_highest(l)
```

Reverse a Linked List

This is an important interview question and good for logic building

```
In [ ]: def rev_list(self):
        # empty list or one element list is already reversed
        if self.head is None: return
        if self.head.next is None: return

        # at least two nodes
        new_head = self._get_last()
        processing = new_head

        for i in range(self.len() - 1): # loop n-1 times

            temp = self.head
            while temp.next != processing:
                temp = temp.next

            processing.next = temp
            # print(processing.val, " -> ", temp.val)
            processing = processing.next # move "backwards"

        self.head.next = None # this is now the tail
        self.head = new_head

LinkedList.rev_list = rev_list
```

```
In [ ]: l = LinkedList()
l.push(100)
l.push(200)
l.push(300)
l.push(40)
l.push(500)
print(l)
```

```
In [ ]: l.rev_list()
print(l)
```

Reversing a Doubly

Reversing a doubly connected linked list is easy! Just set the prev to next and next to prev for all nodes! But make sure you keep track of head at the very beginning!

Most Common Value in a List

We don't have to write the whole thing from scratch. We can use a data structure we already have!

```
In [ ]: l = LinkedList()
l.push({'age': 15})
l.push({'age': 10})
# l.push(3)
# l.push(1)
# l.push(1)
# l.push(2)
# l.push(500)
# l.push('the')
print(l)
```

```
In [ ]: def get_counts(self):
    from collections import Counter
    cnt = Counter()

    temp = self.head

    while temp is not None:
        to_count = temp.val['age']
        cnt[to_count] += 1
        temp = temp.next

    return cnt.most_common()

LinkedList.get_counts = get_counts
```

```
In [ ]: l.get_counts()
```

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In [ ]: l.get_counts()[0][0] # and the most common one is on the top of this list
```

Append One List to Another

If you think before you leap, this is quite easy too.

```
In [ ]: l = LinkedList()
l.push(1)
l.push(2)
l.push(3)
print(l)
```

```
m = LinkedList()
m.push(4)
m.push(5)
m.push(6)
print(m)
```

```
In [ ]: def append_list(self, lst):
    if self.head is None:
        self.head = lst.head

    last = self._get_last()
    last.next = lst.head

LinkedList.append_list = append_list
```

```
In [ ]: l.append_list(m)
```

```
In [ ]: print(l)
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```
In [ ]: print(m)
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In [ ]: m.pop()
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```
In [ ]: print(l) # this might or not be what you want to do!
```

Perform an Operation Over All Elements of a List

This might seem obvious but it's extremely important!

```
In [ ]: def some_op(self, fn):  
        temp = self.head  
  
        while temp is not None:  
            print(fn(temp.val))  
            temp = temp.next  
  
LinkedList.some_op = some_op
```

```
In [ ]: from math import sqrt  
l.some_op(sqrt)
```