

# Problem 1669: Merge In Between Linked Lists

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given two linked lists:

list1

and

list2

of sizes

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and

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respectively.

Remove

list1

's nodes from the

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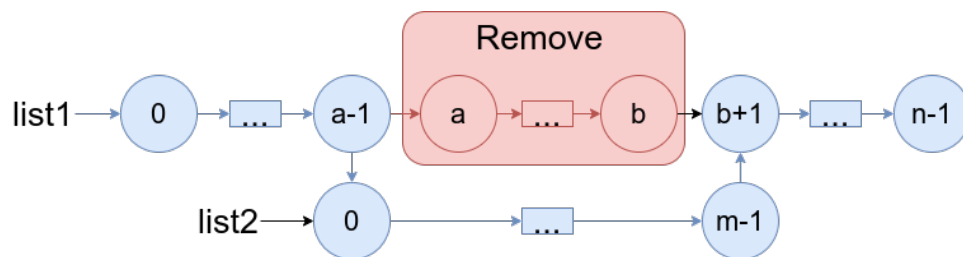
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node, and put

list2

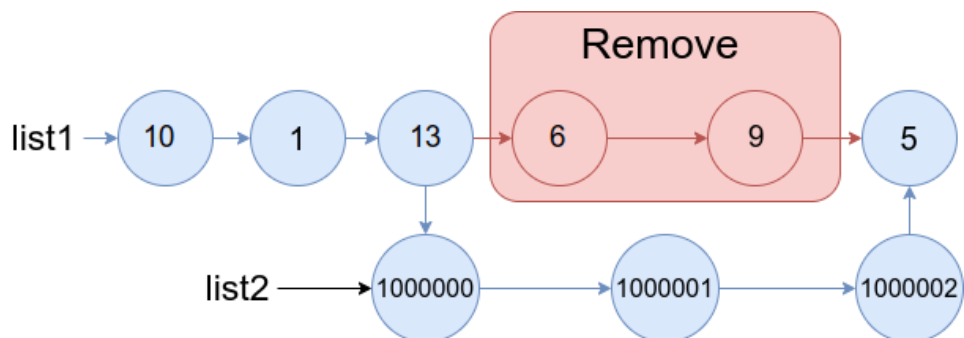
in their place.

The blue edges and nodes in the following figure indicate the result:



Build the result list and return its head.

Example 1:



Input:

list1 = [10,1,13,6,9,5], a = 3, b = 4, list2 = [1000000,1000001,1000002]

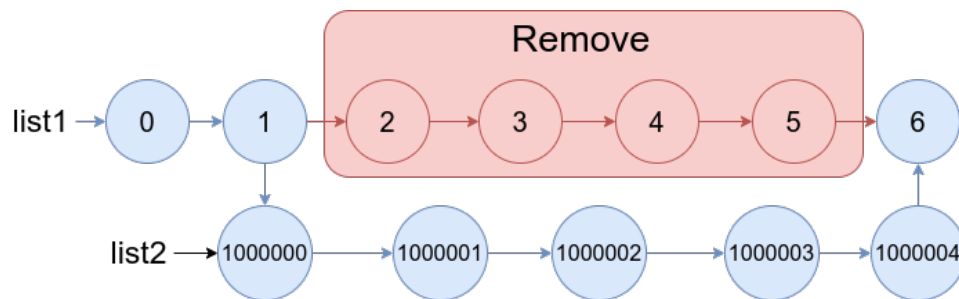
Output:

[10,1,13,1000000,1000001,1000002,5]

Explanation:

We remove the nodes 3 and 4 and put the entire list2 in their place. The blue edges and nodes in the above figure indicate the result.

Example 2:



Input:

list1 = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6], a = 2, b = 5, list2 = [1000000,1000001,1000002,1000003,1000004]

Output:

[0,1,1000000,1000001,1000002,1000003,1000004,6]

Explanation:

The blue edges and nodes in the above figure indicate the result.

Constraints:

$3 \leq \text{list1.length} \leq 10$

4

$1 \leq a \leq b < \text{list1.length} - 1$

$1 \leq \text{list2.length} \leq 10$

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * struct ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode *next;
 *   ListNode() : val(0), next(nullptr) {}
 *   ListNode(int x) : val(x), next(nullptr) {}
 *   ListNode(int x, ListNode *next) : val(x), next(next) {}
 * };
 */
class Solution {
public:
    ListNode* mergeInBetween(ListNode* list1, int a, int b, ListNode* list2) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * public class ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode next;
 *   ListNode() {}
 *   ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
 *   ListNode(int val, ListNode next) { this.val = val; this.next = next; }
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    public ListNode mergeInBetween(ListNode list1, int a, int b, ListNode list2)
    {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode:
# def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
# self.val = val
# self.next = next
class Solution:
def mergeInBetween(self, list1: ListNode, a: int, b: int, list2: ListNode) ->
ListNode:
```

### Python:

```
# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode(object):
# def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
# self.val = val
# self.next = next
class Solution(object):
def mergeInBetween(self, list1, a, b, list2):
"""
:type list1: ListNode
:type a: int
:type b: int
:type list2: ListNode
:rtype: ListNode
"""
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * function ListNode(val, next) {
 * this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 * this.next = (next===undefined ? null : next)
 * }
 */
/**
 * @param {ListNode} list1
 * @param {number} a
 * @param {number} b
 * @param {ListNode} list2
 * @return {ListNode}
```

```

*/
var mergeInBetween = function(list1, a, b, list2) {

};

```

## TypeScript:

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 *   val: number
 *   next: ListNode | null
 *   constructor(val?: number, next?: ListNode | null) {
 *     this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 *     this.next = (next===undefined ? null : next)
 *   }
 * }
 */

function mergeInBetween(list1: ListNode | null, a: number, b: number, list2:
ListNode | null): ListNode | null {

};

```

## C#:

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * public class ListNode {
 *   public int val;
 *   public ListNode next;
 *   public ListNode(int val=0, ListNode next=null) {
 *     this.val = val;
 *     this.next = next;
 *   }
 * }
 */

public class Solution {
    public ListNode MergeInBetween(ListNode list1, int a, int b, ListNode list2)
    {

    }
}

```

```
}
```

**C:**

```
/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * struct ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   struct ListNode *next;
 * };
 */

struct ListNode* mergeInBetween(struct ListNode* list1, int a, int b, struct
ListNode* list2){

}
```

**Go:**

```
/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * type ListNode struct {
 *   Val int
 *   Next *ListNode
 * }
 */
func mergeInBetween(list1 *ListNode, a int, b int, list2 *ListNode) *ListNode
{

}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
/**
 * Example:
 * var li = ListNode(5)
 * var v = li.`val`
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode(var `val`: Int) {
 *   var next: ListNode? = null
 * }
 */
```

```

*/
class Solution {
fun mergeInBetween(list1: ListNode?, a: Int, b: Int, list2: ListNode?):
ListNode? {

}

}

```

### Swift:

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * public class ListNode {
 * public var val: Int
 * public var next: ListNode?
 * public init() { self.val = 0; self.next = nil; }
 * public init(_ val: Int) { self.val = val; self.next = nil; }
 * public init(_ val: Int, _ next: ListNode?) { self.val = val; self.next =
next; }
 * }
 */
class Solution {
func mergeInBetween(_ list1: ListNode?, _ a: Int, _ b: Int, _ list2:
ListNode?) -> ListNode? {

}

}

```

### Rust:

```

// Definition for singly-linked list.
// #[derive(PartialEq, Eq, Clone, Debug)]
// pub struct ListNode {
// pub val: i32,
// pub next: Option<Box<ListNode>>
// }
//
// impl ListNode {
// #[inline]
// fn new(val: i32) -> Self {
// ListNode {
// next: None,

```



```

// val
// }
// }
// }

impl Solution {
pub fn merge_in_between(list1: Option<Box<ListNode>>, a: i32, b: i32, list2:
Option<Box<ListNode>>) -> Option<Box<ListNode>> {

}

}

```

## Ruby:

```

# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode
# attr_accessor :val, :next
# def initialize(val = 0, _next = nil)
# @val = val
# @next = _next
# end
# end

# @param {ListNode} list1
# @param {Integer} a
# @param {Integer} b
# @param {ListNode} list2
# @return {ListNode}

def merge_in_between(list1, a, b, list2)

end

```

## PHP:

```

/**
 * Definition for a singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 * public $val = 0;
 * public $next = null;
 * function __construct($val = 0, $next = null) {
 * $this->val = $val;
 * $this->next = $next;
 * }
 * }
 */

```

```

*/
class Solution {

/**
 * @param ListNode $list1
 * @param Integer $a
 * @param Integer $b
 * @param ListNode $list2
 * @return ListNode
 */
function mergeInBetween($list1, $a, $b, $list2) {

}

}

```

## Scala:

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode(_x: Int = 0, _next: ListNode = null) {
 *   var next: ListNode = _next
 *   var x: Int = _x
 * }
 */
object Solution {
  def mergeInBetween(list1: ListNode, a: Int, b: Int, list2: ListNode):
  ListNode = {

  }

}

```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: linked_list
 */

```

```

* Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
* Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
* Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
*/

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * struct ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode *next;
 *   ListNode() : val(0), next(nullptr) {}
 *   ListNode(int x) : val(x), next(nullptr) {}
 *   ListNode(int x, ListNode *next) : val(x), next(next) {}
 * };
 */
class Solution {
public:
    ListNode* mergeInBetween(ListNode* list1, int a, int b, ListNode* list2) {

    }
};

```

## Java Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: linked_list
 *
 * Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
 * Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * public class ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode next;
 *   ListNode() {
 * // TODO: Implement optimized solution

```

```

return 0;
}
* ListNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
* ListNode(int val, ListNode next) { this.val = val; this.next = next; }
* }
*/
class Solution {
public ListNode mergeInBetween(ListNode list1, int a, int b, ListNode list2)
{

}
}
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
Difficulty: Medium
Tags: linked_list

Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
"""

# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.next = next
class Solution:
    def mergeInBetween(self, list1: ListNode, a: int, b: int, list2: ListNode) ->
        ListNode:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode(object):
#     def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):

```

```

# self.val = val
# self.next = next
class Solution(object):
def mergeInBetween(self, list1, a, b, list2):
    """
    :type list1: ListNode
    :type a: int
    :type b: int
    :type list2: ListNode
    :rtype: ListNode
    """

```

### JavaScript Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: linked_list
 *
 * Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
 * Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * function ListNode(val, next) {
 *   this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 *   this.next = (next===undefined ? null : next)
 * }
 */

/**
 * @param {ListNode} list1
 * @param {number} a
 * @param {number} b
 * @param {ListNode} list2
 * @return {ListNode}
 */
var mergeInBetween = function(list1, a, b, list2) {

};

```

## TypeScript Solution:

```
/**
 * Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: linked_list
 *
 * Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
 * Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 *   val: number
 *   next: ListNode | null
 *   constructor(val?: number, next?: ListNode | null) {
 *     this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 *     this.next = (next===undefined ? null : next)
 *   }
 * }
 */

function mergeInBetween(list1: ListNode | null, a: number, b: number, list2:
ListNode | null): ListNode | null {

};
```

## C# Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: linked_list
 *
 * Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
 * Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

/**
```

```

* Definition for singly-linked list.
* public class ListNode {
* public int val;
* public ListNode next;
* public ListNode(int val=0, ListNode next=null) {
* this.val = val;
* this.next = next;
* }
* }
*/
public class Solution {
public ListNode MergeInBetween(ListNode list1, int a, int b, ListNode list2)
{

}

}
}

```

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```

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* Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
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* Tags: linked_list
*
* Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
* Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
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/**
* Definition for singly-linked list.
* struct ListNode {
* int val;
* struct ListNode *next;
* };
*/

struct ListNode* mergeInBetween(struct ListNode* list1, int a, int b, struct
ListNode* list2){

```

```
}
```

## Go Solution:

```
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// Difficulty: Medium
// Tags: linked_list
//
// Approach: Optimized algorithm based on problem constraints
// Time Complexity: O(n) to O(n^2) depending on approach
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/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * type ListNode struct {
 *     Val int
 *     Next *ListNode
 * }
 */
func mergeInBetween(list1 *ListNode, a int, b int, list2 *ListNode) *ListNode
{

}
```

## Kotlin Solution:

```
/**
 * Example:
 * var li = ListNode(5)
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 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode(var `val`: Int) {
 *     var next: ListNode? = null
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    fun mergeInBetween(list1: ListNode?, a: Int, b: Int, list2: ListNode?):
        ListNode? {

    }
}
```



## Swift Solution:

```
/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * public class ListNode {
 *     public var val: Int
 *     public var next: ListNode?
 *     public init() { self.val = 0; self.next = nil; }
 *     public init(_ val: Int) { self.val = val; self.next = nil; }
 *     public init(_ val: Int, _ next: ListNode?) { self.val = val; self.next =
next; }
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    func mergeInBetween(_ list1: ListNode?, _ a: Int, _ b: Int, _ list2:
ListNode?) -> ListNode? {

    }

}
```

## Rust Solution:

```
// Problem: Merge In Between Linked Lists
// Difficulty: Medium
// Tags: linked_list
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// Definition for singly-linked list.
// #[derive(PartialEq, Eq, Clone, Debug)]
// pub struct ListNode {
//     pub val: i32,
//     pub next: Option<Box<ListNode>>
// }
//
// impl ListNode {
//     #[inline]
//     fn new(val: i32) -> Self {
//         ListNode {
//             next: None,
```

```

// val
// }
// }
// }

impl Solution {
pub fn merge_in_between(list1: Option<Box<ListNode>>, a: i32, b: i32, list2:
Option<Box<ListNode>>) -> Option<Box<ListNode>> {

}

}

```

### Ruby Solution:

```

# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode
# attr_accessor :val, :next
# def initialize(val = 0, _next = nil)
# @val = val
# @next = _next
# end
# end

# @param {ListNode} list1
# @param {Integer} a
# @param {Integer} b
# @param {ListNode} list2
# @return {ListNode}

def merge_in_between(list1, a, b, list2)

end

```

### PHP Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 * public $val = 0;
 * public $next = null;
 * function __construct($val = 0, $next = null) {
 * $this->val = $val;
 * $this->next = $next;
 * }

```

```

* }
*/
class Solution {

/**
 * @param ListNode $list1
 * @param Integer $a
 * @param Integer $b
 * @param ListNode $list2
 * @return ListNode
 */
function mergeInBetween($list1, $a, $b, $list2) {

}

}

```

### Scala Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode(_x: Int = 0, _next: ListNode = null) {
 *   var next: ListNode = _next
 *   var x: Int = _x
 * }
 */
object Solution {
  def mergeInBetween(list1: ListNode, a: Int, b: Int, list2: ListNode):
  ListNode = {

}

}

```