

Problem 3062: Winner of the Linked List Game

Problem Information

Difficulty: Easy

Acceptance Rate: 77.76%

Paid Only: Yes

Tags: Linked List

Problem Description

You are given the `head` of a linked list of **even** length containing integers.

Each **odd-indexed** node contains an odd integer and each **even-indexed** node contains an even integer.

We call each even-indexed node and its next node a **pair**, e.g., the nodes with indices `0` and `1` are a pair, the nodes with indices `2` and `3` are a pair, and so on.

For every **pair**, we compare the values of the nodes in the pair:

* If the odd-indexed node is higher, the `"Odd"` team gets a point. * If the even-indexed node is higher, the `"Even"` team gets a point.

Return `_` the name of the team with the **higher** points, if the points are equal, return `"Tie"`.

Example 1.

Input: `head = [2,1]`

Output: `"Even"`

Explanation: There is only one pair in this linked list and that is `(2,1)`. Since `2 > 1`, the Even team gets the point.

Hence, the answer would be `"Even"`.

Example 2.

Input: head = [2,5,4,7,20,5]

Output: "Odd"

Explanation: There are 3 pairs in this linked list. Let's investigate each pair individually:

(2,5) -> Since $2 < 5$, The Odd team gets the point.

(4,7) -> Since $4 < 7$, The Odd team gets the point.

(20,5) -> Since $20 > 5$, The Even team gets the point.

The Odd team earned 2 points while the Even team got 1 point and the Odd team has the higher points.

Hence, the answer would be "Odd".

Example 3.

Input: head = [4,5,2,1]

Output: "Tie"

Explanation: There are 2 pairs in this linked list. Let's investigate each pair individually:

(4,5) -> Since $4 < 5$, the Odd team gets the point.

(2,1) -> Since $2 > 1$, the Even team gets the point.

Both teams earned 1 point.

Hence, the answer would be "Tie".

Constraints:

* The number of nodes in the list is in the range $[2, 100]$. * The number of nodes in the list is even. * $1 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 100$ * The value of each odd-indexed node is odd. * The value of

each even-indexed node is even.

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:
    string gameResult(ListNode* head) {

    }
};
```

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 String gameResult(ListNode head) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

```
# Definition for singly-linked list.
# class ListNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.next = next
class Solution:
    def gameResult(self, head: Optional[ListNode]) -> str:
```