

Coding Challenge: Polynomial Addition Using Linked List



Problem Statement

You are given two polynomials represented as **linked lists**.

Each node stores:

- `coefficient` (int)
- `power` (int)

The linked lists are in **decreasing order of power** (highest power first).

Your task is to **add the two polynomials** and return the resulting polynomial as a linked list in the same sorted order.

Each polynomial can have:

- positive/negative coefficients
- missing powers (meaning coefficient = 0 for that power)

If the sum of coefficients for a power becomes **0**, skip that term—don't include it in the result.



Constraints

- $1 \leq \text{Number of terms} \leq 104$
 - Powers are non-negative integers
 - Linked list nodes are sorted in strictly decreasing order of power
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Example 1

Input

Polynomial A: $5x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x^0$
Polynomial B: $5x^3 + 5x^1 + 5x^0$

Linked List Format

A = [(5,3) -> (4,2) -> (2,0)]
B = [(5,3) -> (5,1) -> (5,0)]

Output

Result: $10x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x^1 + 7x^0$

Linked List Format

[(10,3) -> (4,2) -> (5,1) -> (7,0)]

✓ Example 2

Input

Polynomial A: $3x^4 + 2x^2 + 7x^1$
Polynomial B: $4x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x^1$

Linked List Format

A = [(3,4) -> (2,2) -> (7,1)]
B = [(4,3) -> (2,2) -> (3,1)]

Output

Result: $3x^4 + 4x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x^1$

Linked List Format

[(3,4) -> (4,3) -> (4,2) -> (10,1)]

✓ Example 3 — Zero Terms Removal

Input

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Polynomial A: 5x^2 + 3x^1  
Polynomial B: -5x^2 + 10x^0
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Output

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Result: 3x^1 + 10x^0
```



Your Task

Write a function:

```
Node addPolynomial(Node poly1, Node poly2)
```

Where each node contains:

```
int coeff;  
int power;  
Node next;
```

The function must return a **sorted linked list** representing the sum of the two polynomials.