

Linked List

- array → Linear DS • allocate continuous memory allocation

- LL → • can work on non continuous memory allocation

(like in vector for ele out of size
creates almost doubled size)

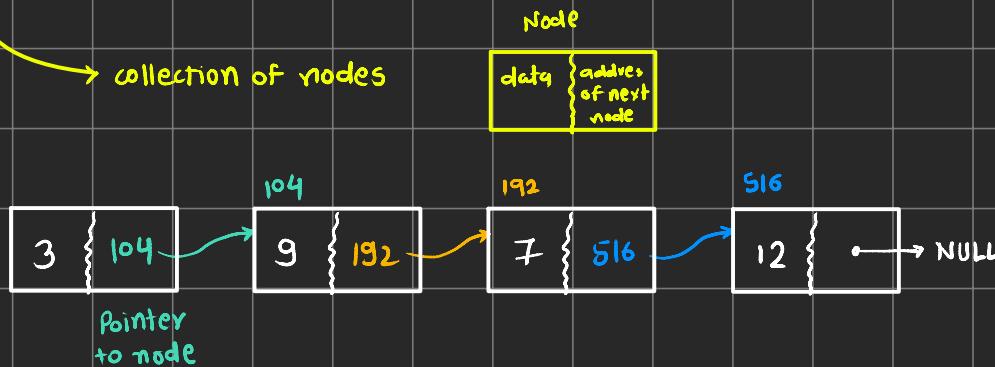
- memory can be waste

- ek insert k lie Tc. O(n)

- every time new node so no waste
(dynamically grow/shrink)

- ek insert k lie Tc. O(1)
can be very

 collection of nodes



Node

```
data { address
       of next
       node }
```

```
class Node {
public:
    int data; // To store the value
    Node* next; // Pointer to the next node
};
```

Types

→ singly ll



→ circular singly ll



→ doubly ll



→ circular doubly ll



temp



temp → next means 10 will node

temp → next → next means 15 will node

```

class Node{
public:
    int data;
    Node* next;

    Node(){
        this->data = 0;
        this->next = NULL;
    }

    Node(int data){
        this->data = data;
        this->next = NULL;
    }

    ~Node(){
        int value = this -> data;
        //memory free
        if(this->next != NULL) {
            delete next;
            this->next = NULL;
        }
        cout << " memory is free for node with data " << value << endl;
    }
};

```

```

void print(Node* &head){
    Node*temp = head;
    while( temp != NULL ){
        cout << temp->data << endl;
        temp = temp->next;
    }
}

```

Add condition that
if empty or not

// i want to insert a node right at the head of linked list
// (here head passed as reference so can change in original)

```
void insertAtHead(Node* &head, Node* &tail,int data){
```

```
if(head == NULL){
    //empty LL
```

```
    Node* newNode = new Node(data);
```

```
    // means newNode is going to be first node
    head = newNode;
    tail = newNode;
```

```
}
```

```
else{
```

```
    //1)create a newNode
```

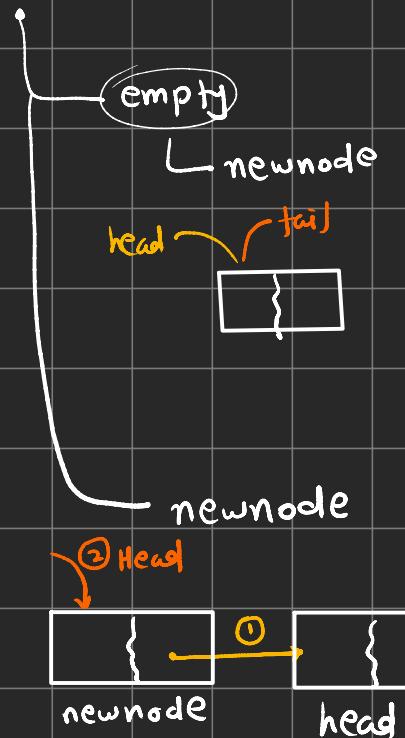
```
    Node* newNode = new Node(data);
```

```
    //2) attach newNode->next to head
    newNode->next = head;
```

```
    //3) update head as newNode
```

```
    head = newNode;
```

```
}
```



```

// i want to insert a new node right at the end of linkedlist
void insertAtTail(Node* &head, Node* &tail, int data){

    if(head == NULL){
        //empty LL

        Node* newNode = new Node(data);

        // means newNode is going to be first node
        head = newNode;
        tail = newNode;

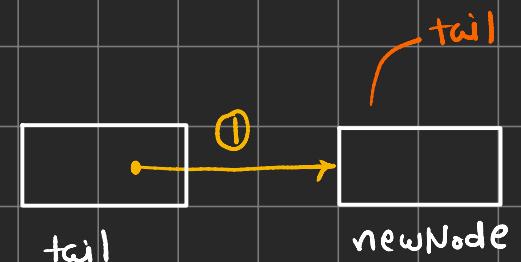
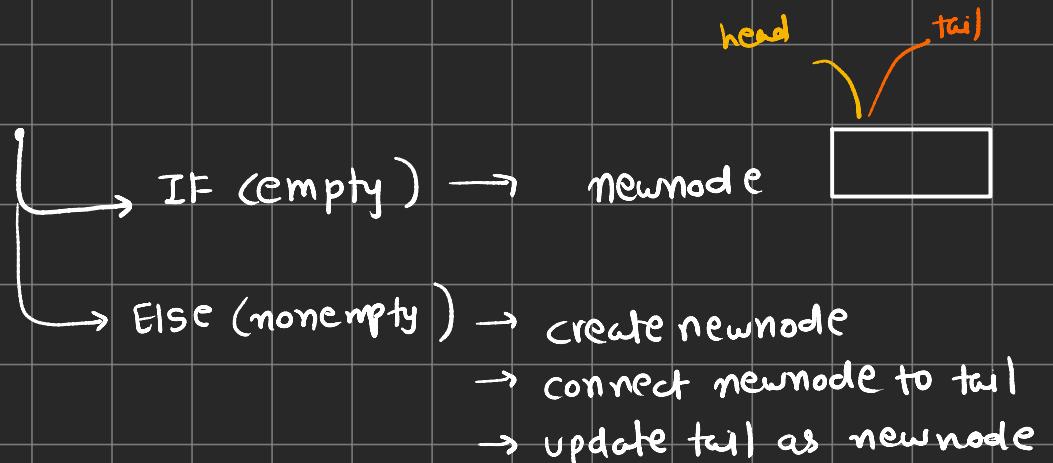
        return;
    }

    //1) create a newNode
    Node* newNode = new Node(data);

    //2) attach tail->next to newNode
    tail->next = newNode;

    //3) update tail as newNode
    tail = newNode;
}

```



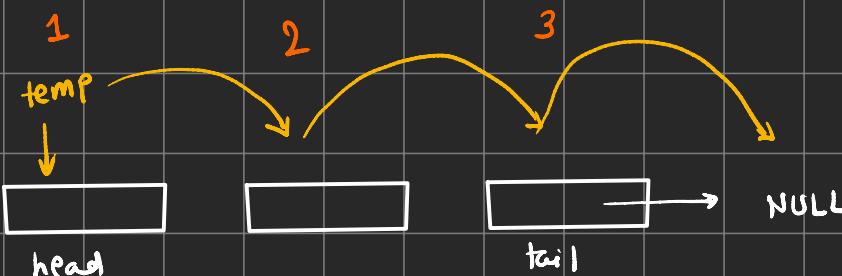
```

int findLength(Node* &head){
    Node* temp = head;

    int len = 0;
    while(temp!=NULL){
        temp=temp->next;
        len++;
    }

    return len;
}

```



```

void insertAtPosition(Node* &head, Node* &tail, int position, int data){

    if(head == NULL){
        //empty LL

        Node* newNode = new Node(data);

        // means newNode is going to be first node
        head = newNode;
        tail = newNode;

    }
    else if(position==0){
        insertAtHead(head,tail,data);
    }
    else if(position>=findLength(head)){
        insertAtTail(head,tail,data);
    }
    else{
        //1) find position: prev & curr
        int i=1;
        Node* prev = head;

        while(i<position){
            prev = prev->next;
            i++;
        }

        Node* curr = prev->next;

        //2) create newNode
        Node* newNode = new Node(data);

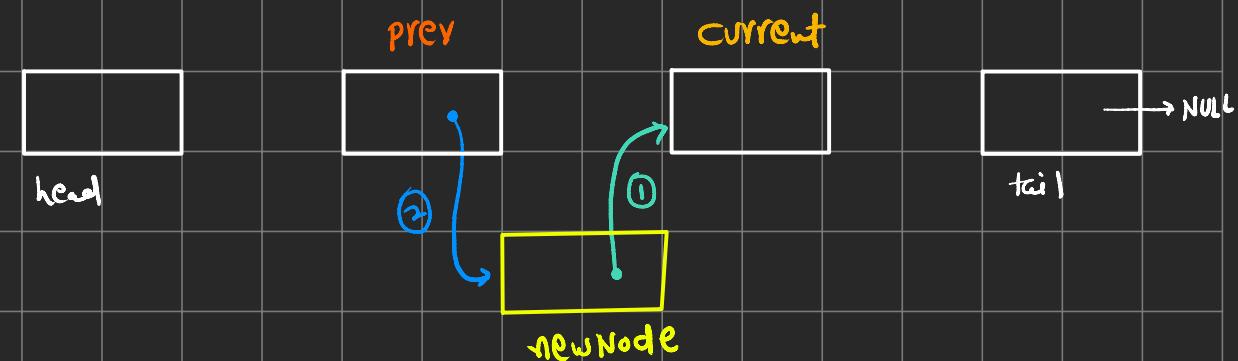
        //3) newNode-> next = current
        newNode-> next = curr;

        //4) prev->next = current
        prev->next = newNode;

    }
}

```

empty LL
 pos = 0 (means at head)
 pos = len (means at tail)



Here ①, ② orders
 matter to not loose
 pointers

```

void deleteNode(Node* &head, Node* &tail, int position){
    if(head == NULL){
        //empty LL
        cout << "cannot delte Linkedlist is empty" << endl;
        return;
    }

    int len = findLength(head);

    if (position < 1 || position > len) {
        // Invalid position
        cout << "Invalid position" << endl;
        return;
    }

    // delete at head (first node)
    if(position==1){
        Node* temp = head;
        head = head->next;
        temp->next = NULL;
        delete temp;
        return;
    }

    // delete at tail (last node)
    if(position == findLength(head)){
        //1)find previous
        int i=1;
        Node* prev = head;

        while(i<position-1{
            prev = prev->next;
            i++;
        }

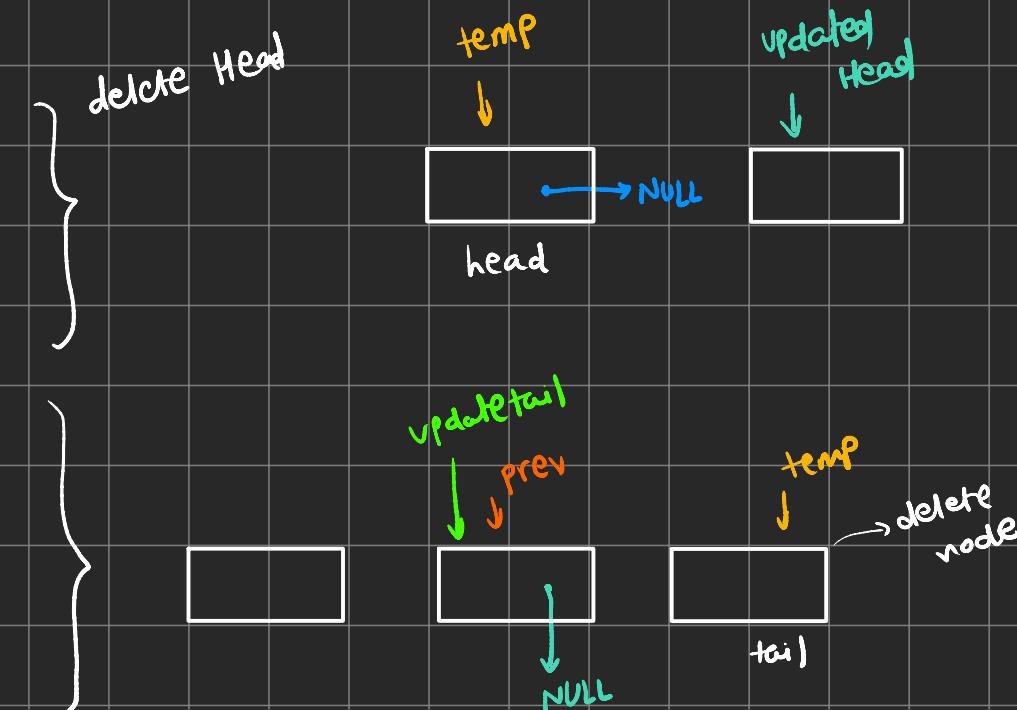
        //2) prev->next ko null
        prev->next = NULL;

        //3) got temp as tail
        Node* temp = tail;

        //4) orange temp as tail
        tail = prev;

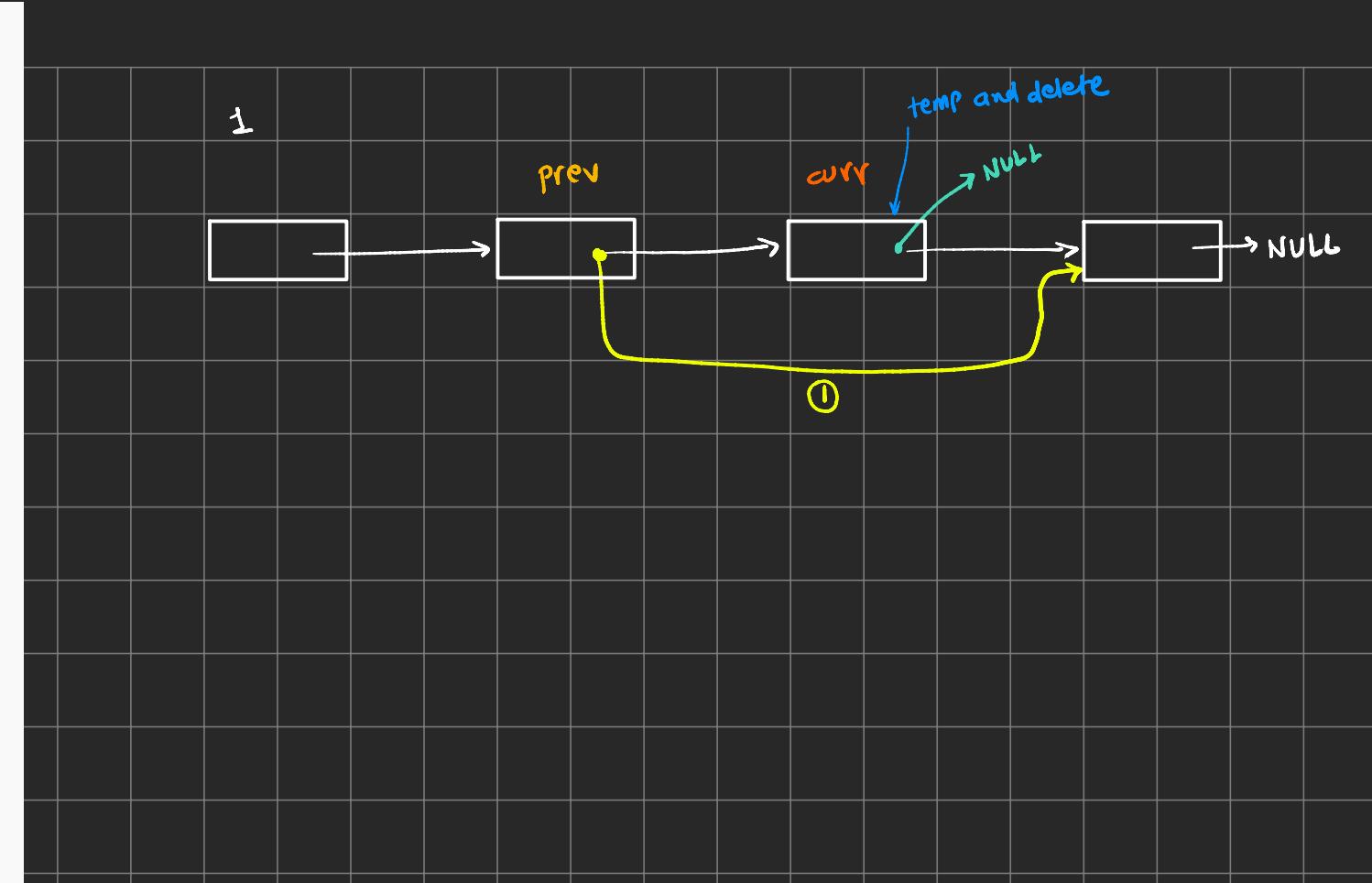
        //5)
        delete temp;
    }
}

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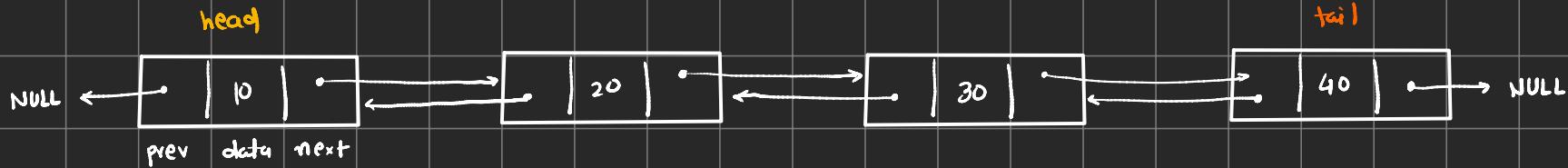


making $\text{head} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{NULL}$
is imp if we forgot
then it can delete
whole LL while
delete temp;

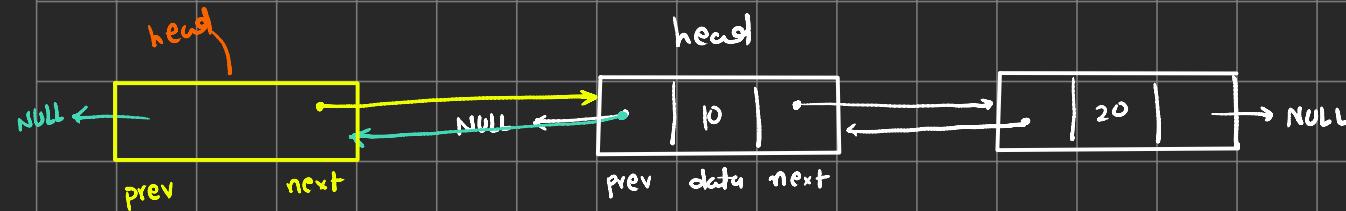
```
// deleting middle node  
//1) find position: prev & curr  
int i=1;  
Node* prev = head;  
  
while(i<position-1){  
    prev = prev->next;  
    i++;  
}  
  
Node* curr = prev->next;  
  
//2)  
prev->next = curr->next;  
  
//3)  
curr->next = NULL;  
  
//4)  
delete curr;  
}
```



Doubly Linked List



insert at Head



- create new node

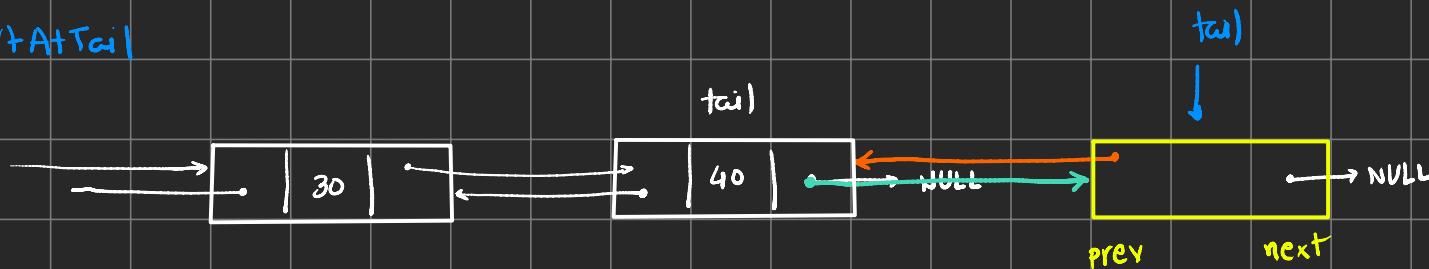
- newnode → next ko head par point

- head → prev ko newnode se connect

- head ko update karo

($\text{newNode} \rightarrow \text{prev} = \text{NULL}$
automatic constructor se hoga)

insertAtTail



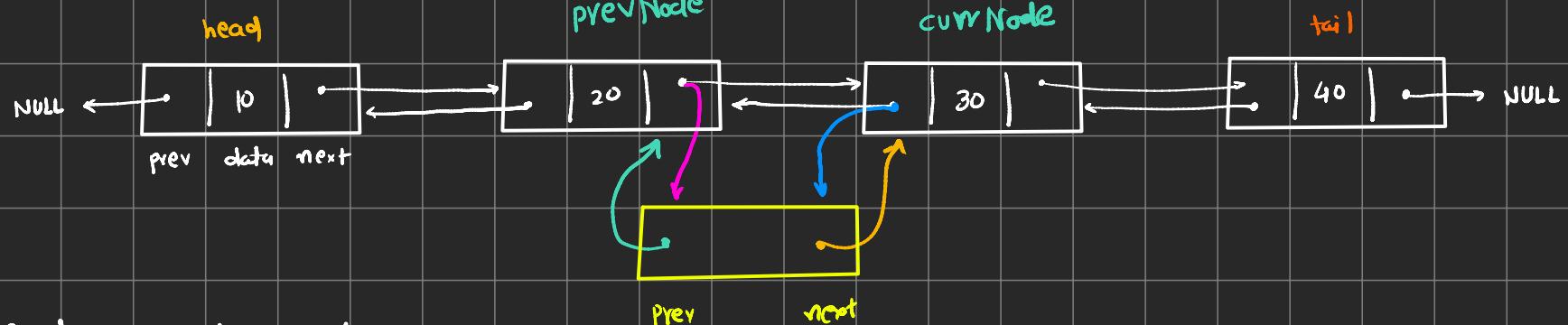
- create new node

- tail → next = newNode

- newNode → prev = tail

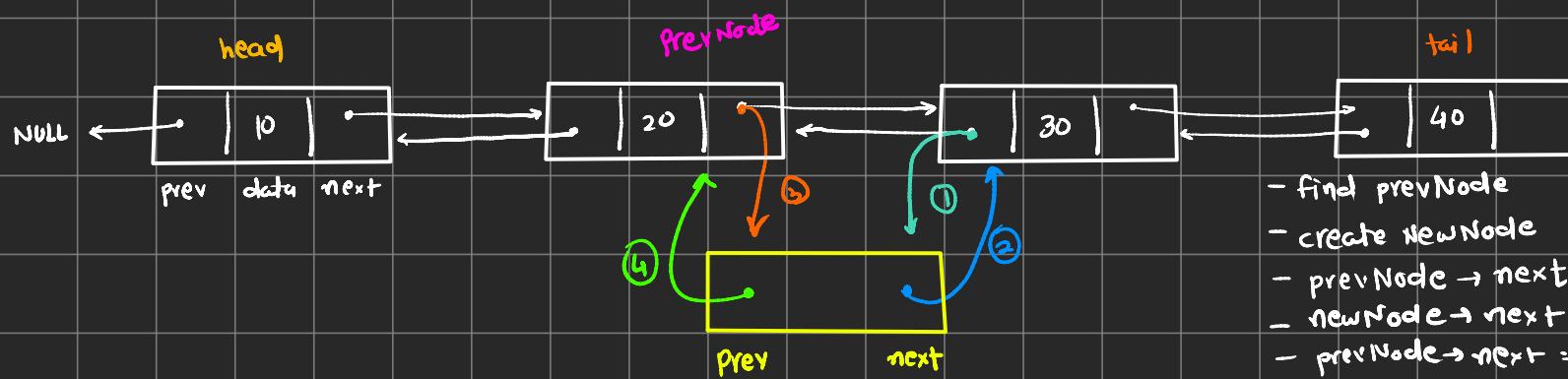
- update tail

insert At position



- find `prev` and `curr`
- `newNode` create
- `prevNode->next = newNode`
- `newNode->prev = prevNode`
- `currNode->prev = newNode`
- `newNode->next = currNode`

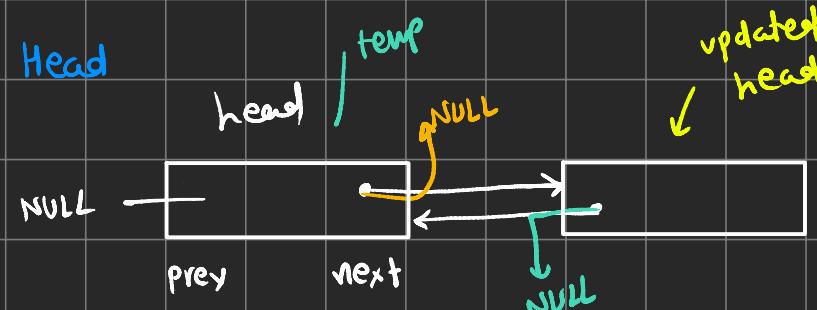
Without currentNode



order
Matters

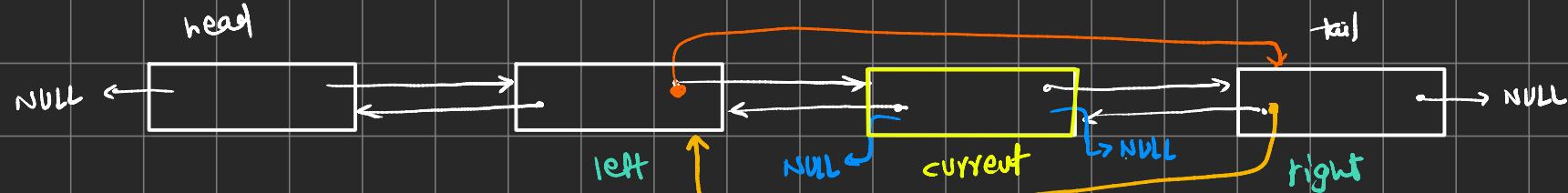
- find `prevNode`
- create `newNode`
- `prevNode->next = prevNode->next = newNode`
- `newNode->next = prevNode->next`
- `prevNode->next = newNode`
- `newNode->prev = prevNode`

deletion at Head



- $\text{temp} = \text{head}$
- $\text{head} = \text{head} \rightarrow \text{next}$
- $\text{head} \rightarrow \text{prev} = \text{NULL}$
- $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{NULL}$
- delete temp

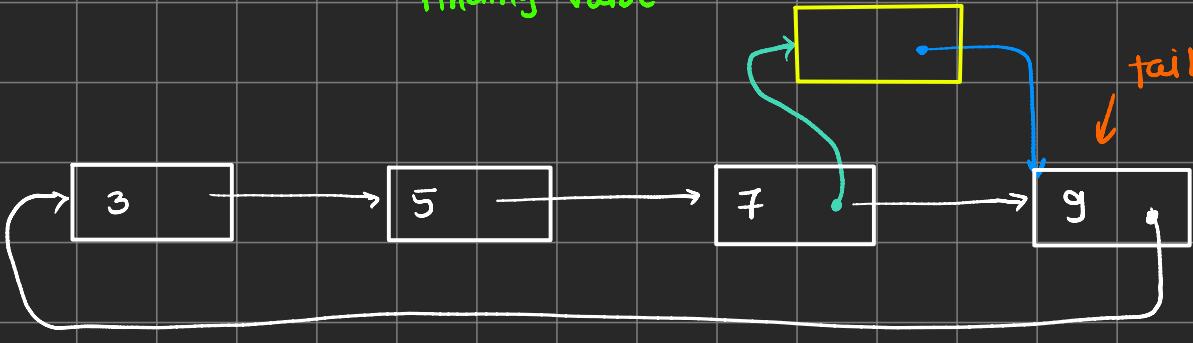
deletion at middle



- find left, right, current
- $\text{left} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{right}$
- $\text{right} \rightarrow \text{prev} = \text{left}$
- $\text{Current} \rightarrow \text{prev} = \text{NULL}$
- $\text{current} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{NULL}$
- delete current

☞ circular singly LL

on basis of value
Insert using
finding value



```
class Node {
public:
    int data;
    Node* next;

    // Constructor
    Node(int d) {
        this->data = d;
        this->next = NULL;
    }

    // Destructor
    ~Node() {
        int value = this->data;
        if(this->next != NULL) {
            delete next;
            next = NULL;
        }
        cout << "Memory is free for node with data " << value << endl;
    }

    void insertNode(Node* &tail, int element, int d) {
        // Empty list
        if(tail == NULL) {
            Node* newNode = new Node(d);
            tail = newNode;
            newNode->next = newNode;
        }
        else {
            // Non-empty list, assuming the element is present in the list
            Node* curr = tail;

            while(curr->data != element) {
                curr = curr->next;
            }

            // Element found, insert new node
            Node* temp = new Node(d);
            temp->next = curr->next;
            curr->next = temp;
        }
    }
}
```

```
void print(Node* tail) {
    // Empty list
    if(tail == NULL) {
        cout << "List is Empty" << endl;
        return;
    }

    Node* temp = tail;
    do {
        cout << tail->data << " ";
        tail = tail->next;
    } while(tail != temp);

    cout << endl;
}

void deleteNode(Node* &tail, int value) {
    // Empty list
    if(tail == NULL) {
        cout << "List is empty, please check again" << endl;
        return;
    }
    else {
        // Non-empty list, assuming "value" is present in the Linked List
        Node* prev = tail;
        Node* curr = prev->next;

        while(curr->data != value) {
            prev = curr;
            curr = curr->next;
        }

        prev->next = curr->next;

        // Case: 1 Node Linked List
        if(curr == prev) {
            tail = NULL;
        }
        // Case: >=2 Node linked list
        else if(tail == curr) {
            tail = prev;
        }

        curr->next = NULL;
        delete curr;
    }
}
```

```
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bool isCircularList(Node* head) {
    // Empty list
    if(head == NULL) {
        return true;
    }

    Node* temp = head->next;
    while(temp != NULL && temp != head) {
        temp = temp->next;
    }

    return temp == head;
}

bool detectLoop(Node* head) {
    if(head == NULL) {
        return false;
    }

    map<Node*, bool> visited;
    Node* temp = head;

    while(temp != NULL) {
        // Cycle is present
        if(visited[temp] == true) {
            return true;
        }

        visited[temp] = true;
        temp = temp->next;
    }
    return false;
}
```

```
int main() {
    Node* tail = NULL;

    insertNode(tail, 5, 3);
    print(tail);

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    print(tail);

    /* Additional operations can be uncommented for testing

    insertNode(tail, 5, 7);
    print(tail);

    insertNode(tail, 7, 9);
    print(tail);

    insertNode(tail, 5, 6);
    print(tail);

    insertNode(tail, 9, 10);
    print(tail);

    insertNode(tail, 3, 4);
    print(tail);

    deleteNode(tail, 5);
    print(tail);
    */

    if(isCircularList(tail)) {
        cout << "Linked List is Circular in nature" << endl;
    }
    else {
        cout << "Linked List is not Circular" << endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Reverse a linked list



returning pointer of new Head

```
Node* reverse(Node* &prev, Node* &curr){  
    // base case  
    if(curr == NULL){  
        return prev; // new head  
    }  
  
    // rr  
    Node* forward = curr->next;  
    curr->next = prev;  
  
    reverse(curr, forward);  
}
```

prev just for pointing
next

```

Node* reverseUsingLoop(Node* &head){

    Node* prev = NULL;
    Node* curr = head;

    while(curr != NULL){
        Node* temp = curr->next;
        curr->next = prev;

        prev = curr;
        curr = temp;
    }

    return prev;
}

Node* reverseUsingRecursion(Node* &prev, Node* &curr){

    // base case
    if(curr == NULL){
        return prev; // new head
    }

    // rr
    Node* temp = curr->next;
    curr->next = prev;

    prev = curr;
    curr = temp;

    reverseUsingRecursion(prev,temp);

}

```



$\text{temp} = \text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next}$
 $\text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{prev}$

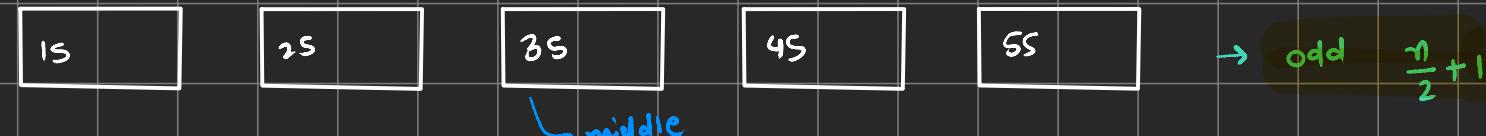
$\text{prev} = \text{curr}$
 $\text{curr} = \text{temp}$

* find middle node of linkedlist



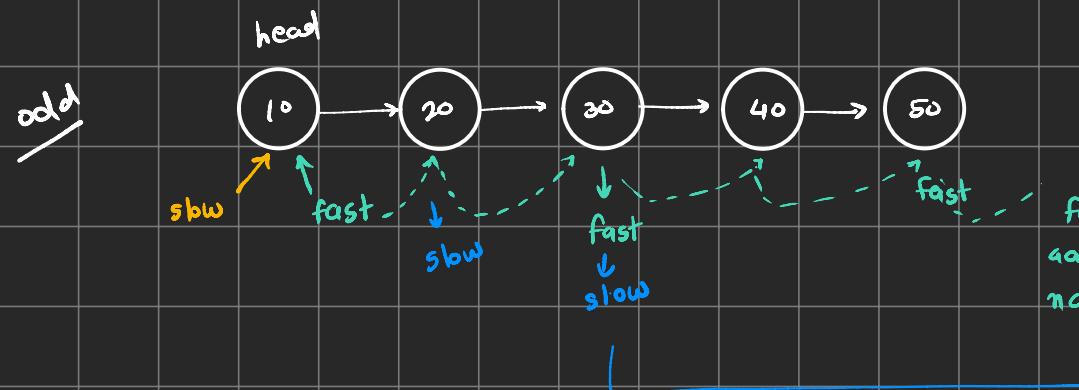
$n = \text{length} \rightarrow \text{find it.}$

→ even $\frac{n}{2}$



→ odd $\frac{n}{2} + 1$

Another algo



slow → 1 step

fast → 2 step

$Tc = O(n/2)$

$\approx O(n)$

fast
age baah
nahi payega
us time
slow ko
change nahi karna

```
ListNode* middleNode(ListNode* head) {
    if(head == NULL){
        // cout << "ll is empty";
        return head;
    }

    if(head->next == NULL){
        return head;
    }

    // ll have > than 1 node
    ListNode* slow = head;
    ListNode* fast = head;

    while(slow != NULL && fast!=NULL){
        fast = fast->next;
        if(fast != NULL){
            fast = fast->next;
            slow = slow->next;
        }
    }

    // cout << "middle node is "<< slow->val << cout;
    return slow;
}
```

even



fast is out of bound = NULL
so do not move slow so here slow is ans.

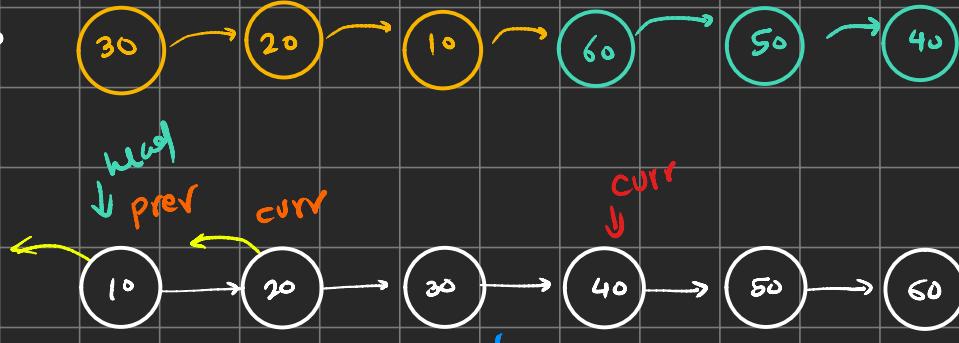
* K groups reverse

$k=3$

If



0th



1st case

$prev = NULL$
 $curr = head$

$for (i=0, i < k, i++)$

$next = curr \rightarrow next$

$curr \rightarrow next = prev$

$prev = curr$

$curr = next$

$updated head = forward$

```
ListNode* reverseKGroup(ListNode* head, int k) {
    if (head == NULL) {
        // Linked list is empty
        return head;
    }

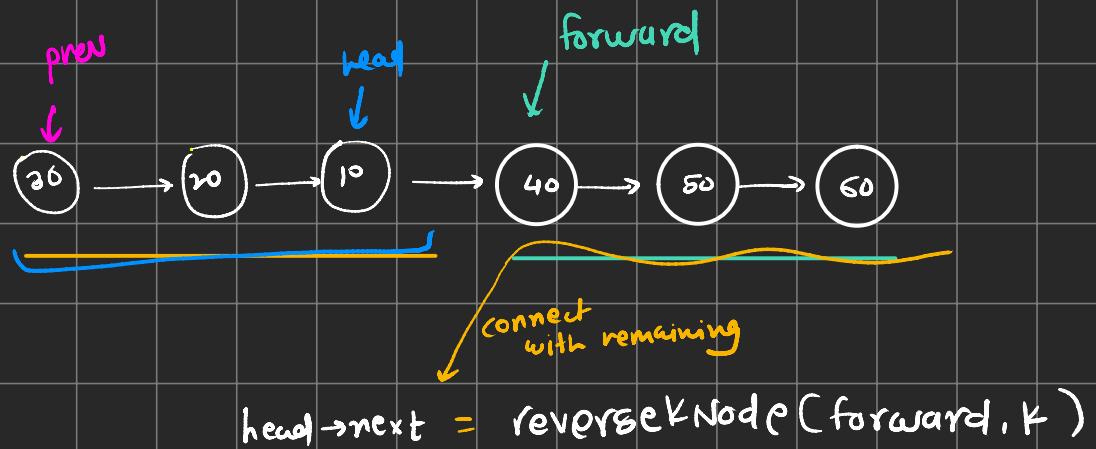
    if (k > getLen(head)) {
        // Invalid k value
        return head;
    }

    // Reverse logic
    ListNode* prev = NULL;
    ListNode* curr = head;
    ListNode* next = curr->next;
    int count = 0;
    ListNode* forward = NULL;

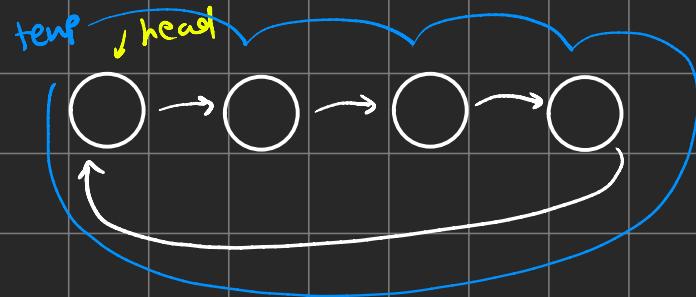
    while (count < k && curr != NULL) {
        forward = curr->next;
        curr->next = prev;
        prev = curr;
        curr = forward;
        count++;
    }

    // Recursive reversal for remaining nodes
    if (forward != NULL) {
        head->next = reverseKGroup(forward, k);
    }

    // Return the new head of the modified linked list
    return prev;
}
```



➤ isCircular LL or not



temp = head

```
bool isCircularList(Node* head) {
    // Empty list
    if(head == NULL) {
        return true;
    }

    Node* temp = head->next;
    while(temp != NULL && temp != head) {
        temp = temp->next;
    }

    return temp == head;
}

bool detectLoop(Node* head) {
    if(head == NULL) {
        return false;
    }

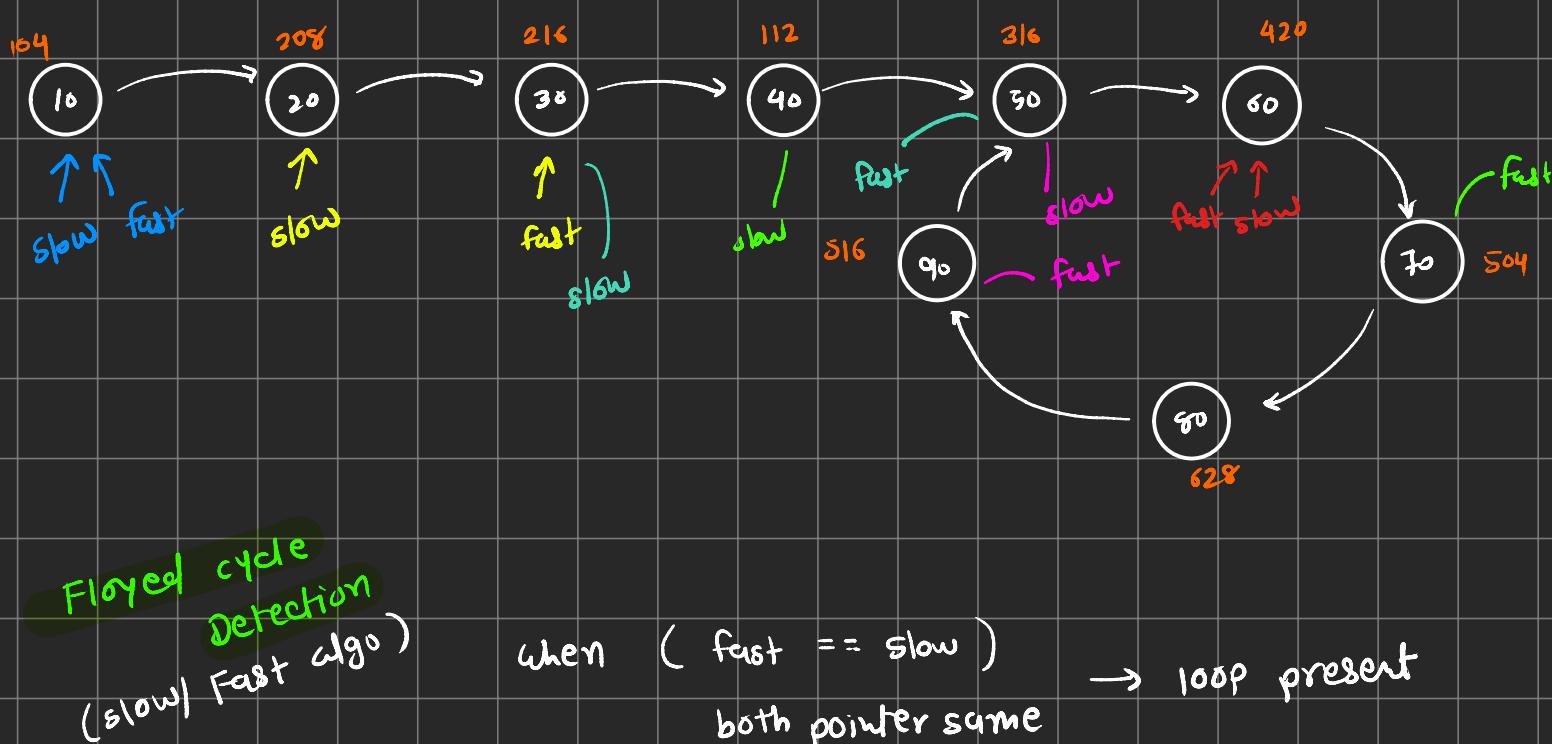
    map<Node*, bool> visited;
    Node* temp = head;

    while(temp != NULL) {
        // Cycle is present
        if(visited[temp] == true) {
            return true;
        }

        visited[temp] = true;
        temp = temp->next;
    }
    return false;
}
```

detect and delete loop

- └ check loop present in LL or not
- └ starting point of loop
- └ remove loop



```

bool hasCycle(ListNode *head) {
    ListNode* slow = head;
    ListNode* fast = head;

    while(slow != NULL && fast != NULL){
        no need
        fast = fast->next;
        if(fast!=NULL){
            fast = fast->next;
            slow = slow->next;
        }

        if(fast == slow){
            return true;
        }
    }

    return false;
}

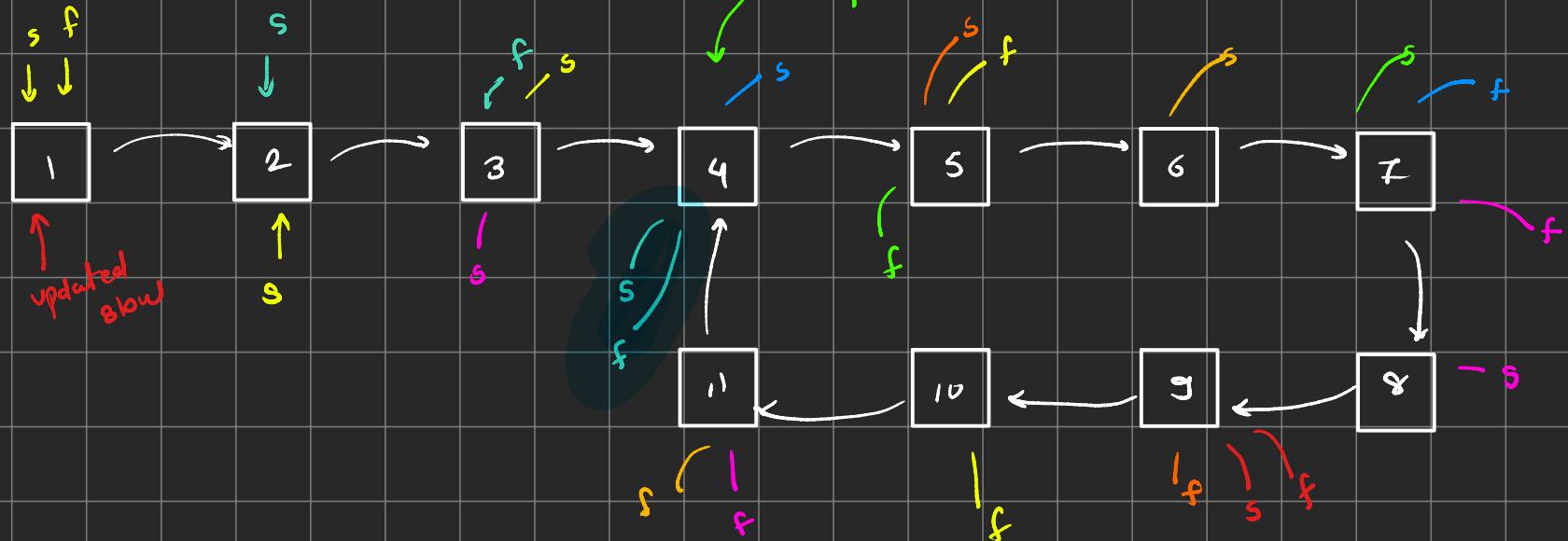
```

map	
key (address)	value (+/-)
104	T
208	T
316	T
420	T
524	T
628	T
70	
80	
90	
216	
112	
308	
104	

circular
loop
present

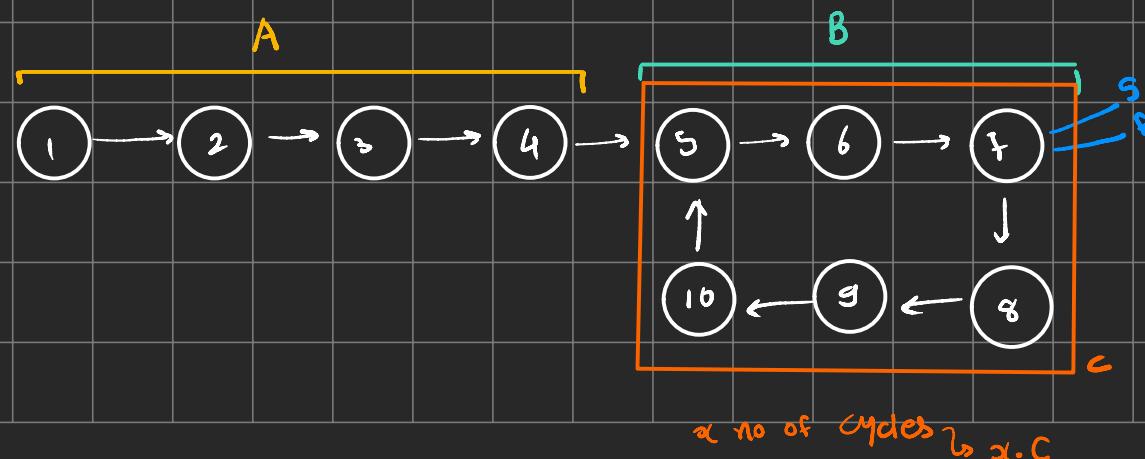
* starting point of loop

slow = 1
fast = 2
stop



- ① fast and slow meet karwa do
- ② slow = head
- ③ slow and fast ko ek ek step chalo \leadsto Jab meet to wo starting point

Math



$$\text{distance travelled by fast pointer} = 2 * \text{travelled by slow pointer}$$

$$A + \alpha C + B = 2 * (A + y C + B)$$

$$A + \alpha C + B = 2A + 2yC + 2B$$

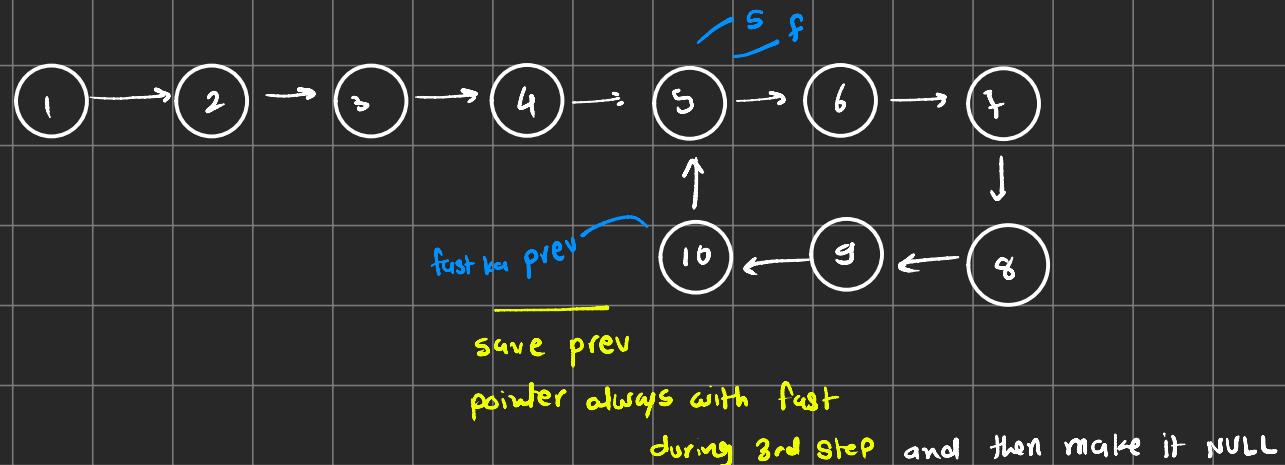
$$(\alpha - 2y)C = A + B$$

$$\text{let } \alpha - 2y = k$$

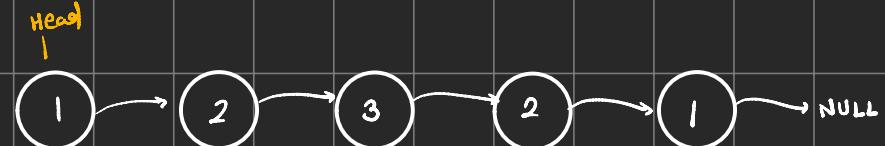
$$k.C = A + B$$

➤ Remove cycle/ loop

- while finding starting point of loop, during 3rd step



➤ LL is palindrome or not



iP = 12321

sP = 12321

① → normal i/p
reversed LL } compare both

$$SC = O(n)$$

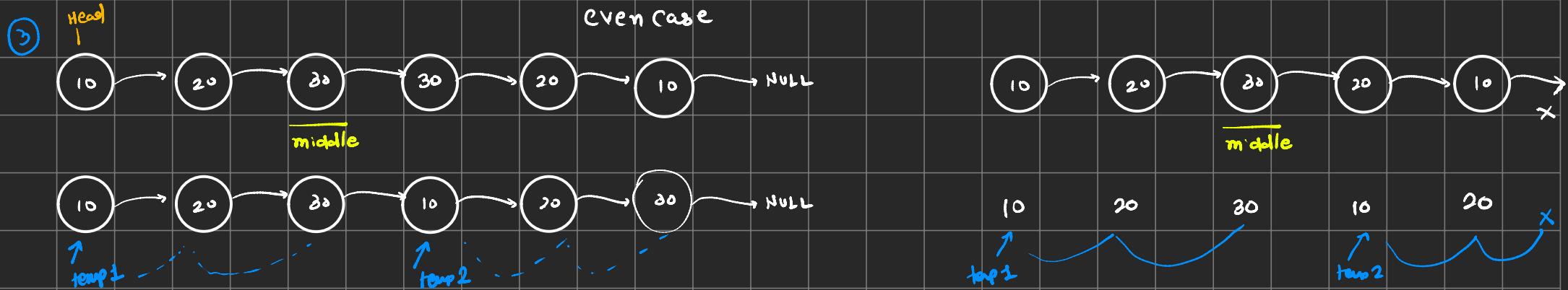
$$TC = O(n)$$

② LL data copy to Array
then use two pointers

method

$$SC. O(n)$$

$$TC. O(n)$$



① Find middle

② Reverse LL after middle node

③ Start comparing both half

Tc. $O(n/2) \approx O(n)$
Sc. $O(1)$

```
ListNode* findMiddle(ListNode* head) {
    ListNode* slow = head;
    ListNode* fast = head;

    while (fast != NULL) {
        fast = fast->next;
        if (fast != NULL) {
            fast = fast->next;
            slow = slow->next;
        }
    }

    return slow;
}
```

```
ListNode* reverse(ListNode*& middle) {
    ListNode* prev = NULL;
    ListNode* curr = middle;
    ListNode* forward = curr->next;

    while (curr != NULL) {
        forward = curr->next;
        curr->next = prev;

        prev = curr;
        curr = forward;
    }

    return prev;
}
```

do not care odd/even

```
bool isPalindrome(ListNode* head) {
    if (head == nullptr || head->next == nullptr)
        return true;

    // 1) find middle
    ListNode* middle = findMiddle(head);

    // 2) reverse ll after middle
    ListNode* reverseKaHead = reverse(middle);

    // middle->next = reverseKaHead; connecting is not imp
    // giving error in LC

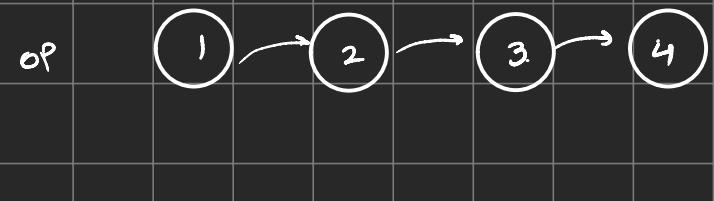
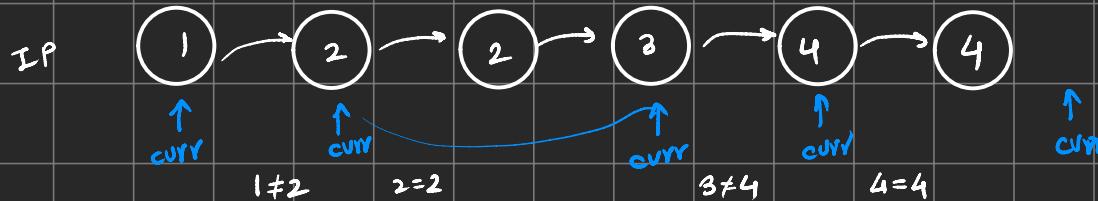
    // 3) compare
    ListNode* temp1 = head;
    ListNode* temp2 = reverseKaHead;

    bool isPalin = true;

    while (temp2 != nullptr) {
        if (temp1->val != temp2->val) {
            isPalin = false;
            break;
        }
        temp1 = temp1->next;
        temp2 = temp2->next;
    }

    return isPalin;
}
```

* Remove duplicates from sorted LL



$curr \rightarrow \text{data} == curr \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{data}$

→ equal $curr \rightarrow \text{next} \leftarrow curr \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$

→ not equal $curr = curr \rightarrow \text{next}$

```
ListNode* deleteDuplicates(ListNode* head) {
    ListNode* temp = head;

    while (temp != NULL) {
        if(temp->next != NULL && (temp->val == temp->next->val)){
            temp->next = temp->next->next;
        }
        else {
            temp = temp->next;
        }
    }

    return head;
}
```

```
ListNode* deleteDuplicates(ListNode* head) {
    ListNode* curr = head;

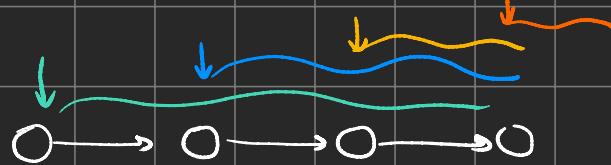
    while (curr != NULL) {
        if(curr->next != NULL && (curr->val == curr->next->val)){
            ListNode* temp = curr->next;
            curr->next = curr->next->next;

            temp->next = NULL;
            delete temp; with deletion of that node
        }
        else {
            curr = curr->next;
        }
    }

    return head;
}
```

* remove duplicates from unsorted LL

① nested loop



if that ele available after
then delete it

② map

- make tracking map

value → T/F availability

if already presented in map then
remove that node

③ sort LL + prev logic (upper wala)

* sort 0s, 1s and 2s



$$\text{zerocount} = 0 \quad 2$$

$$\text{onecount} = 0 \quad 3$$

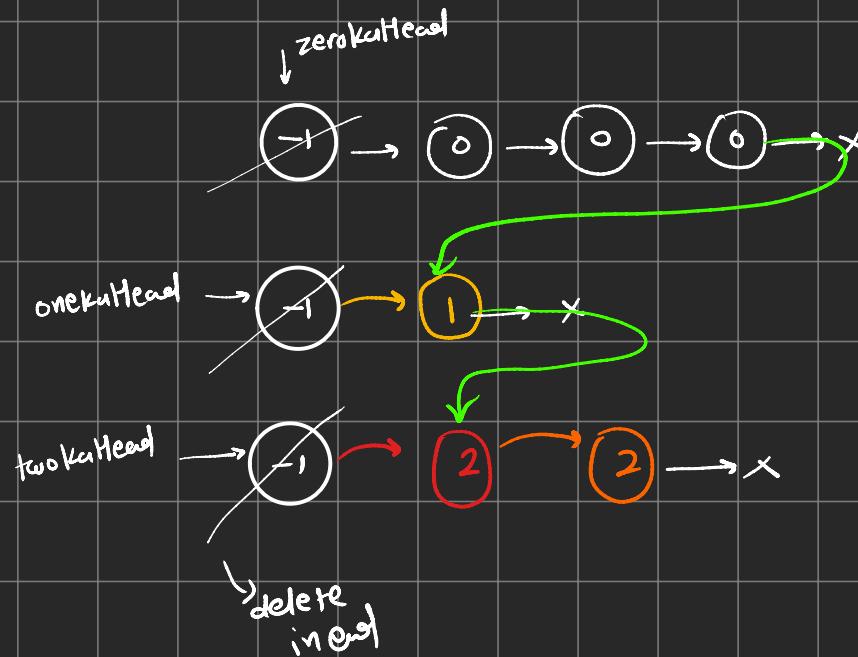
$$\text{twocount} = 0 \quad 2$$



issue: data replaced



- ① temp = head
- ② head = head → next
- ③ temp → next = null



```

Node* sortList(Node* head) {

    // dummy nodes
    Node* zeroHead = new Node(-1);
    Node* zeroTail = zeroHead;
    Node* oneHead = new Node(-1);
    Node* oneTail = oneHead;
    Node* twoHead = new Node(-1);
    Node* twoTail = twoHead;

    Node* curr = head;

    // Create separate lists for 0s, 1s, and 2s
    while (curr != nullptr) {

        int value = curr->data;

        if (value == 0) {
            Node* temp = curr;
            curr = curr->next;
            temp->next = NULL;

            zeroTail->next = temp;
            zeroTail = temp;
        }

        else if (value == 1) {
            Node* temp = curr;
            curr = curr->next;
            temp->next = NULL;

            oneTail->next = temp;
            oneTail = temp;
        }

        else if (value == 2) {
            Node* temp = curr;
            curr = curr->next;
            temp->next = NULL;

            twoTail->next = temp;
            twoTail = temp;
        }

        curr = curr->next;
    }
}

```

```

// modify one wali list — delete dummy node from one wali LL
Node* temp = oneHead;
oneHead = oneHead->next;
temp->next = NULL;
delete temp;

// modify two wali list —
temp = twoHead;
twoHead = twoHead->next;
temp->next = NULL;
delete temp;

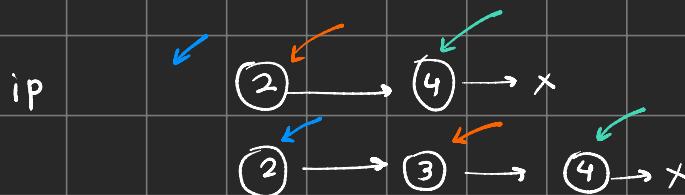
// join list
if(oneHead!=NULL){
    // one wali list non empty
    zeroTail->next = oneHead; → zeroList ko one se attach
    if(twoHead!=NULL){ → if two exist then
        oneTail->next = twoHead; oneList ko two se attach
    }
}
else{
    // one wali list empty
    if(twoHead != NULL){ → one list exist nahi karti
        zeroTail->next = twoHead; → two wali list exist karti hai
    }
}

// remove zerohead dummy node
temp = zeroHead;
zeroHead = zeroHead->next;
temp->next = NULL;
delete temp;

return zeroHead;
}

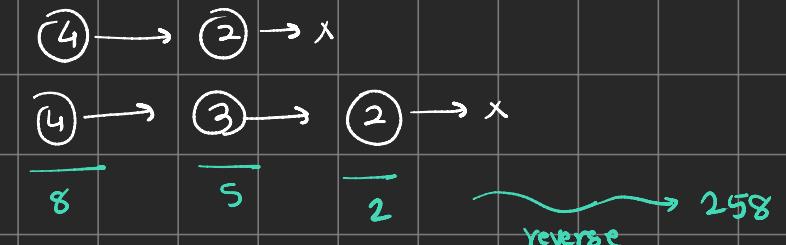
```

* Add two Numbers



$$\begin{array}{r}
 24 \\
 + 234 \\
 \hline
 258
 \end{array}$$

reverse them



```

ListNode* addTwoNumbers(ListNode* l1, ListNode* l2) {
    // reverse
    l1 = reverse(l1);
    l2 = reverse(l2);

    // calculate sum
    ListNode* ansHead = NULL;
    ListNode* ansTail = NULL;

    int carry = 0;
    while (l1 != NULL && l2 != NULL) {
        int sum = l1->val + l2->val + carry;
        int digit = sum % 10;
        carry = sum / 10;

        ListNode* newNode = new ListNode(digit);
        if (ansHead == NULL) {
            // first node
            ansHead = newNode;
            ansTail = newNode;
        } else {
            ansTail->next = newNode;
            ansTail = newNode;
        }
        l1 = l1->next;
        l2 = l2->next;
    }

    ansHead = reverse(ansHead);
    return ansHead;
}
  
```

```

// head1 List ki length head2 List se jyada hogi
while (l1 != NULL) {
    int sum = l1->val + carry;
    int digit = sum % 10;
    carry = sum / 10;

    ListNode* newNode = new ListNode(digit);
    ansTail->next = newNode;
    ansTail = newNode;
    l1 = l1->next;
}

// head2 List ki length head1 se jyada he
while (l2 != NULL) {
    int sum = l2->val + carry;
    int digit = sum % 10;
    carry = sum / 10;

    ListNode* newNode = new ListNode(digit);
    ansTail->next = newNode;
    ansTail = newNode;
    l2 = l2->next;
}

// if still carry is there means notZero
while (carry != 0) {
    int sum = carry;
    int digit = sum % 10;
    carry = sum / 10;

    ListNode* newNode = new ListNode(digit);
    ansTail->next = newNode;
    ansTail = newNode;
}

ansHead = reverse(ansHead);
return ansHead;
}
  
```

```

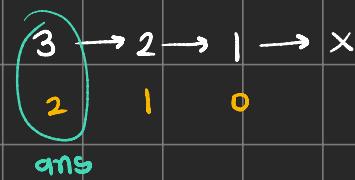
ListNode* reverse(ListNode*& head) {
    // Reverse the Linked List starting from the given head
    ListNode* prev = nullptr;
    ListNode* curr = head;
    ListNode* forward = nullptr;

    while (curr != nullptr) {
        forward = curr->next;
        curr->next = prev;
        prev = curr;
        curr = forward;
    }

    return prev;
}
  
```

* print kth node from the end

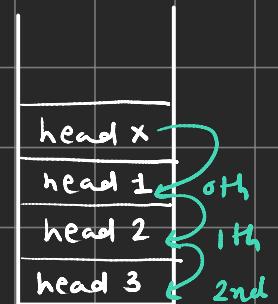
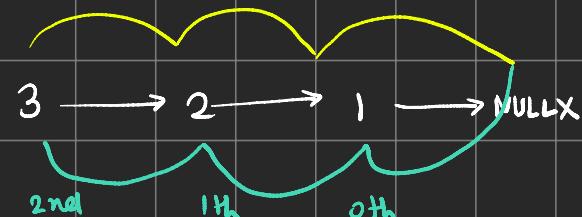
$k=2$



$$= \text{len} - k$$

$$= 3 - 2$$

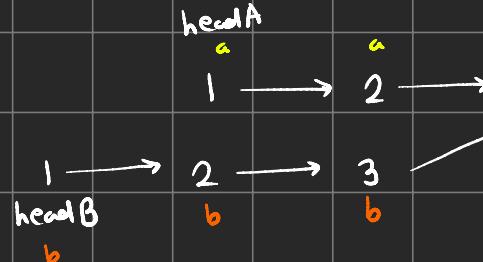
= 1st Element From head



Recursion

```
void func(SinglyLinkedListNode* head, int& pos, int& ans){  
    // base  
    if(head == NULL){  
        return;  
    }  
  
    // head = head->next; // giving error  
    func(head->next, pos, ans);  
  
    if(pos == 0){  
        ans = head->data;  
    }  
    pos--;  
}
```

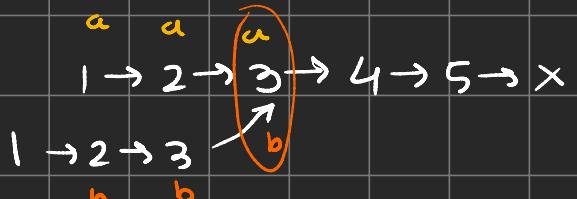
* Intersection of 2 LL



$a \rightarrow \text{next} == \text{NULL}$
or do with
whole
 $a == \text{NULL}$

can assume that a will
be badai hai

again a loop
from b to a
that gives diff of 1 Ele



$b > a$
1 ele larger

Same ele
type of case

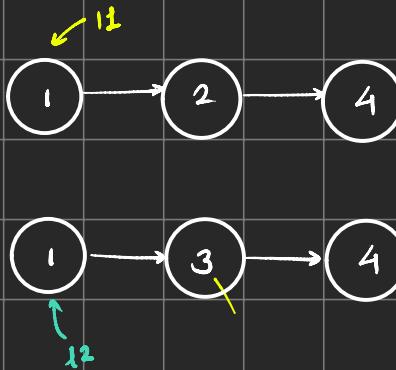


or we can compare in
initial loop

```
ListNode* getIntersectionNode(ListNode* headA, ListNode* headB) {  
  
    ListNode* a = headA;  
    ListNode* b = headB;  
  
    // Fix: Check for NULL before accessing next  
    while (a != NULL && b != NULL) {  
  
        // If both Lengths of both Linked Lists are same  
        if (a == b) {  
            return a;  
        }  
  
        a = a->next;  
        b = b->next;  
    }  
  
    // Fix: Ensure a and b are not NULL before accessing next  
    if (a == NULL) {  
        // b is Longer  
        int blen = 0;  
        while (b != NULL) { // Fix: Traverse b safely  
            blen++;  
            b = b->next;  
        }  
        while (blen--) {  
            headB = headB->next;  
        }  
    } else {  
        // a is Longer  
        int alen = 0;  
        while (a != NULL) { // Fix: Traverse a safely  
            alen++;  
            a = a->next;  
        }  
        while (alen--) {  
            headA = headA->next;  
        }  
    }  
  
    // Traverse both Lists together  
    while (headA != NULL && headB != NULL && headA != headB) {  
        headA = headA->next;  
        headB = headB->next;  
    }  
  
    return headA; // Return intersection node or NULL  
}
```

→ avoid to use like this
It gives error of
accessing NULL->next
so never use

* Merge two sorted LL



do with address not data

$l1 \leq l2 \rightarrow$ attach $l1$ to $ansTail$ then
 $l1 = l1 \rightarrow next$

instead



$ansTail$

else \rightarrow attach $l2$ to $ansTail$ then
 $l2 = l2 \rightarrow next$

```
ListNode* mergeTwoLists(ListNode* list1, ListNode* list2) {
    if (list1 == NULL)
        return list2;
    if (list2 == NULL)
        return list1;

    // Dummy node to simplify List construction
    ListNode* ansHead = new ListNode(-1);
    ListNode* ansTail = ansHead;

    while (list1 != NULL && list2 != NULL) {

        if (list1->val <= list2->val) {
            ansTail->next = list1;
            ansTail = list1;
            list1 = list1->next;
        } else {
            ansTail->next = list2;
            ansTail = list2;
            list2 = list2->next;
        }
    }

    // Attach the remaining part of the list
    if (list1 != NULL) {
        ansTail->next = list1;
    }
    if (list2 != NULL) {
        ansTail->next = list2;
    }

    // Return the merged List (skip the dummy node)
    return ansHead->next;
}
```

while ($list1 \neq NULL$)

* sort List / Merge sort

```
ListNode* findMid(ListNode* head){
    ListNode* slow = head;
    ListNode* fast = head->next;
    while(fast && fast->next){
        slow = slow->next;
        fast = fast->next->next;
    }
    return slow;
}
```

```
ListNode* sortList(ListNode* head) {
    if( head == NULL || head->next == NULL){
        return head;
    }

    // break ll into two part
    ListNode* mid = findMid(head);
    ListNode* left = head;
    ListNode* right = mid->next;

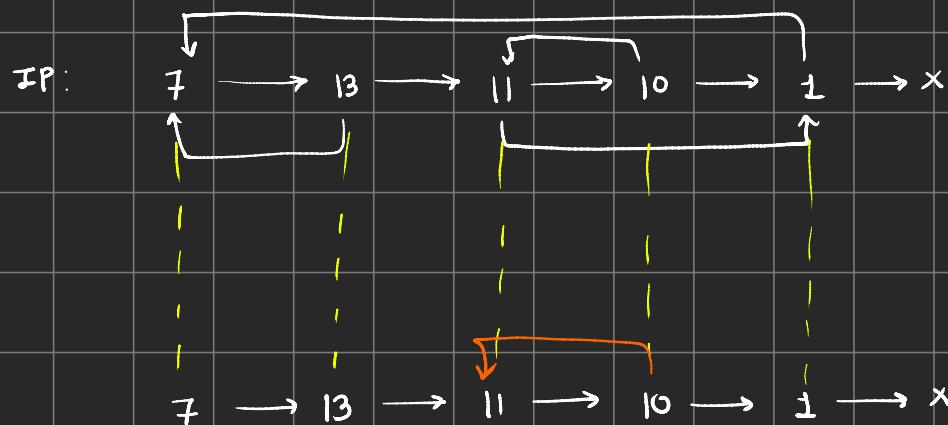
    mid->next = NULL;

    // sort RE
    left = sortList(left);
    right = sortList(right);

    // merge left-right
    ListNode* mergeLL = merge(left, right);
    return mergeLL;
}
```



clone LL with Random Pointer

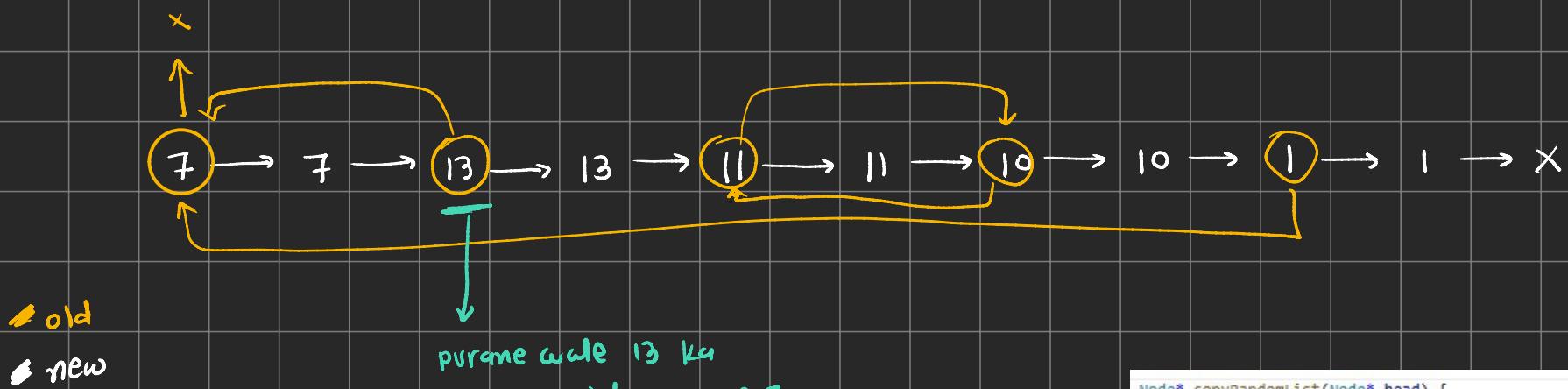


Purana 10 Purane 11
par point kar raha tha
so new 10 ko Bhi new
11 par point karwana hai



```
Node* helper(Node* head, unordered_map<Node*, Node*> &mp){  
  
    if(head==NULL) return NULL;  
  
    Node* newHead = new Node(head->val);  
    mp[head] = newHead;  
    newHead->next = helper(head->next, mp);  
  
    if(head->random){  
        // agar puranewala head kahi random point kar rha he  
        newHead->random = mp[head->random];  
    }  
  
    return newHead;  
}  
  
Node* copyRandomList(Node* head) {  
  
    unordered_map<Node*, Node*> mp;  
    return helper(head, mp);  
}
```

Purani
head ka



purane wale 13 ka
random pointer purane 7 par point
so purane 13 → next means new wala 13
then purane 7 → next means new wala 7

```

Node* copyRandomList(Node* head) {
    if(!head) return 0;

    // 1) clone A(old) -> A'(new)
    Node* it = head;

    while(it!=NULL){
        Node* clonedNode = new Node(it->val);
        clonedNode->next = it->next;
        it->next = clonedNode;
        it = it->next->next;
    }

    // 2) assign random links of A' with the help of A
    it = head;
    while(it){
        Node* clonedNode = it->next;
        clonedNode->random = it->random ? it->random->next : NULL;
        it = it->next->next;
    }

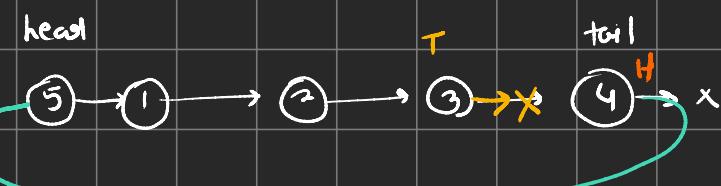
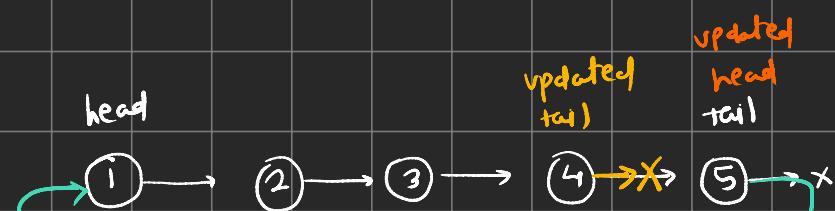
    // 3) detach both old and new
    it = head;
    Node* clonedHead = it->next;

    while(it){
        Node* clonedNode = it->next;
        it->next = it->next->next;
        if(clonedNode->next){
            clonedNode->next = clonedNode->next->next;
        }
        it = it->next;
    }

    return clonedHead;
}

```

* Rotate List



Q. $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$ $len = 5$

① $5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$

② $4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$

③ $3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$

④ $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1$

⑤ $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$

$k=2$

$k=11$

$$\text{rotations} = \frac{k}{\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor}$$

(1) \rightarrow uns

$$\text{rotations} = \lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor \cdot k$$

= K * len

Remove
TLE

```
ListNode* getTail(ListNode* head){
    ListNode* temp = head;
    while(temp->next != NULL){
        temp = temp->next;
    }
    return temp;
}
```

```
int getLen(ListNode* head){
    ListNode* temp = head;
    int count = 0;
    while(temp != NULL){
        temp = temp->next;
        count++;
    }
    return count;
}
```

```
ListNode* getPrev(ListNode* head, ListNode* tail){
    ListNode* temp = head;
    while(temp->next != tail){
        temp = temp->next;
    }
    return temp;
}
```

```
ListNode* rotateRight(ListNode* head, int k) {
    if(head == NULL) return NULL;
    if(head->next == NULL) return head;

    // ListNode* head = head;
    ListNode* tail = getTail(head);

    int updatedK = k % getLen(head);  $\rightarrow$  TLE
    while(updatedK--){
        ListNode* prev = getPrev(head,tail);
        prev->next = NULL;

        ListNode* tailNode = tail;
        tailNode->next = head;

        tail = prev;
        head = tailNode;
    }

    return head;
}
```

delete n nodes after m nodes

$m = 2 \rightsquigarrow$ skip

$n = 1 \rightsquigarrow$ delete



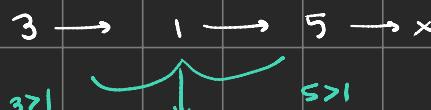
$m = 2 \rightsquigarrow$ skip

$n = 3 \rightsquigarrow$ delete

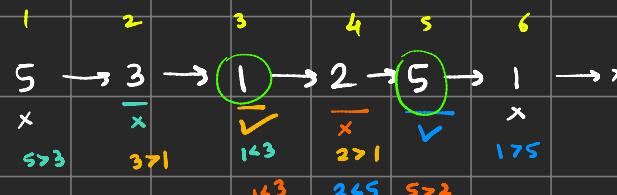
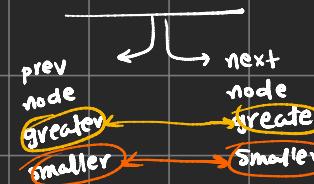


```
void linkdelete(struct Node *head, int M, int N){  
    if(!head) return;  
    Node*it = head;  
    for(int i=0;i<M-1;++i){  
        // if M nodes are N.A.  
        if(!it) return;  
        it=it->next;  
    }  
  
    // it -> would be at Mth node;  
    if(!it) return;  
  
    Node*MthNode = it;  
    it = MthNode->next;  
    for(int i=0;i<N;++i){  
        if(!it) break;  
  
        Node*temp = it->next;  
        delete it;  
        it = temp;  
    }  
    MthNode->next = it;  
    linkdelete(it, M, N);  
}
```

* Find the minimum and Maximum Number of Nodes Between Critical points

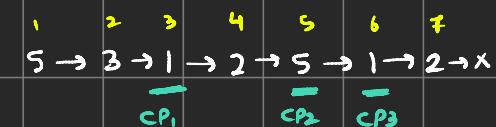


$(-1, -1)$
min distance
max distance



$$\min = 5 - 3 = 2$$

$$\max = 5 - 3 = 2$$



$$\max = \text{first CP} - \text{last CP}$$

$$= 6 - 3 = 3$$

$\min = \text{initial when we have CP}_1 \text{ that time}$
 $= \text{after we got CP}_2 \text{ so } CP_2 - CP_1 = 5 - 3 = 2$

$= 2, \min \text{ distance after we got CP}_3 \Rightarrow CP_3 - CP_2$
 $\Rightarrow 6 - 5$
 $\Rightarrow 1$

$$= \min(2, 1)$$

$$= 1$$

```
vector<int> nodesBetweenCriticalPoints(ListNode* head) {
    vector<int> ans = {-1, -1}; // minDist, maxDist

    ListNode* prev = head;
    if (prev == NULL) return ans;

    ListNode* curr = head->next;
    if (curr == NULL) return ans;

    ListNode* nextNode = head->next->next;
    if (nextNode == NULL) return ans;

    int firstCP = -1;
    int lastCP = -1;

    int minDist = INT_MAX;
    int i = 1;

    while (nextNode != NULL) {
        bool isCP = ((curr->val > prev->val && curr->val > nextNode->val) ||
                     (curr->val < prev->val && curr->val < nextNode->val)) ? true : false;

        if (isCP && firstCP == -1) {
            // first cp got
            firstCP = i;
            lastCP = i;
        } else if (isCP) {
            // means two cp mile he means one se jyada (two, three...)
            minDist = min(minDist, i - lastCP);
            lastCP = i;
        }
        i++;
        prev = prev->next;
        curr = curr->next;
        nextNode = nextNode->next;
    }

    if (firstCP == lastCP) {
        // only one cp found
        return ans;
    } else {
        ans[0] = minDist;
        int maxDist = lastCP - firstCP;
        ans[1] = maxDist;
        return ans;
    }
}
```

* Merge Nodes in between zeros



OP

4 → 11



sum with curr
 $= 0 + 3 + 1$
 $= 4$



sum = $4 + 5 + 2 = 11$

curr == NULL
BC



4 → 11 → NULL

and delete from
prev pointer to that
LL.

memory
leaks
not handled {
here }

```
ListNode* mergeNodes(ListNode* head) {  
  
    ListNode* prev = head;  
    ListNode* curr = head;  
  
    ListNode* lastNode = NULL;  
  
    while(curr!=NULL && curr->next != NULL){  
  
        curr=curr->next;  
  
        int sum = 0;  
        for(int i=0; curr&&curr->val!=0; i++){  
            sum = sum+curr->val;  
            curr = curr->next;  
        }  
  
        lastNode = prev;  
        lastNode->val = sum;  
        prev = lastNode->next;  
    }  
  
    lastNode->next = NULL;  
    cout << head->val << endl;  
  
    return head;  
}
```

