

Programming Assignment 7-3

In this exercise you will write a recursive method `merge(list1, list2)` for merging two sorted linked lists of Integers.

You are given as input two sorted linked lists, `list1` and `list2`. Output for your method is another linked list that contains all the elements in `list1` and `list2`, now in sorted order, obtained from merging the two lists.

Example:

`list1 = [2, 5, 8, 11]` `list2 = [1,3,6]` `output: [1,2,3,5,6, 8, 11]`

Use the following recursive strategy:

1. Instantiate an output linked list – call it `list3`.
2. Obtain the zeroth element of `list1` and call it `first1`; obtain the zeroth element of `list2` and call it `first2`.
3. If `first1 < first2`, remove `first1` from `list1`, add it to `list3`, and recursively merge `list1`, `list2`.
If `first2 < first1`, remove `first2` from `list2`, add it to `list3`, and recursively merge `list1`, `list2`.
Add the recursively merged lists to `list3`.