

147. Insertion Sort List

Given the `head` of a singly linked list, sort the list using **insertion sort**, and return *the sorted list's head*.

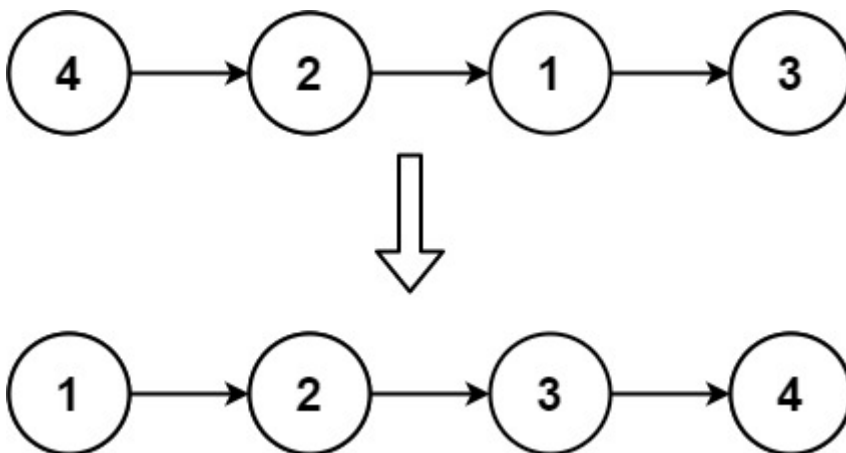
The steps of the **insertion sort** algorithm:

1. Insertion sort iterates, consuming one input element each repetition and growing a sorted output list.
2. At each iteration, insertion sort removes one element from the input data, finds the location it belongs within the sorted list and inserts it there.
3. It repeats until no input elements remain.

The following is a graphical example of the insertion sort algorithm. The partially sorted list (black) initially contains only the first element in the list. One element (red) is removed from the input data and inserted in-place into the sorted list with each iteration.

6 5 3 1 8 7 2 4

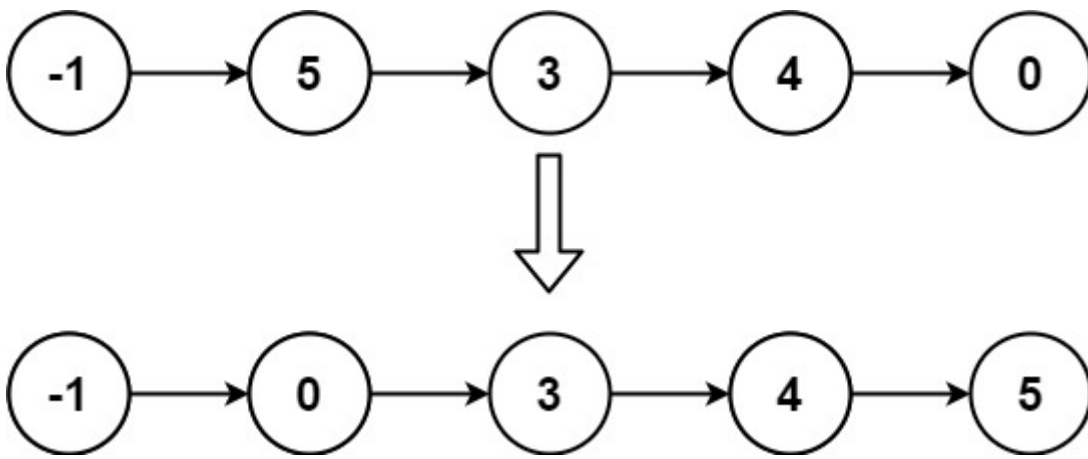
Example 1:



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Input: head = [4,2,1,3]
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Output: [1,2,3,4]
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Example 2:



Input: head = [-1,5,3,4,0]

Output: [-1,0,3,4,5]

Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the list is in the range [1, 5000].
- $-5000 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 5000$

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class Solution:
    def insertionSortList(self, head: Optional[ListNode]) ->
Optional[ListNode]:
    if not head or not head.next:
        return head

    # Use dummy_head will help us to handle insertion before head easily
    dummy_head = ListNode(val=-5000, next=head)
    last_sorted = head # last node of the sorted part
    cur = head.next # cur is always the next node of last_sorted
    while cur:
        if cur.val >= last_sorted.val:
            last_sorted = last_sorted.next
        else:
            # Search for the position to insert
            prev = dummy_head
            while prev.next.val <= cur.val:
                prev = prev.next

            # Insert
            last_sorted.next = cur.next
            cur.next = prev.next
            prev.next = cur

        cur = last_sorted.next
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return dummy_head.next
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