LINKED LIST

Problem – 206. Reverse Linked List

Easy

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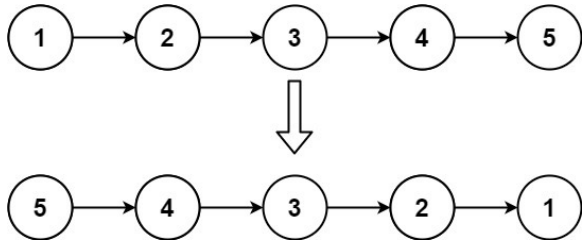
Problem

- This is a classic problem
- Given a singly linked list, reverse its order



Solution – 206. Reverse Linked List

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Solution

- Use recursive approach
- Looking at the pseudo-code, this recursion will return the last node:

```
reverseList(head) {
    if (!head->next) return head
    node = reverseList(head->next);
    return node
}
```

- From end to beginning, each head will be a node in the list
- Therefore, you can change this node by setting a new head:

```
head->next->next = head;
head->next = nullptr;
```

Code – 206. Reverse Linked List

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Code

Time: **O(n)** Space: **O(1)**

```
ListNode* reverseList(ListNode* head) {
    if (!head->next) return head;
    ListNode* node = reverseList(head->next);
    head->next->next = head;
    head->next = nullptr;
    return node;
}
```

Problem – 141. Linked List Cycle

Easy

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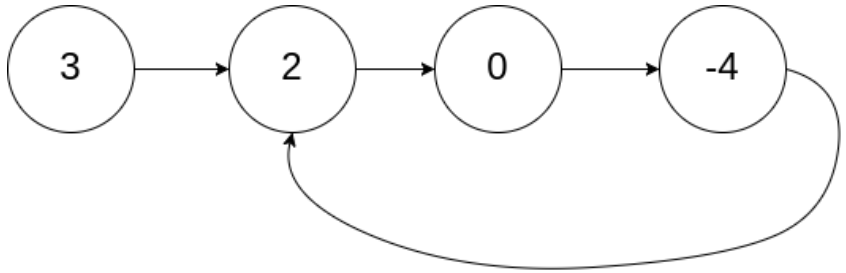
Problem

- You are given the head of a linked list
- Return **true** if there is a cycle, false otherwise
- **Example:**

  In the image below, there is a cycle (-4 to 2)

  Output: true



Solution – 141. Linked List Cycle

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Solution

- Have two pointers: fast and slow
- Slow will go over each item in the linked list
- Fast will go twice as fast as slow (`fast = fast->next->next`)
- If fast reach at the end, there is no cycle
- If fast encounter slow, there is a cycle, return true

Code – 141. Linked List Cycle

Easy

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Code

Time: **O(n)** Space: **O(1)**

```
bool hasCycle(ListNode *head) {
    if (!head || !head->next) return false;
    ListNode* slow = head;
    ListNode* fast = head;
    while (fast && fast->next) {
        slow = slow->next;
        fast = fast->next->next;
        if (slow == fast) return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

Problem – 21. Merge Two Sorted Lists

Easy

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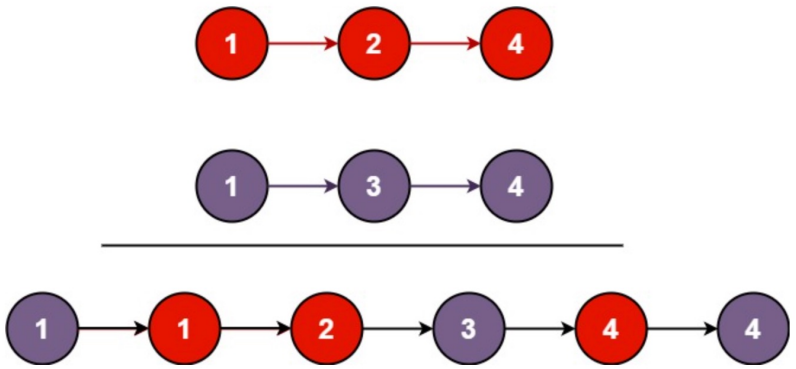
Problem

- You are given the head of two linked lists (list1 and list2)
- Merge the two lists into one **sorted** list



Solution – 21. Merge Two Sorted Lists

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Solution

- Recursively explore the two lists. Base case:

  ```
  if (!list1) return list2;
  ```

  ```
  if (!list2) return list1;
  ```

- Compare the value of the current node of list 1 and list 2

  ```
  if (list1->val > list2->val) { ...
  ```

- Set the next node of the node with the minimum value:

  assume the previous condition is true, so

  ```
  list2->next = mergeTwoLists(list1, list2->next);
  ```

  ```
  return list2;
  ```

  meaning, we want list2->next to come before list1. But we do this recursively since we need the next result

Code – 21. Merge Two Sorted Lists

Easy

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Code

Time: **O(n + m)** Space: **O(n + m)** where n is the length of list1 and m is the length of list2

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

    if (list1->val < list2->val) {
        list1->next = mergeTwoLists(list1->next, list2);
        return list1;
    } else {
        list2->next = mergeTwoLists(list2->next, list1);
        return list2;
    }
}
```

Problem – 23. Merge k Sorted Lists

Hard

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Problem

- You are given an **array of k linked lists**
- Each linked list is **sorted** in ascending order
- Merge all linked lists into one **sorted** linked-lists

Solution – 23. Merge k Sorted Lists

Hard

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Solution

- Create a function to merge two lists
- Go over the lists and merge with each over; **or**
- Use divide and conquer to merge (more optimal)
- Divide and conquer is more efficient because it avoids merging a big list with a small one multiple times

Code – 23. Merge k Sorted Lists

Hard

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Code

Time: **O(N log k)** Space: **O(log k)** where **N** is the total number of nodes across all lists and **k** is the number of lists

```
ListNode* mergeKLists(vector<ListNode*>& lists) {
    if (lists.empty()) return nullptr;
    return divideAndConquer(lists, 0 /* left */, lists.size() - 1 /* right */);
}

ListNode* mergeTwoLists(ListNode* l1, ListNode* l2) {
    if (!l1) return l2;
    if (!l2) return l1;

    if (l1->val < l2->val) {
        l1->next = mergeTwoLists(l1->next, l2);
        return l1;
    } else {
        l2->next = mergeTwoLists(l2->next, l1);
        return l2;
    }
}

ListNode* divideAndConquer(vector<ListNode*> lists, int left, int right) {
    if (left == right) return lists[right];

    int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
    ListNode* l1 = divideAndConquer(lists, left, mid);
    ListNode* l2 = divideAndConquer(lists, mid + 1, right);
    return mergeTwoLists(l1, l2);
}
```

Problem – 19. Remove Nth Node From End of List

Medium

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Problem Statement / Solution / Code

Time: O() Space: O()

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Problem – 143. Reorder List

Medium

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Problem Statement / Solution / Code

Time: O() Space: O()

- ...

Problem – 24. Swap Nodes in Pair

Medium

https://leetcode.com/problems/swap-nodes-in-pairs

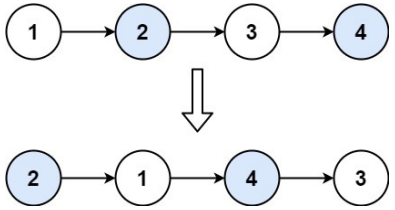
Problem

Given a linked list, swap every two adjacent nodes and return its head. You must solve the problem without modifying the values in the list's nodes (i.e., only nodes themselves may be changed.)

Example 1

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

Output: [2,1,4,3]



Example 2

Input: head = []

Output: []

Example 3:

Example 3

Input: head = [1]

Output: [1]

Solution – Swap Nodes in Pair

Medium

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

    while (node && node->next) {
        ListNode *second = node->next;
        ListNode *next_pair = second->next;
        second->next = node;
        node->next = next_pair;
        if (prev) {
            prev->next = second;
        }
        prev = node;
        node = next_pair;
    }
    return head;
}
```

Solution (recursive) – Swap Nodes in Pair

Medium

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```
ListNode* swapPairs(ListNode* head) {
    if(!head || !head->next)
        return head;
    ListNode* newHead = head->next;
    head->next = swapPairs(head->next->next);
    newHead->next = head;
    return newHead;
}
```