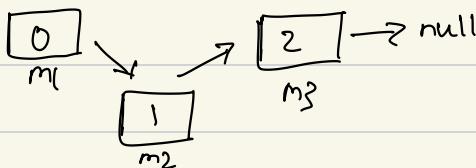




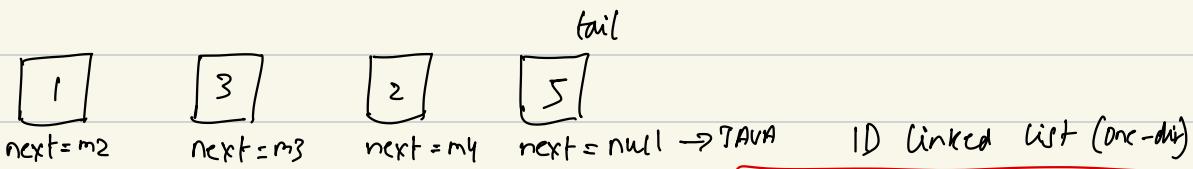
## Linked Lists

### (1) Introduction to LL:

Linked lists : Stored at a non-contiguous location



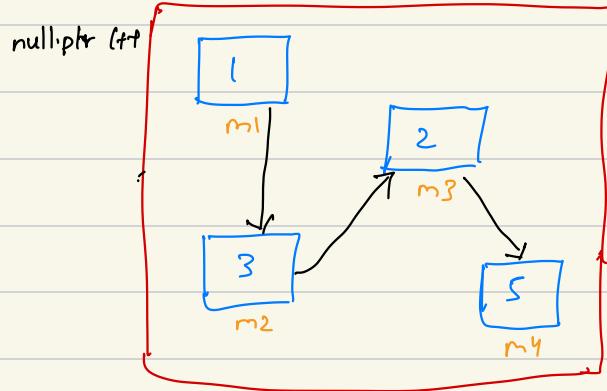
How do we store ?



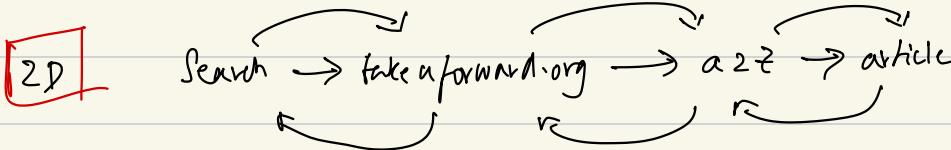
head = m1

tail = m4

It's used in Stack / Queue



In real life we use it on Browser.



D.S we are using is struct / class in C++ & Java

In C++

int  $x = 2;$   $\rightarrow$    
 int\*  $y = \&x;$   $\rightarrow$   $\xrightarrow{x}$  memory location of  $x$   
 cout  $\ll y;$  // pointer to the memory location.

What are we storing in linked list?

- data
- pointer to the next

(self defined data type so struct)

~~Class~~ struct Node {

    int data;

    Node\* next;

    Node (data1, next1)     // constructor  
    {

        data = data1;

        next = next1;

}

3

How do we initialize?

2

Node x = Node(2, nullptr)

2  
nullptr

Node \*y = &x; //pointer to x.

easy way

Node \*y = new Node(2, nullptr);

vector<int> arr = {2, 5, 8, 7} → pointer to the memory location

cout << y; // memory location OKYACO

cout << y->data; // value (2)

Instead of struct use class

- using class you get access of OOPs.

In Java : (No ptr, only this keyword)

class Node {

public:

int data;

Node next;

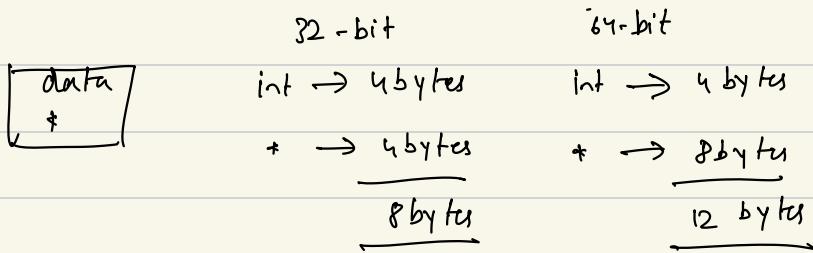
Node(int data1, Node next1) { // with two argument  
    this.data = data1;  
    this.next = next1;  
}

Node (int data1) { // single argument

    this.data = data1;  
    this.next = null;  
}

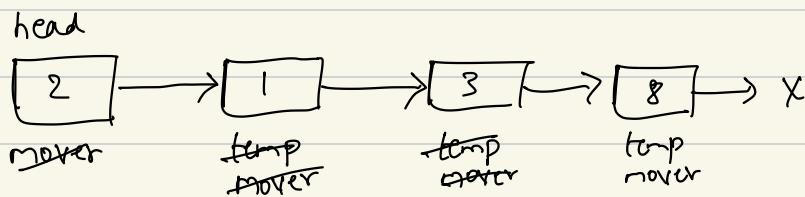
cout << y.data // 2

### Memory Space :



Array → linked list

$$\text{arr}[] = [2, 1, 3, 8]$$



$$\text{mover} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{temp}$$

Code

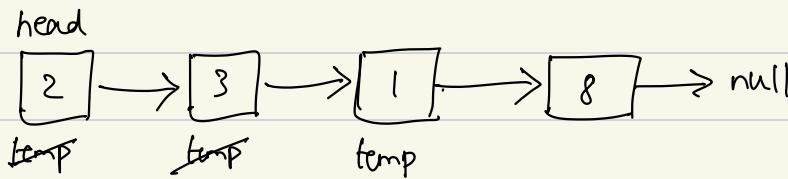
```
Node * convertArr2LL (vector<int> & arr) {  
    Node * head = new Node (arr[0]); // 1st node  
    Node * mover = head;  
    for (i=1 ; i<arr.size() ; i++) {  
        Node * temp = new Node (arr[i]);  
        mover->next = temp;  
        mover = temp; // mover = mover.next;  
    }
```

return head;

}

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

## Traversal in Linked list:



— Do not move head

```
int arr = {12, 5, 6, 8}
```

```
Node head = convertArr2LL(arr);
```

```
Node* temp = head
```

```
while (temp) {
```

```
cout << temp->data << " "; // 12, 5, 6, 8
```

```
temp = temp->next;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

## Length of LL

```
int lengthOfLL(Node* head) {
```

```
    int count = 0;
```

```
    Node* temp = head;
```

```
    while (temp) {
```

```
        cout << temp->data << " ";
```

temp = temp → next;

cnt ++;

}

return cnt; // 4

}

## Search an Element:

int checkIfPresent (Node\* head, int val) {

Node\* temp = head;

while (temp) {

if (temp → data == val) return 1;

temp = temp → next

}

return -1;

}

T C ⇒ O(n), O(1), O(n/2)

## Code

### Array to LL:

Introduction To Linked List

Easy • 0/40 • Average time to solve is 10m

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**Problem Statement** Send feedback

You are given an array 'Arr' of size 'N' consisting of positive integers.

Make a linked list from the array and return the head of the linked list.

The head of the linked list is the first element of the array, and the tail of the linked list is the last element.

**Note:**

In the output, you will see the elements of the linked list made by you.

**Example:**

Input: 'Arr' = [4, 2, 5, 1]

Output: 4 2 5 1

Explanation: Linked List for the array 'Arr' = [4, 2, 5, 1] is 4 -> 2 -> 5 -> 1.

```

1 /**
2  * Definition of linked list
3  * class Node {
4  *
5  * public:
6  *     int data;
7  *     Node* next;
8  *     Node() : data(0), next(nullptr) {}
9  *     Node(int x) : data(x), next(nullptr) {}
10 *     Node(int x, Node* next) : data(x), next(
11 *         next
12 *     ) {}
13 */
14 Node* constructLL(vector<int>& arr) {
15     Node* head = new Node(arr[0]);
16     Node* mover = head;
17     for(int i = 1; i < arr.size(); i++){
18         Node* temp = new Node(arr[i]);
19         mover->next = temp;
20         mover = temp;
21     }
22     return head;
23 }
```

### Count the length of LL:

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Count nodes of linked list

Easy • 0/40

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**Problem Statement** Send feedback

Given the head of a singly linked list of integers, find and return its length.

**Example:**

```

1 int length(Node *head)
2 {
3     int cnt = 0;
4     Node* temp = head;
5     while(temp) {
6         temp = temp->next;
7         cnt++;
8     }
9     return cnt;
10 }
```

### Search in LL:

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Search in a Linked List

Easy • 0/40 • Average time to solve is 10m

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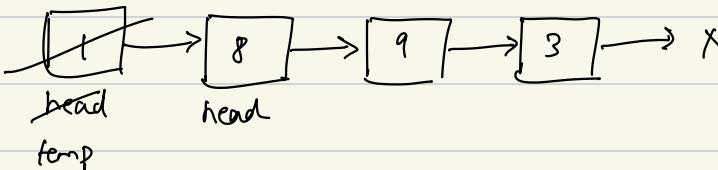
You are given a Singly Linked List of integers with a head pointer. Every node of the Linked List has a value written on it.

```

1 int searchInLinkedList(Node<int> *head, int k) {
2     Node<int>* temp = head;
3     while(temp){
4         if(temp->data == k) return 1;
5         temp = temp->next;
6     }
7     return 0;
8 }
```

## L2) Deletion and Insertion in LL:

Delete the head of LL:



- Move the head to next
- You need to free the memory of prev head.

$\text{Node}^* \text{ deleteHead } (\text{Node}^* \text{ head})$

{

$\text{Node}^* \text{ temp} = \text{head};$

$\text{head} = \text{head} \rightarrow \text{next};$

$\text{free}(\text{temp});$  OR  $\text{delete temp};$

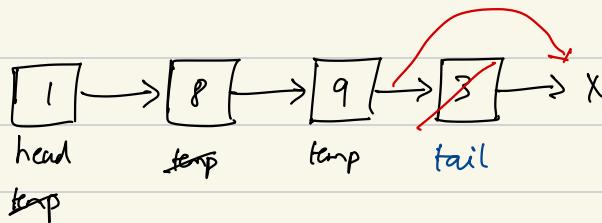
$\text{return head};$

}

→ For Java no need to write free or delete JAVA automatically does it.

```
4 Node* removesHead(Node* head){  
5     if(head == NULL) return head;  
6     Node* temp = head;  
7     head = head->next;  
8     delete temp;  
9     return head;  
10 }
```

Delete the tail of the LL:



- we can point tail prev to the null.
- so you need to stop before the last element.
- for LL with 1 element we delete the 1 element

Node \* deleteTail (Node \* head)

{

if (head == NULL ||  
head->next == null)

return null;

Node \* temp = head;

while (temp->next->next != null)

{

temp = temp->next;

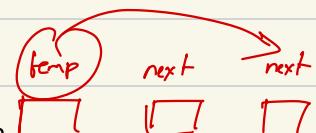
}

free (temp->next);

temp->next = nullptr;

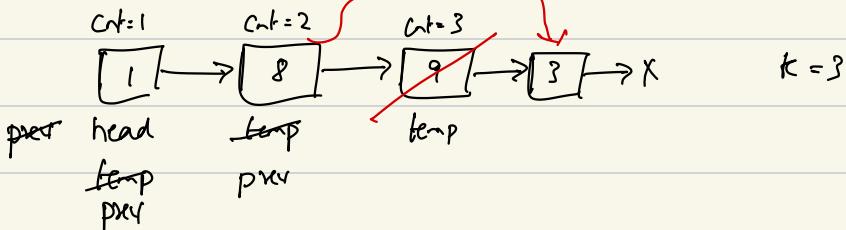
return temp;

}



```
Node *deleteLast(Node *head){  
    if(head == NULL || head->next == NULL){  
        return NULL;  
    }  
    Node* temp = head;  
    while(temp->next->next != NULL){  
        temp = temp->next;  
    }  
    delete temp->next;  
    temp->next = nullptr;  
    return head;  
}
```

Delete the k<sup>th</sup> element of the LL:



`Node* deletek (Node* head, int k)`

{

    if (`head == null`) return `head`;

    if (`k == 1`) {

`Node* temp = head`

`head = head → next`;

`free(head)`

        return `head`;

}

`k=3`

`int = 0, Node* temp = head, pprev = null`

`while (temp != null)`   // traverse

{

`cnt++`;

    if (`cnt == k`)

{

`pprev → next = pprev → next → next`

`free(temp);`

}

    break;

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

$\text{temp} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next};$

}

return head

}

Remove the element from LL: (Same as above with few changes)

$\text{Node}^* \text{ removeEl} (\text{Node}^* \text{ head}, \text{int} \text{ el}) \{$

$\text{if} (\text{head} == \text{null}) \text{ return head};$

$\text{if} (\text{head} \rightarrow \text{data} == \text{el}) \{ \quad // \text{if head is the element}$

$\text{Node}^* \text{ temp} = \text{head};$

$\text{head} = \text{head} \rightarrow \text{next};$

$\text{free}(\text{temp});$

return head;

}

$\text{Node}^* \text{ temp} = \text{head};$

$\text{Node}^* \text{ prev} = \text{null};$

$\text{while} (\text{temp} != \text{null}) \{$

$\text{if} (\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} == \text{el}) \{$

$\text{prev} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{prev} \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next};$

$\text{free}(\text{temp}),$

$\text{break};$

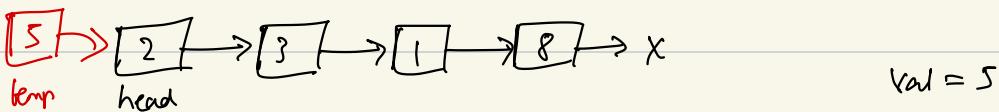
}

```

    prev = temp;
    temp = temp->next;
}
return head;
}

```

### Inserion at the head:



→ Return the temp

Node\* insertHead(Node\* head, int val)

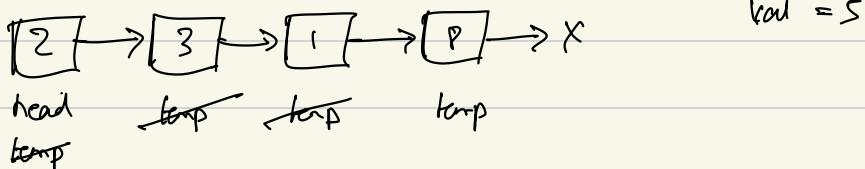
{

Node\* temp = new Node(val, head);

return temp;

}

### Insert at the last:



Node<sup>\*</sup> insertTail (Node<sup>\*</sup> head, int val)

{

if (head == null) return new Node (val);

Node<sup>\*</sup> temp = head;

while (temp → next != null)

{

temp = temp → next // should point at the  
last element

}

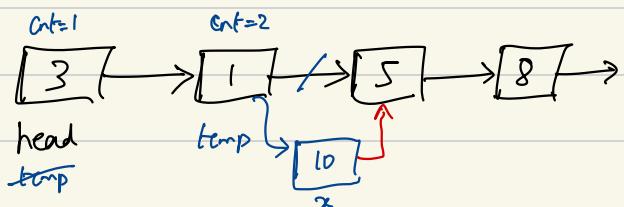
Node newNode = new Node (val);

temp → next = newNode;

return head;

}

Insert at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  element : k lies from  $(1-N+1)$



el<10, k

Node<sup>\*</sup> insertAt (head, el, k)

{

if (head == null) return new Node (el);

if (k == 1) { // insert at head

Node<sup>\*</sup> temp = new Node (el, val);

return temp;  
}

if  $k=3$

cnt = 0, temp = head

while (temp != null)

{

    cnt++;

$\underline{2} = \underline{3-1} \checkmark$

    if (cnt == (k-1))

{

        Node<sup>\*</sup> x = new Node(val)

        x → next = temp → next // 1<sup>st</sup> connect 10 → 5

        temp → next = x // then connect 1 → 10

        break;

}

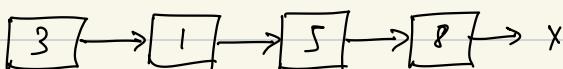
    temp = temp → next

}

    return head;

}

Insert element before the value x :



cl = 10

val = 5

Node<sup>\*</sup> insertBeforeValue (Node<sup>\*</sup> head, int cl, int val) {

    if (head == null) return null;

    if (head → data == val) return new Node(cl, head);

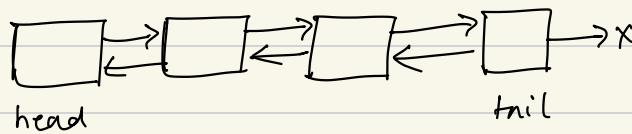
```

Node+ temp = head;
while (temp → next != null) {
    if (temp → next → data == val) {
        Node+ x = new Node (el, temp → next);
        temp → next = x;
        break;
    }
    temp = temp → next;
}
return head;
}

```

### (3) Introduction to Double LL:

We can move in both the direction



### Representation of DL

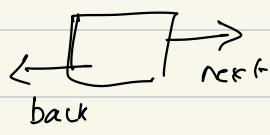
Class Node {

public :

int data;

Node<sup>+</sup> next;

Node<sup>+</sup> back;



public:

Node(int data1, Node<sup>\*</sup> next1, Node<sup>\*</sup> back1)

{

    data = data1;

    next = next1;

    back = back1;

}

public:

Node (int data1)

{

    data = data1,

    next = nullptr;

    back = nullptr

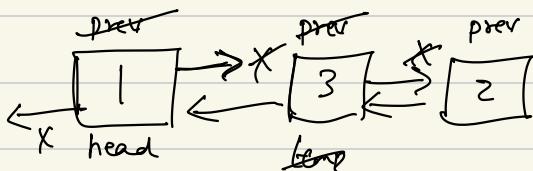
}

};

Arrays → DLL

arr [] = 

1	3	2	4
---	---	---	---



Node\* convertArrToDLL (vector<int> &arr) {

    Node\* head = new Node (arr[0]);

    Node\* prev = head;

    for (i=1 → n-1) {

        Node\* temp = new Node (arr[i], nullptr, prev);

        prev → next = temp;

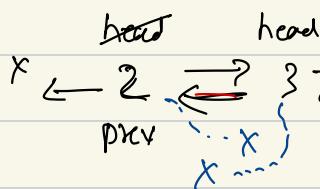
        prev = temp;

}

    return head;

}

### Delete the head of DLL:



Edge case

DLL → empty → return

DLL → 1 element → delete

prev = head

head = head → X

head → back = nullptr || X ← [3]

prev → next = nullptr || [2] → X

delete prev

```
Node* delete Head (Node* head) {
```

```
    if (head == null || head->next == null) {
```

```
        return null;
```

```
}
```

```
Node* prev = head;
```

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

```
head->back = nullptr;
```

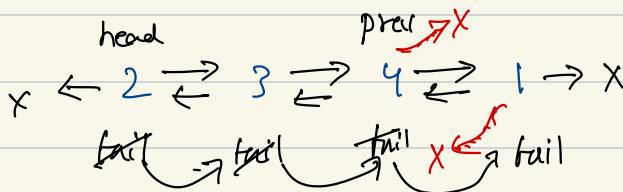
```
prev->next = nullptr;
```

```
delete prev;
```

```
return head;
```

```
}
```

### Delete the tail of DLL:



Pseudo code

```
tail = head
```

```
while (tail->next != null) {
```

```
    tail = tail->next;
```

```
}
```

```
prev = tail->back
```

$\text{tail} \rightarrow \text{back} = \text{nullptr} \parallel x \leftarrow \boxed{1}$

$\text{prev} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{nullptr} \parallel \boxed{y} \rightarrow x$

delete tail

Code

$\text{Node}^* \text{ delete tail} (\text{Node}^* \text{ head})\{$

if ( $\text{head} == \text{null} \parallel \text{head} \rightarrow \text{next} == \text{null}$ ) {  
    return null;

}

$\text{Node}^* \text{ tail} = \text{head};$

while ( $\text{tail} \rightarrow \text{next} \neq \text{null}$ ) {

    tail = tail  $\rightarrow$  next

}

$\text{Node}^* \text{ prev} = \text{tail} \rightarrow \text{back};$

$\text{prev} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{nullptr};$

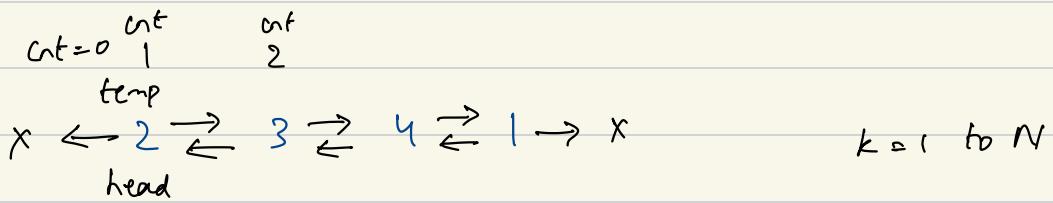
$\text{tail} \rightarrow \text{back} = \text{nullptr};$

delete tail;

return head

}

## Delete the $k^{th}$ node in DLL:



for  $k=N$  no next element  
for  $k=1$   
single element

three edge case

temp = head

cnt = 0

while (temp != null)

{

cnt += 1

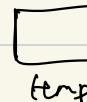
if (cnt == k) break;

temp = temp → next;

}

prev = temp → back;

front = temp → next;



// edge case

if (prev == null & front == null) {

    delete temp;

}      return null;

else if ( prev == null) // standing at head

{

    deleteHead (head)

    return

}

else if ( front == null) // standing at tail

{

    deleteTail (head)

    return

}

else { // standing in b/w.

    prev → next = front

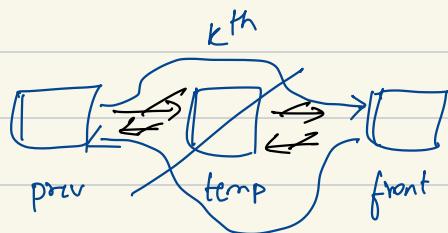
    front → back = prev

    temp → next = nullptr

    temp → back = nullptr

    delete (temp)

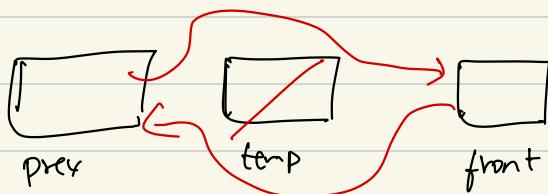
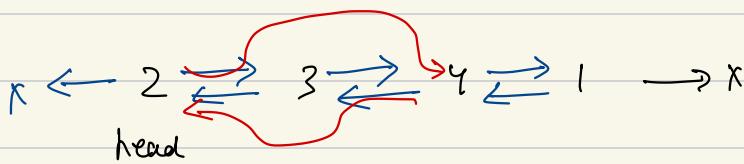
}



```
69 Node* removeKthElement(Node* head, int k) {
70     if(head == NULL) {
71         return NULL;
72     }
73     int cnt = 0;
74     Node* kNode = head;
75     while(kNode != NULL) {
76         cnt++;
77         if(cnt == k) break;
78         kNode = kNode->next;
79     }
80     Node* prev = kNode->back;
81     Node* front = kNode->next;
82
83     if(prev == NULL && front == NULL) {
84         return NULL;
85     }
86     else if(prev == NULL) {
87         return deleteHead(head);
88     }
89     else if(front == NULL) {
90         return deleteTail(head);
91     }
92     prev->next = front;
93     front->back = prev;
94
95     kNode->next = nullptr;
96     kNode->back = nullptr;
97     delete kNode;
98     return head;
```

## Delete the Node of DLL:

Constraint:  
Node is not head.



```
void deleteNode(Node *temp) {
```

```
    Node *prev = temp → back;
```

```
    Node *front = temp → next;
```

if edge

```
if (front == null) {
```

```
    prev → next = nullptr
```

```
    temp → back = nullptr
```

```
    free(temp)
```

return

y

```
    prev → next = front
```

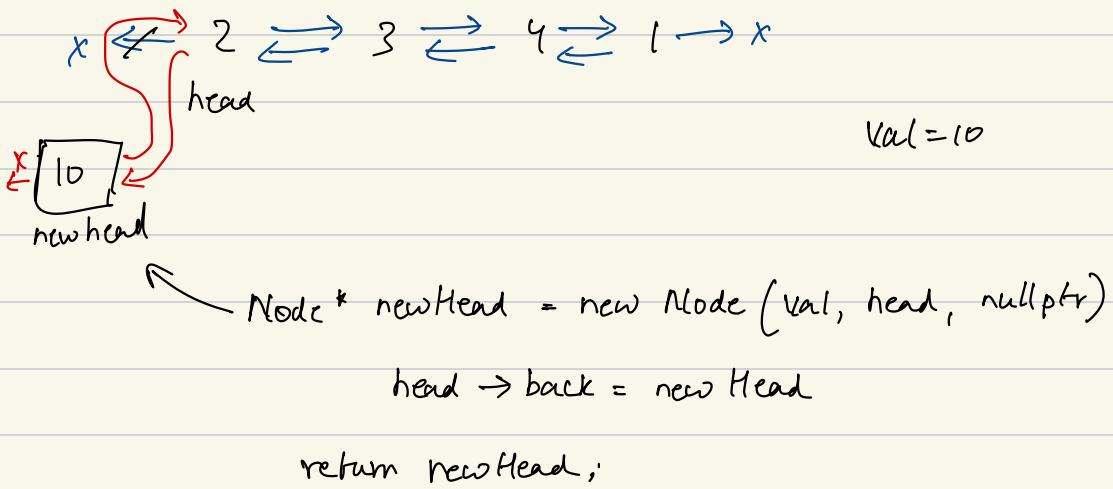
```
    front → back = prev
```

```
    temp → next = temp → back = nullptr;
```

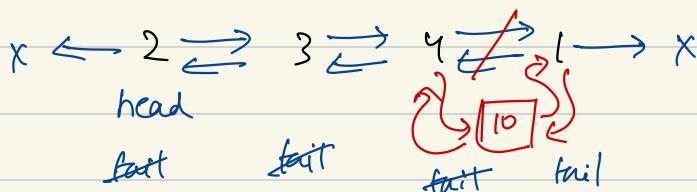
free(kmp)

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Insert before the head:



Insert before tail of DLL:



tail = head;

while(tail → next != null) {

tail = tail → next;

}

prev = tail → back;

newNode = newNode (lo, tail, prev);

prev → next = newNode;

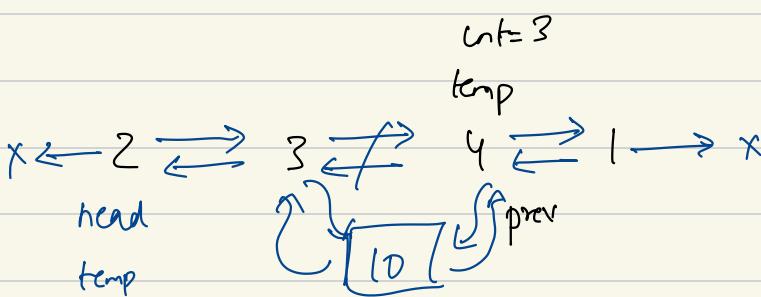
tail → back = newNode;

```
Node* insertBeforeTail(Node* head, int val) {
    if(head->next == NULL) {
        return insertBeforeHead(head, val);
    }
    Node* tail = head;
    while(tail->next != NULL) {
        tail = tail->next;
    }

    Node* prev = tail->back;
    Node* newNode = new Node(val, tail, prev);
    prev->next = newNode;
    tail->back = newNode;
    return head;
}
```

Insert before the  $k^{th}$  element

$k = 3$



$k = 1$  // head of LL

$k = n$  // tail of LL

$temp = head$

$cnt = 0$

while ( $temp \neq null$ ) {

$cnt = cnt + 1;$

if ( $cnt == k$ ) break;

$temp = temp \rightarrow next;$

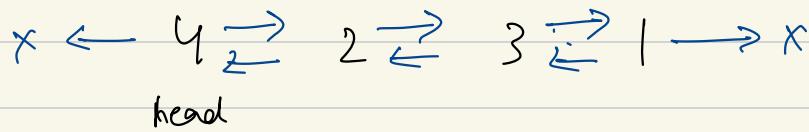
}

$prev = temp \rightarrow back;$

```

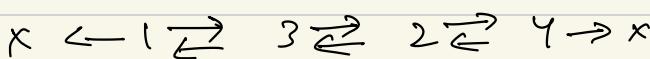
122 // Node* insertBeforeHead(Node* head, int val) {
137 Node* insertBeforeKthElement(Node* head, int k, int val) {
138     if(k == 1) {
139         return insertBeforeHead(head, val);
140     }
141     Node* temp = head;
142     int cnt = 0;
143     while(temp != NULL) {
144         cnt++;
145         if(cnt == k) break;
146         temp = temp->next;
147     }
148     Node* prev = temp->back;
149     Node* newNode = new Node(val, temp, prev);
150     prev->next = newNode;
151     temp->back = newNode;
152     return head;
153 }
```

## (4) Reverse a DLL



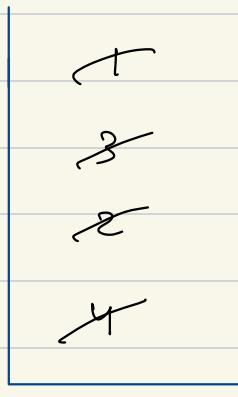
### 1st Approach (Stack)

- You can reverse the data



- You can use stack dis (LIFO)

$x \leftarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \leftarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow x$   
head temp temp temp temp  
temp



- Now we will pop out the top element from the stack (LIFO)  
stack

So in 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration o ter we take the top element and replace the list

$x \leftarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow x$   
head temp temp temp  
temp

Pseudo Code

Node \* temp = head ;

Stack <int> st ;

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$\text{st.push}(\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data})$

$\text{temp} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next}$  // we will add all

}

the element to  
the stack

$\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = \text{st.pop}();$

$\text{st.pop}();$

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

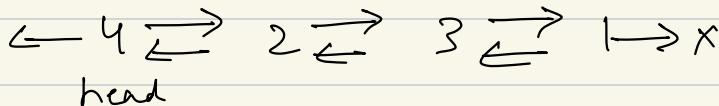
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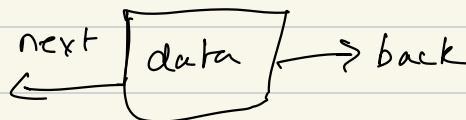
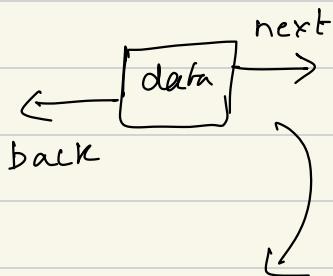
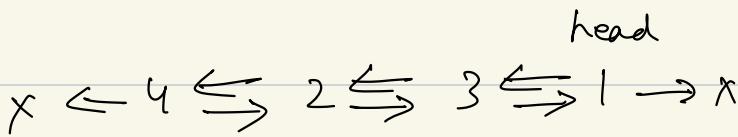
S.C  $\Rightarrow O(N)$  // stack

$= O(2N)$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Approach



→ We have to reverse the link



- we need to swap next & back pointer
- by using swap() .

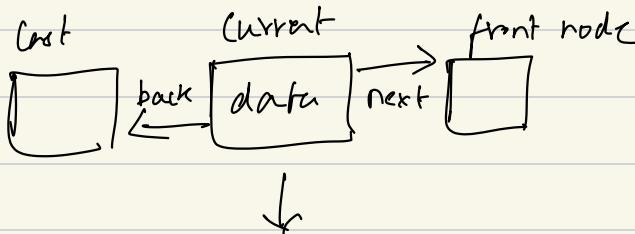
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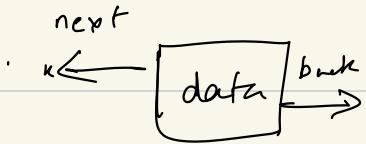
$$a = 2 \quad b = 5$$

$\text{temp} = a$       + We need to preserve a as

$a = b$       a is overwritten.

$$b = \text{temp}$$





$\text{current} \cdot \text{next} = \text{last}$

$\text{current} \cdot \text{back} = \text{front}$

(you're using two variables)

Can be done using one variable

$\text{last} = \text{null}, \text{curr} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{current} \neq \text{null}$ )

· if  $\text{last} = \text{current} \rightarrow \text{back}$

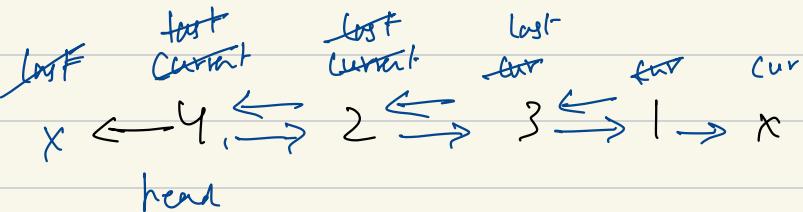
$\text{current} \rightarrow \text{back} = \text{current} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{current} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{last}$

In order to go next element

·  $\text{currat} = \text{current} \rightarrow \text{back}$

$\text{last} \rightarrow \text{back} = \text{newHead}$



$T.C \Rightarrow O(n)$      $S.C \Rightarrow O(1)$

```
31 Node *reverseDLL(Node *head) {  
32     if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL) {  
33         return head;  
34     }  
35     Node *prev = NULL;  
36     Node *current = head;  
37     while (current != NULL) {  
38         prev = current->prev;  
39         current->prev = current->next;  
40         current->next = prev;  
41         current = current->prev;  
42     }  
43     return prev->prev;  
44 }
```

### (5) Adding two numbers in LL

head1

2 → 4 → 6 → x

L1 = 6 4 2

head2

3 → 8 → 7 → x

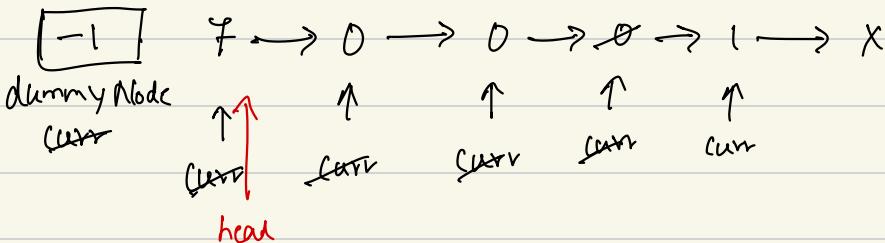
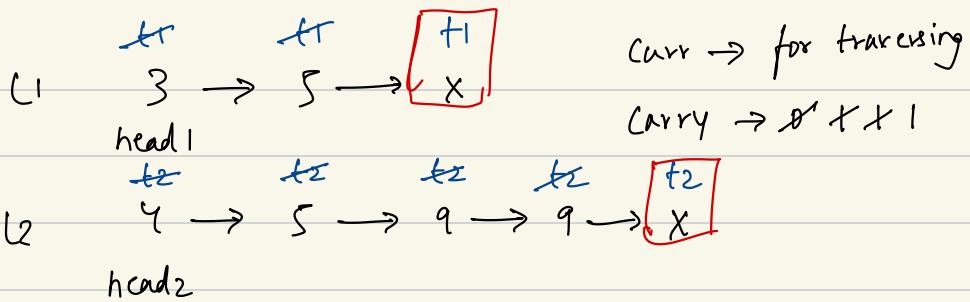
L2 = 7 8 3

—————  
1 4 2 5

head

5 → 2 → 4 → 1 (sum list in reverse  
order)

→ While addition you start from unit place, so your first head is unit place, if there is carry over you take it.



so      dummy Node  $\rightarrow$  next = head

Pseudo Code

```

func(head1, head2)
{
    t1 = head1, t2 = head2
    dummyNode = new Node(-1),
    curr = dummyNode, carry = 0
    while(t1 != null || t2 != null)
    {
    }
  
```

Sum = carry;

if(t1)      sum = sum + t1  $\rightarrow$  data

if(t2)      sum = sum + t2  $\rightarrow$  data

$\text{newNode} = \text{new Node}(\text{sum} \% 10)$

$\text{carry} = \text{sum} / 10;$

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

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

$\text{if } (\text{t1}) \text{ t1} = \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{if } (\text{t2}) \text{ t2} = \text{t2} \rightarrow \text{next}$

}

$\text{if } (\text{carry}) \& \text{ if carry is left out at last}$

$\text{newNode} = \text{new Node}(\text{carry})$

$\text{curr} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{newNode};$

}

$\text{return dummyNode} \rightarrow \text{next};$

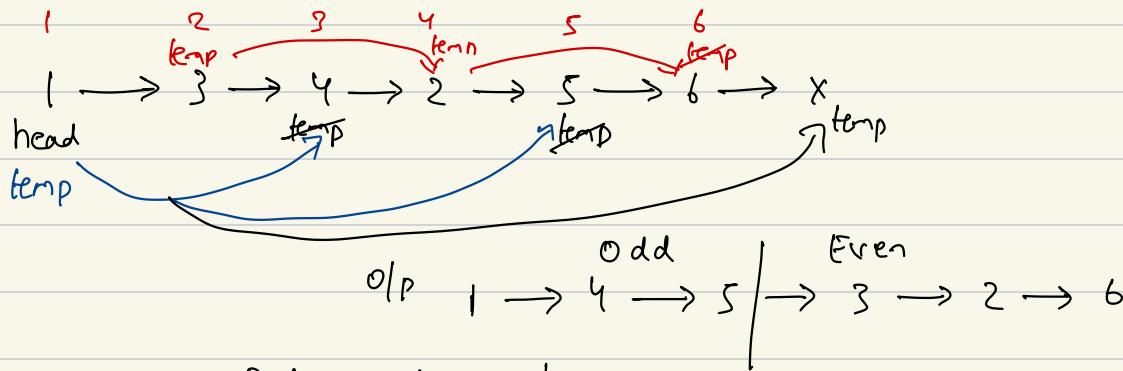
$T \in O(\max(n_1, n_2))$        $S \in O(\max(n_1, n_2))$

```
11 class Solution {
12 public:
13     ListNode* addTwoNumbers(ListNode* l1, ListNode* l2) {
14         ListNode* dummyNode = new ListNode(-1);
15         ListNode* curr = dummyNode;
16         ListNode* temp1 = l1;
17         ListNode* temp2 = l2;
18         int carry = 0;
19
20         while(temp1 != NULL || temp2 != NULL){
21             int sum = carry;
22             if(temp1) sum += temp1->val;
23             if(temp2) sum += temp2->val;
24             ListNode* newNode = new ListNode(sum % 10);
25             carry = sum / 10;
26
27             curr->next = newNode;
28             curr = curr->next;
29             if(temp1) temp1 = temp1->next;
30             if(temp2) temp2 = temp2->next;
31         }
32         if(carry){
33             ListNode* newNode = new ListNode(carry);
34             curr->next = newNode;
35         }
36         return dummyNode->next;
37     }
38 }
```

result

```
24 Node* addTwoNumbers(Node* num1, Node* num2) {
25     Node* dummyNode = new Node(-1);
26     Node* curr = dummyNode;
27     Node* temp1 = num1;
28     Node* temp2 = num2;
29     int carry = 0;
30
31     while(temp1 != NULL || temp2 != NULL){
32         int sum = carry;
33         if(temp1) sum += temp1->data;
34         if(temp2) sum += temp2->data;
35         Node* newNode = new Node(sum % 10);
36         carry = sum / 10;
37
38         curr->next = newNode;
39         curr = curr->next;
40         if(temp1) temp1 = temp1->next;
41         if(temp2) temp2 = temp2->next;
42     }
43     if(carry){
44         Node* newNode = new Node(carry);
45         curr->next = newNode;
46     }
47
48     return dummyNode->next;
49 }
```

## t6) Odd Even Linked Lists :



i) Brut Force Data replacement

$\text{arr}[] \rightarrow [1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6]$

lists

First iteration for the odd index

get the odd index first by jumping two times

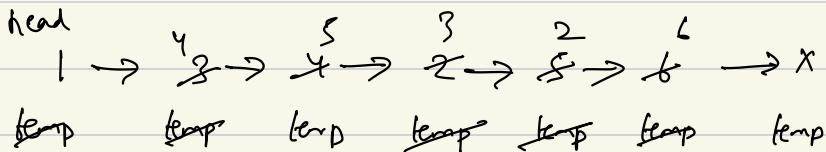
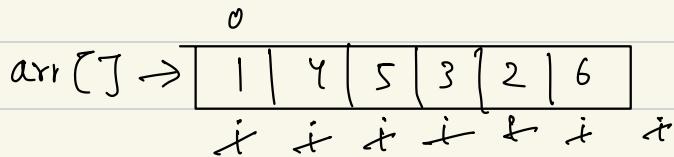
by  $\text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$   $O(1/2)$

once it reach null we stop.

Second iteration for the even index

- keep the temp next to the head ( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{head.next}$ )
- jump two times  $\text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$ .

- once it reach last node you stop.



Pseudo Code Edge case if (head == null || head → next == null)  
return head;

arr → [ ] temp = head  
while (temp != null & & temp → next != null)  
{  
    arr.add (temp → data)  
    temp = temp → next → next  
}  
if (temp) arr.add (temp → data) // for odd length LL  
we might skip the

temp = head → next

last element.

while (temp != null & temp → next != null)  
{

    arr.add (temp → data)

    temp = temp → next → next

}

Even ↙

L if ( $\text{temp}$ )  $\cdot \text{arr}.\text{add}(\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data})$  ((in case of last node.

$i = 0$      $\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ ) {

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = \text{arr}[i]$

$i++;$

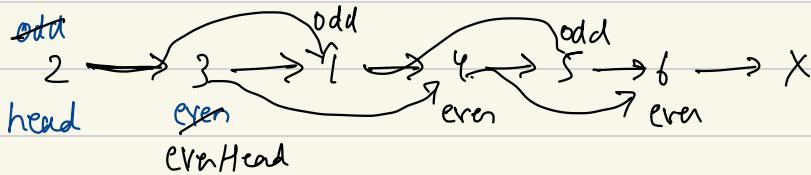
$\text{temp} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next};$

}

return head;

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(2n)$     S.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

## 2) Optimised Approach



- changing the odd link

- changing the even link

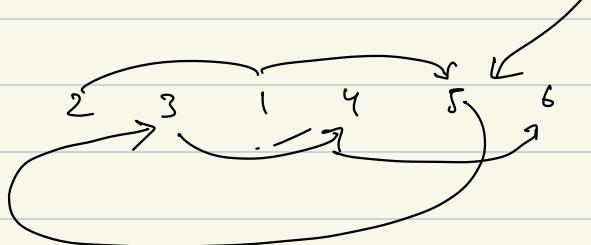
$$\text{odd} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{odd} \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$$

$$\text{even} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{even} \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$$

The last odd should point to 1<sup>st</sup> even node, as we don't remember even, so memorize it before breaking the link.

$$\boxed{\text{head} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{evenHead}}$$

odd  $\rightarrow$  next = evenHead,



### Pseudo Code

odd = Head      even = head  $\rightarrow$  next      evenHead = head  $\rightarrow$  next

while( even != null || even.next != null) || as even is  
bound to be at last.

odd  $\rightarrow$  next = odd  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next

even  $\rightarrow$  next = even  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next

odd = odd  $\rightarrow$  next

even = even  $\rightarrow$  next

}

odd.next = evenHead

return head

~~TC  $\Rightarrow$  O(n)~~

S.C  $\Rightarrow$  O(1)

```

1 class Solution {
2     public ListNode oddEvenList(ListNode head) {
3         if(head == null || head.next == null || head.next.next == null){
4             return head;
5         }
6         ListNode odd = head;
7         ListNode even = odd.next;
8         ListNode evenhead = even;
9
10        while(even != null && even.next != null){
11            odd.next = odd.next.next;
12            even.next = even.next.next;
13
14            odd = odd.next;
15            even = even.next;
16        }
17        odd.next = evenhead;
18        return head;
19    }
20 }
21 }
```

(7) Sort a LL of 0's, 1's and 2's

**Problem statement** [Send feedback](#)

Given a linked list of ' $N$ ' nodes, where each node has an integer value that can be 0, 1, or 2. You need to sort the linked list in non-decreasing order and the return the head of the sorted list.

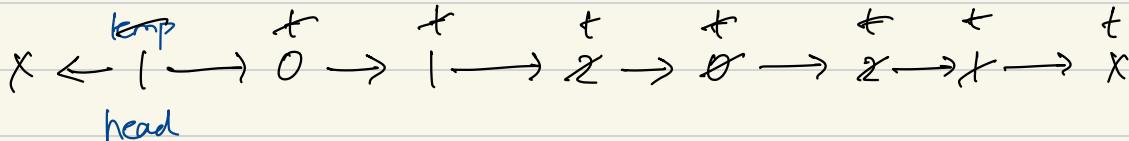
**Example:**

Given linked list is  $1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$ .  
The sorted list for the given linked list will be  $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2$ .

**Detailed explanation** (Input/output format, Notes, Images)

**Sample Input 1:**  
7  
1 0 2 1 0 2 1

**Sample Output 1:**  
0 0 1 1 2 2



# i) Brute Force Data Replacement

$$\text{cnt}_0 = 0 + 2 \quad \text{cnt}_1 = 0 + 2 \times 3 \quad \text{cnt}_2 = 0 + 2$$

One more traversal for data replacement

$$\text{cnt}_0 = 2 \times 0 \quad \text{cnt}_1 = 8 \times 10 \quad \text{cnt}_2 = 2 \times 0$$

temp → t → t → t → t → t → t → t  
0 → 0 → 0 → 1 → 1 → 1 → 2 → 2 → X

head

## Pseudo Code

$$\text{temp} = \text{head} \quad \text{cnt}_0 = 0 \quad \text{cnt}_1 = 0 \quad \text{cnt}_2 = 0$$

1st traversal while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

    if ( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = 0$ )  $\text{cnt}_0++$

    else if ( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = 1$ )  $\text{cnt}_1++$

    else ( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = 2$ )  $\text{cnt}_2++$

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

}

2nd traversal

$\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while (temp != null)

{

if (cnt0)

temp → data = 0 ;

Cnt0 -- ;

else if (cnt1)

temp → data = 1 ;

Cnt1 -- ;

else

temp → data = 2 ;

Cnt2 -- ;

temp = temp → next ;

}

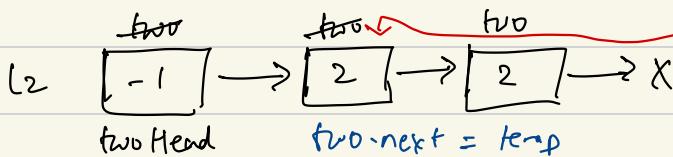
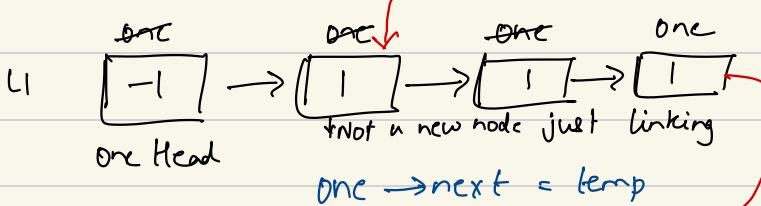
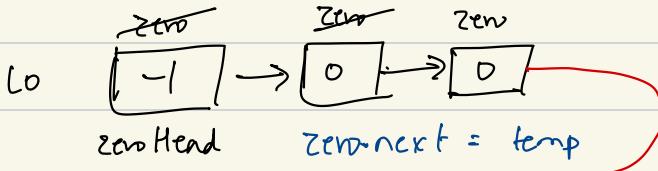
T.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(2^n)$       S.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(1)$

2 pass  $\rightarrow$  1 pass

↓

link change.

$\text{temp} \leftarrow t$   
 $t \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow t \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow x$   
 head



### Pseudo Code

```
if (head == null || head → next == null) return head;
```

```
zeroHead = new Node(-1), zero = zeroHead
```

```
oneHead = new Node(-1), one = oneHead
```

```
twoHead = new Node(-1), two = twoHead
```

```
temp = Head
```

```
while (temp != NULL)
```

```
{
```

```
if (temp → data == 0)
```

```
{
```

$\text{zero} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{temp}$

$\text{zero} = \text{temp},$

}

else if ( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} == 1$ )

{

$\text{one} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{temp}$

$\text{one} = \text{temp}$

}

else {

$\text{two} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{temp}$

$\text{two} = \text{temp}$

}

$\text{temp} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next};$

}

// Now linking  $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$  if it's there,

$\text{zero} \rightarrow \text{next} = (\text{oneHead} \rightarrow \text{next}) ? (\text{oneHead} \rightarrow \text{next}) : (\text{twoHead} \rightarrow \text{next})$

$\text{one} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{twoHead} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{two} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{null}$

$\text{newHead} = \text{zeroHead} \rightarrow \text{next}$

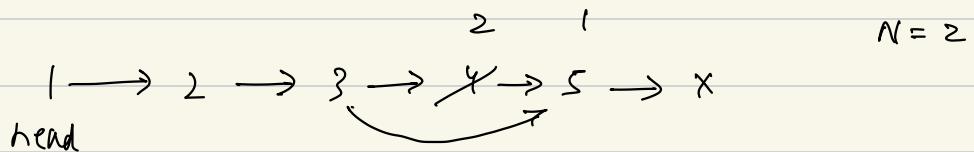
} delete (dummy Node All)

return newHead

$T.C \Rightarrow O(n)$        $S.C \Rightarrow O(1)$

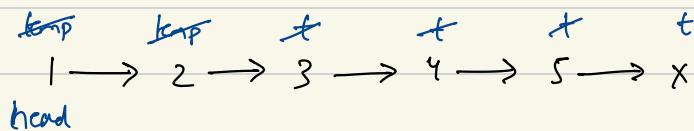
```
27 Node* sortList(Node* head) {
28     if (!head || !head->next) return head;
29     Node* zeroHead = new Node(-1);
30     Node* oneHead = new Node(-1);
31     Node* twoHead = new Node(-1);
32     Node* zero = zeroHead;
33     Node* one = oneHead;
34     Node* two = twoHead;
35     Node* temp = head;
36
37     while (temp) {
38         if (temp->data == 0) {
39             zero->next = temp;
40             zero = zero->next;
41         } else if (temp->data == 1) {
42             one->next = temp;
43             one = one->next;
44         } else {
45             two->next = temp;
46             two = two->next;
47         }
48         temp = temp->next;
49     }
50     zero->next = (oneHead->next) ? (oneHead->next) : (twoHead->next);
51     one->next = twoHead->next;
52     two->next = NULL;
53
54     Node* newHead = zeroHead->next;
55     delete zeroHead;
56     delete oneHead;
57     delete twoHead;
58     return newHead;
59 }
```

## (8) Remove $n^{\text{th}}$ Node from end of the L-L



### D) Brute Force

$\text{cnt} = 0$  (count the length of L-L)



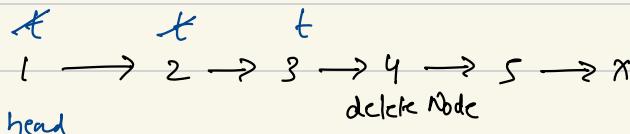
$$\text{cnt} = \cancel{0} + \cancel{1} + \cancel{2} + \cancel{3} + 5$$

To reach the  $n^{\text{th}}$  node to delete =  $\text{cnt} - n$   
=  $5 - 2$

$$\boxed{\text{res} = 3}$$

$$= 3$$

- Start iterating again



$$\text{res} = 3 \times 10 \quad (\text{once it reaches '0' you stop the temp})$$

- and now  $\text{delckNode} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next}$
- linking  $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} \rightarrow \text{next}$
- $\text{free}(\text{delckNode})$
- Now if the n is at head then simple you  
do  $\text{head} = \text{head} \rightarrow \text{next}$

### Pseudo Code

$\text{cnt} = 0$        $\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{NULL}$ )

{

$\text{cnt}++$

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

}

if ( $\text{cnt} == n$ ) // the head

{

$\text{newHead} = \text{head} \rightarrow \text{next};$

$\text{free}(\text{newHead});$

return  $\text{new Head};$

}

$\text{res} = \text{cnt} - N$        $\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ ) {

$\text{res}--;$

if ( $\text{res} == 0$ ):

    break;

    temp = temp  $\rightarrow$  next;

}

    deleteNode = temp  $\rightarrow$  next;

    temp  $\rightarrow$  next = temp  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next;

    free(deleteNode)

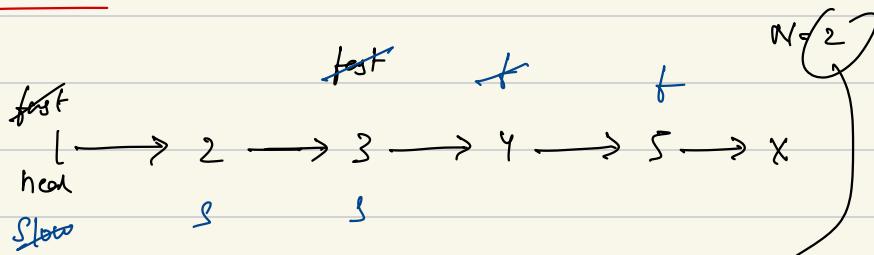
return head;

}

T.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(\text{len}) + O(\text{len} - N)$     S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

$\approx O(2\text{len})$

### Optimal Solution



- Initialize move  $\text{fast} = N$  times.  $\hookrightarrow$  so here  $\text{fast} \neq \text{None}$
- Now  $\text{slow} = \text{head}$ , now move  $\text{slow}$ ,  $\text{head}$  simultaneously one by one until  $\text{f} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{null}$ .
- Now you can see  $\text{slow} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{deleteNode}$

## Pseudo Code

fast = head // n steps we have to move

for( $i = 0 \rightarrow n$ ) fast = fast  $\rightarrow$  next

slow = head

while (fast  $\rightarrow$  next != null)

{

slow = slow  $\cdot$  next fast = fast  $\cdot$  next

?  $\longrightarrow$  if (fast == null) { return head = head  $\rightarrow$  next)  
// edge case.

delNode = slow  $\cdot$  next

slow  $\cdot$  next = slow  $\cdot$  next  $\cdot$  next

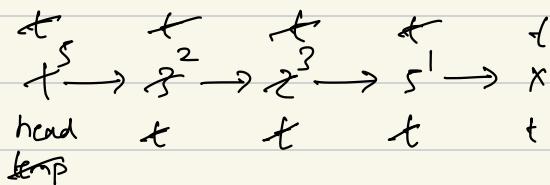
delete (delNode)

return head

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$  S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

```
11 class Solution {
12 public:
13     ListNode* removeNthFromEnd(ListNode* head, int k) {
14         ListNode* fast = head;
15         ListNode* slow = head;
16         for(int i = 0; i < k; i++) fast = fast->next;
17         if(fast == NULL) return head->next; // edge case
18         while(fast->next != NULL){
19             fast = fast->next;
20             slow = slow->next;
21         }
22         ListNode* delNode = slow->next;
23         slow->next = slow->next->next;
24         delete(delNode);
25         return head;
26     };
27 };
```

## (4) Reverse a L-L



### i) Brute force Data replacement

- Push all the element to stack
- Again take "temp" pop out the top element to the L-L.

$s_5$   
 $s_4$   
 $s_3$   
 $s_2$   
 $s_1$

#### Pseudo Code

$\text{temp} = \text{head}, \text{stack } st,$

$\text{while } (\text{temp} \neq \text{null})$

{

$st.\text{push}(\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data})$

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

}

Stack

$\text{temp} = \text{head}$

$\text{while } (\text{temp} \neq \text{null})$

{

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = st.\text{top}()$

$st.\text{pop}()$

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

}

]

$S - 2$

$T \Rightarrow O(2n)$

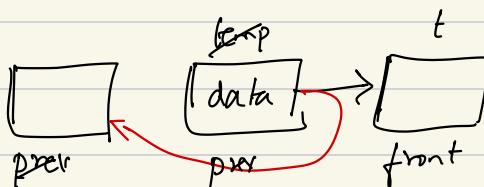
$S.C \Rightarrow O(n)$

## 2) Optimal Approach Link change:

1 → 3 → 2 → 5 → X

head

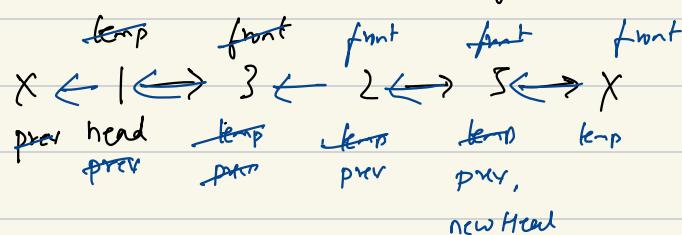
X ← 1 ← 3 ← 2 ← 5  
head



front = temp → next // Store the front  
temp → next = prev

prev = temp

temp = front



while(temp != null)

{

    front = temp → next

    temp → next = prev

    prev = temp

    temp = front

}

return prev (newHead)

T.C => O(n)

S.C => O(1)

```

11 class Solution {
12 public:
13     ListNode* reverseList(ListNode* head) {
14         ListNode* temp = head;
15         ListNode* prev = NULL;
16         while(temp != NULL){
17             ListNode* front = temp->next;
18             temp->next = prev;
19             prev = temp;
20             temp = front;
21         }
22     }
23 };

```

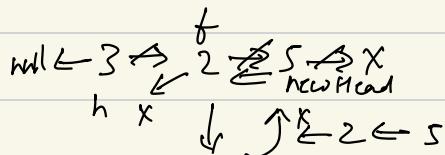
### 3) Recursion Solution

$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow X$   
head

for 2 nodes

$2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow X \Rightarrow X \leftarrow 2 \leftarrow 5$   
 $h \quad f$   
 $f \cdot \text{next} = \text{head}$ , newHead  
 $h \cdot \text{next} = \text{null}$   
return front

for 3 nodes



$2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow X$

$f \cdot \text{next} = \text{head}$

$h \cdot \text{next} = \text{null}$

return newHead

R(4)

$\downarrow$

R(3)

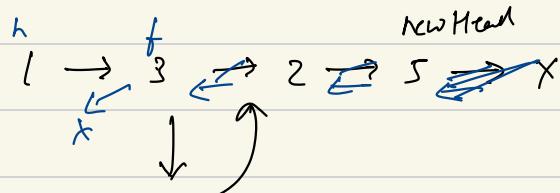
$\downarrow$

R(2)

$\downarrow$

R(1)

for 4-nodes



$3 \leftarrow 2 \leftarrow 5$   
 $f \cdot \text{next} = h$   
 $h \cdot \text{next} = \text{null}$  return newHead

reverse (head)

{  
  // base case

  if (head == null || head->next == null) return head;

  Node\* newHead = reverse (head->next)

  Node\* front = head->next;

  front->next = head;

  head->next = null;

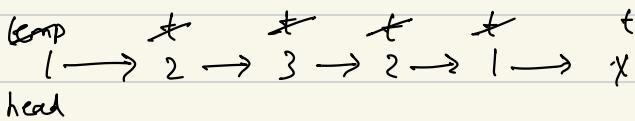
  return newHead

}

```
10 // Recursive Solution
11 class Solution {
12 public:
13     ListNode* reverseList(ListNode* head) {
14         // base case
15         if(head == NULL || head->next == NULL){
16             return head;
17         }
18         // recursive case
19         ListNode* newHead = reverseList(head->next);
20         ListNode* front = head->next;
21         front->next = head;
22         head->next = NULL;
23         return newHead;
24     }
25 };
26 };
```

(iv) Check if a LL is palindrome:

i) Brutal force



1 2 3 2 1 → True

- Now compare the top element with  
the L.L.

1
2
3
2
1

Stack

stack st, temp = head

while (temp != NULL)

{

st.push (temp → data)

temp = temp → next

}  
j-1

3

temp = head

while (temp != null)

{

if (temp → data != st.top()) return false;

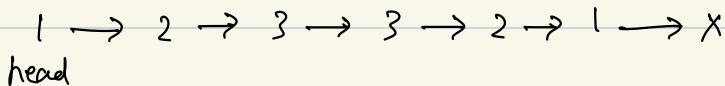
temp = temp → next;

3 st.pop();

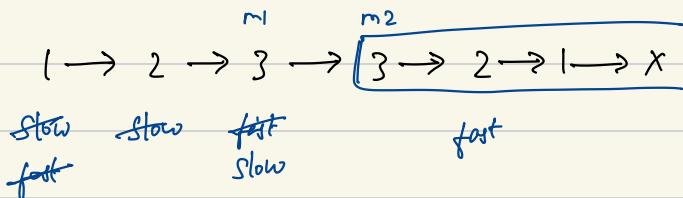
return true;

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(2n) \quad S.C \Rightarrow O(n)$$

## 2) Optimal Solution:

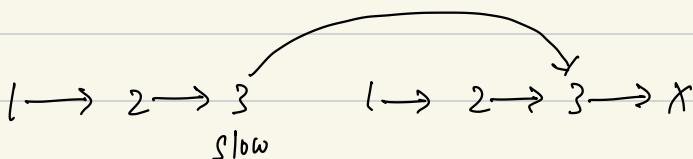


- In case of even linked LL, you can compare 1<sup>st</sup> half & 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- Go to the middle of LL (using tortoise & hare algo)

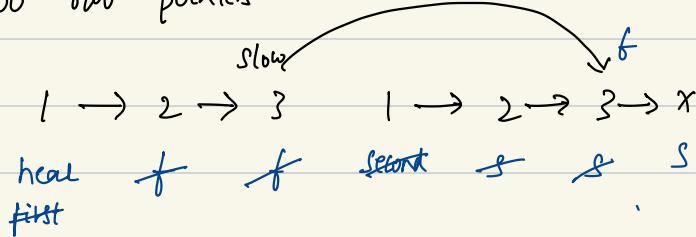


- Now you can reverse the link of 2<sup>nd</sup> half
- Call the reverse function reverse (slow → next)

↓  
return newHead



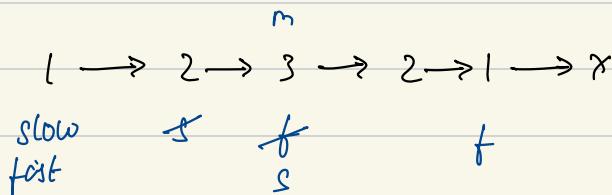
- Two two pointers



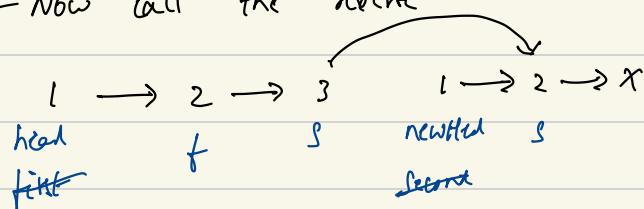
- Now keep compare first & second and move.
- after compare reverse back to (reverse (newHead))  
original L.L.

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \chi$

Now for odd L.L.:



- Now call the reverse



- Compare and reverse back to original L.L.

// finding the middle

slow = head, fast = head

while (fast.next != null && fast.next.next != null)

{

slow = slow  $\rightarrow$  next

fast = fast  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next

}

// Reverse the 2nd half.

Node\* newHead = reverse (slow  $\rightarrow$  next);

// Comparing

first = head second = newHead

while (second != null)

{

-if (first  $\rightarrow$  data != second  $\rightarrow$  data)

{

reverse (new Head)

return false

}

first = first  $\rightarrow$  next;

second = second  $\rightarrow$  next;

}

reverse (newHead); return true.

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(n^2) + O(n/2) + O(n/2) + O(n/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(2n)$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(1)$$

```
1 C++ | Auto
2 class Solution
3 {
4
5 private:
6     ListNode *reverseList(ListNode *head)
7     {
8         // base case
9         if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL)
10        {
11            return head;
12        }
13        // recursive case
14        ListNode *newHead = reverseList(head->next);
15        ListNode *front = head->next;
16        front->next = head;
17        head->next = NULL;
18        return newHead;
19    }
20
21 public:
22     bool isPalindrome(ListNode *head)
23     {
24         if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL)
25             return true;
26
27         ListNode *slow = head;
28         ListNode *fast = head;
29
30         while (fast->next != NULL && fast->next->next != NULL)
31         {
32             slow = slow->next;
33             fast = fast->next->next;
34         }
35
36         slow->next = reverseList(slow->next);
37         slow = slow->next;
38         ListNode *dummy = head;
39
40         while (slow != NULL)
41         {
42             if (dummy->val != slow->val)
43                 return false;
44             dummy = dummy->next;
45             slow = slow->next;
46         }
47         return true;
48     }
49 }
```

(ii) Add 1 to a number

head

1 → 5 → 9

$$\begin{array}{r} 159 \\ \underline{+ 1} \\ 160 \end{array}$$

O/P 1 → 6 → 0

head

1 → 5 → 9

1 5 9

- Backward traversal  $\Rightarrow$  Put it in  
a single linked lists.

1 6 0

- So you reverse a L-L

head

90 → 86 → 1 → X

temp

carry = ~~X~~ + 0

if carry = 0, break  
out

- Again call reverse

1 → 6 → 0 → X

One more e.g

9 → 9 → 9 → 9 → X

↓

reverse

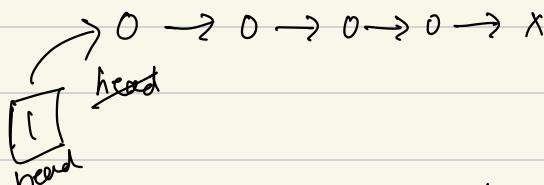
temp

$0^q \rightarrow 0^q \rightarrow 0^q \rightarrow 0^q \rightarrow x$   
head    t    t    t    t

carry = 1 + 1 + 1



reverse



- Still carry is present, so create a new node  
and point it to the head.

func(head)

{

    head = reverse(head)

    temp = head, carry = 1

    while (temp != null)

        {

            temp.data = temp.data + carry

            if (temp.data >= 10)

                {

                    carry = 0

                    break;

}

else if

temp.data = 0

carry = 1

}

temp = temp.next

}

if (carry == 1)

{

Node newNode = new Node(1)

head = reverse(head)

newNode->next = head

return newNode

}

head = reverse(head); // if carry is '0'.

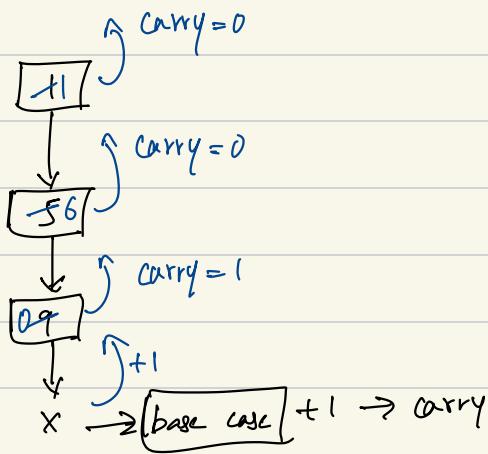
return head;

}

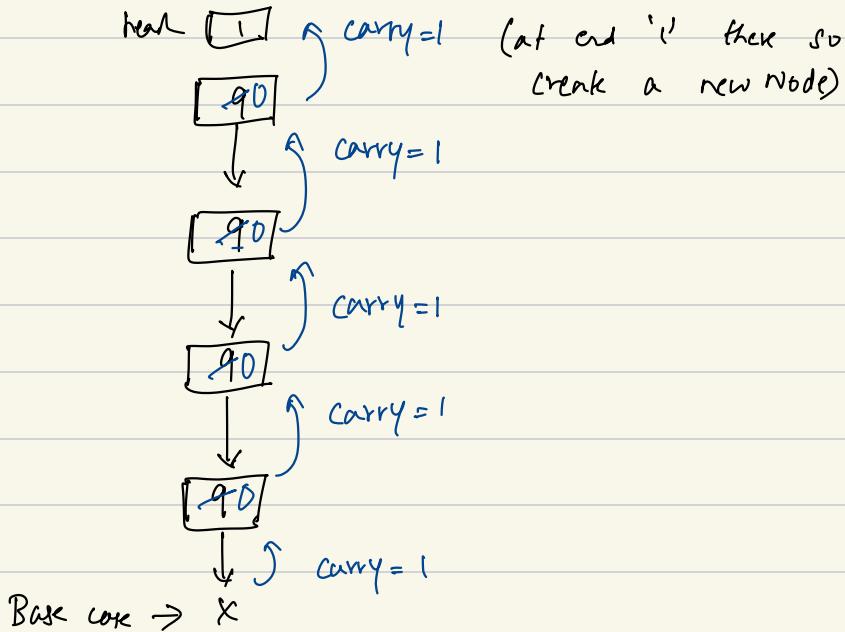
T.C  $\Rightarrow O(3N)$       S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

Recursive Solution without reversing:

1  $\rightarrow$  5  $\rightarrow$  9  $\rightarrow$  X  
head



$q \rightarrow q \rightarrow q \rightarrow q \rightarrow x$



func (head)

{  
    carry = helper (head)

    if (carry == 1) {  
        newNode = new Node (1)

        newNode .next = head  
        return newNode

}

    return head

}

helper (temp)

{

    if (temp == null)

        return 1;

    carry = helper (temp .next)

    temp .data = temp .data + carry

    if (temp .data < 10)

        return 0;

    temp .data = 0;

    return 1;

}

12) Find the intersection point of 2 LL:

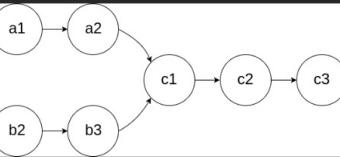
160. Intersection of Two Linked Lists

Easy 14.3K 1.3K ⭐ ⓘ

Companies

Given the heads of two singly linked-lists `headA` and `headB`, return *the node at which the two lists intersect*. If the two linked lists have no intersection at all, return `null`.

For example, the following two linked lists begin to intersect at node `c1`:

A: 

B: 

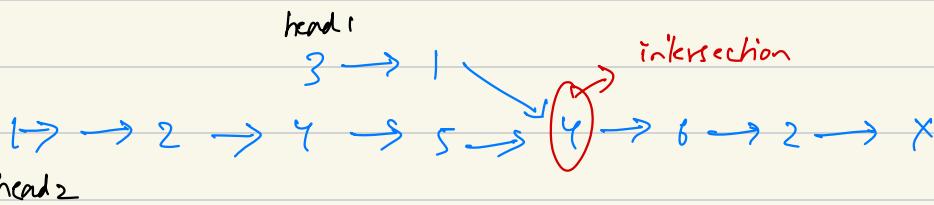
The test cases are generated such that there are no cycles anywhere in the entire linked structure.

Note that the linked lists must **retain their original structure** after the function returns.

Custom Judge:

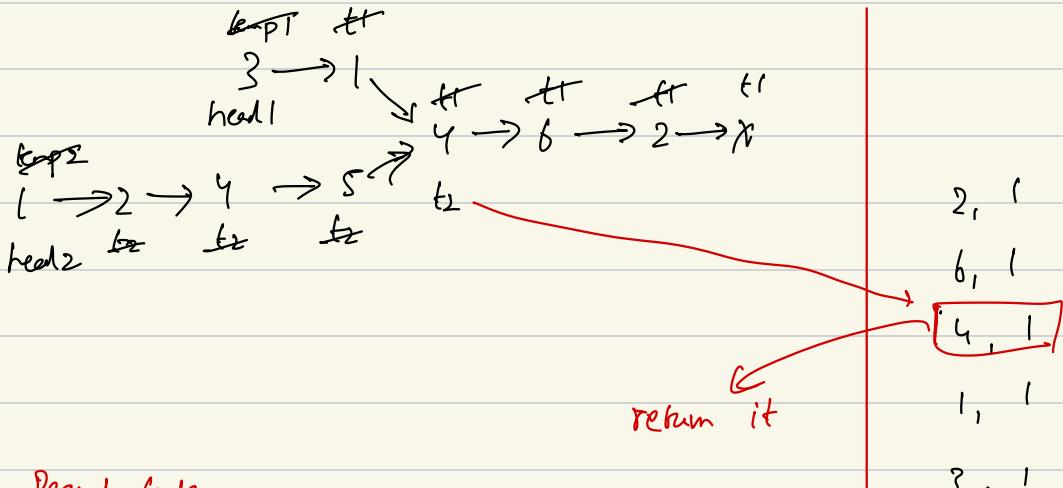
The inputs to the **judge** are given as follows (your program is **not** given these inputs):

- `intersectVal` - The value of the node where the intersection occurs. This is `0` if there is no intersected node.



### 1) Brute Force

- Remember the LL in the memory & again traverse the 2<sup>nd</sup> LL if you see any node which you memorized has been visited again. (Intersection Point)
- How can you memorized? You can use **hashing concept**.



### Pseudo Code

map<Node\*, int> mpp

temp = head1

while (temp != NULL)

{

mpp[temp] = 1; // Store entire node

temp = temp → next;

}

temp = head2

while (temp != NULL)

{

if (mpp.find(temp) == ✓)

return temp;

temp = temp → next;

}

Store the entire  
node, not only the  
value.  
(Node, int)

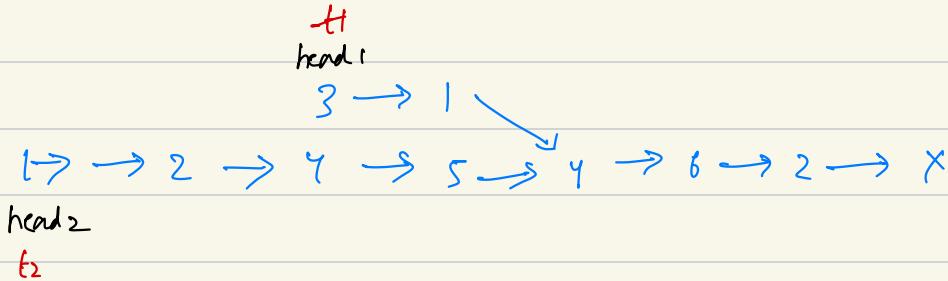
return null;

y

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(N_1 * mpp) + O(N_2 * mpp)$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(M^2)$$

## 2) Optimised Approach:



- whichever is longer LL, will make sure it goes in the same level as the shorter LL.

- Let's compute the length.

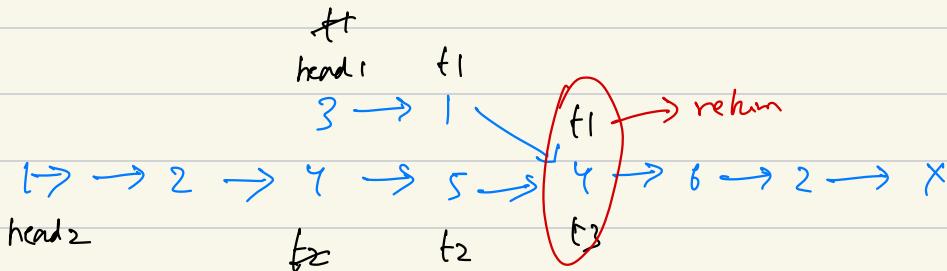
$$N_1 = 5 \quad N_2 = 7 \quad (\text{traverse})$$

- if length is equal start, if not

$$N_2 - N_1 = 7 - 5 = 2$$

- if there is difference mark start the longer LL to move  $(N_2 - N_1)$  steps.

- So here t<sub>2</sub> will move '2' steps



- Allow move simultaneous until we reach same node

$$t1 = \text{head} \quad N1 = 0$$

$$t2 = \text{head} \quad N2 = 0$$

// traverse to compute the length

while ( $t1 \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$N1++;$

$t1 = t1.\text{next};$

}

while ( $t2 \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$N2++;$

$t2 = t2.\text{next};$

}

if ( $N1 < N2$ ) // if l2 is longer then move

return collision (head1, head2,  $N2 - N1$ )

else

    ↳ smaller   ↳ greater   ↳ distance

return collision (head2, head1,  $N1 - N2$ )

collision Point ( $t_1, t_2, d$ )

{

while ( $d$ )

{

$d--;$

$t_2 = t_2 \cdot \text{next};$  // at same level

}

while ( $t_1 \neq t_2$ )

{

$t_1 = t_1 \cdot \text{next}$

$t_2 = t_2 \cdot \text{next}$

}

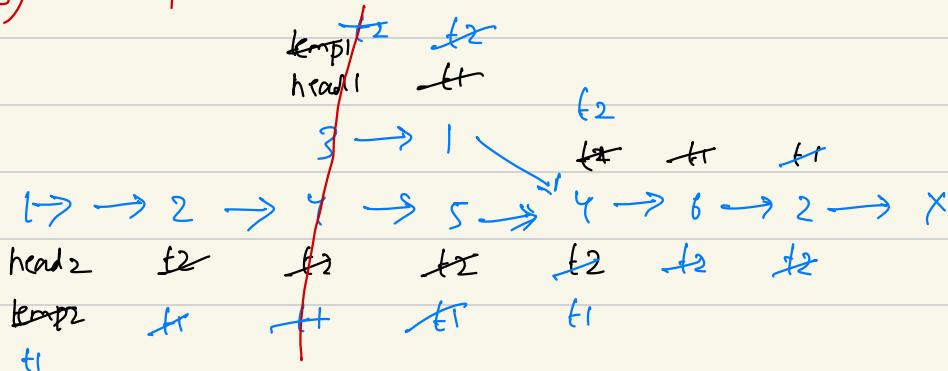
return  $T_1,$

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(n_1) + O(n_2) + O(n_2 - n_1) + O(n_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(n_1 + 2n_2)$$

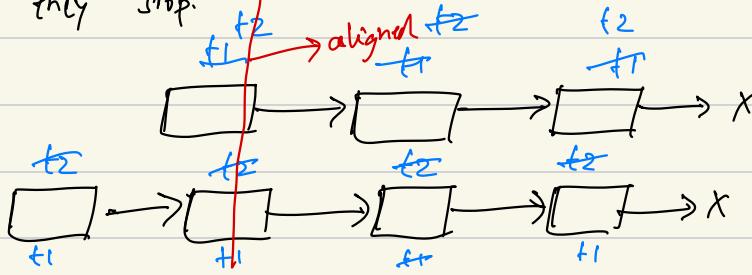
$$S.C \Rightarrow O(1)$$

### 3) More Optimised Approach



→ You move **t1**, **t2** one step simultaneously.

- Once **t1.next = null**, move the **t1** to the **head2**, and move the **t2** as well. Once **t2.next = null** move it to the **head1**.
  - Now if you see **t1** & **t2** is aligned
  - Now keep moving until they meet the same node.
- The above implementation for unequally length of L.L.
- Edge cases if there is same length of L.L. no need to change the **t1** & **t2** to the next L.L.
  - One more edge case if there is no collision point how do they stop.



- Again  $t_1, t_2$  is reached null so there is no collision point.

### Pseudo Code

```
if (head1 == null || head2 == null) return null
```

```
    t1 = head1     t2 = head2
```

```
    while (t1 != t2)
```

```
    {
```

```
        t1 = t1.next
```

```
        t2 = t2.next
```

```
    if (t1 == t2) return t1 or t2;
```

```
    if (t1 == null) t1 = head2
```

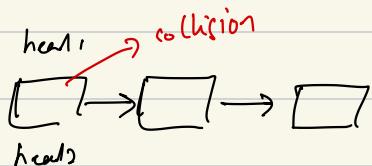
```
    if (t2 == null) t2 = head1
```

```
}
```

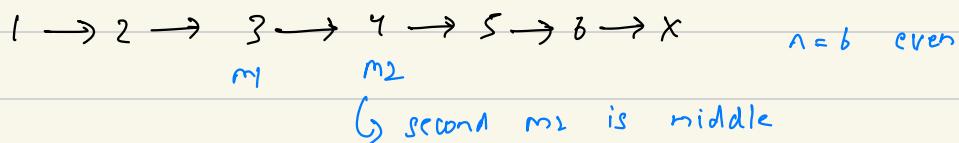
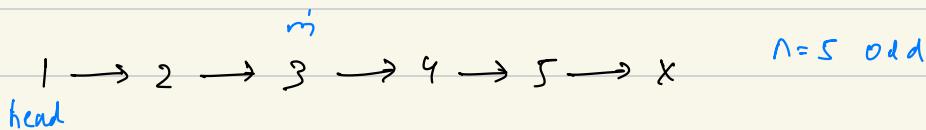
```
return t1 or t2;
```

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(N_1 + N_2)$

S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$



### L13) Middle of the linked list :



#### i) Brute force

— Need to find the relations of  $N$  and  $m$

when  $N=5$ ,  $m = 3^{\text{rd}}$  node

$N=6$ ,  $m = 4^{\text{th}}$  node

$$m = \frac{N}{2} + 1$$

when  $N = 5$

$$m = \frac{5}{2} + 1 = 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ node}$$

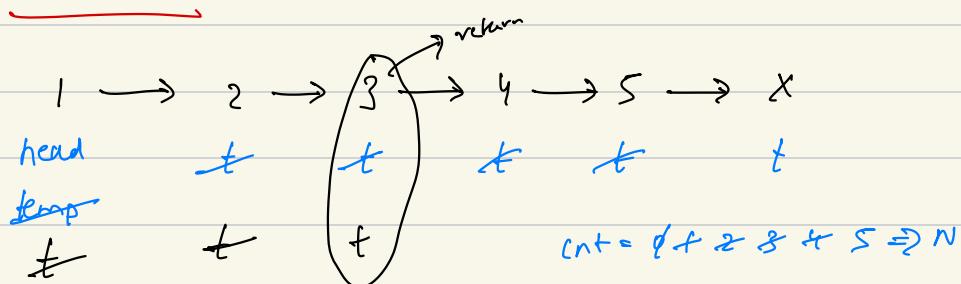
$N = 6$

$$m = \frac{6}{2} + 1 = 4^{\text{th}} \text{ node}$$

$$\text{So } m \Rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{2} + c\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ node}$$

To find  $n \Rightarrow$  we do traversal & find the length.

### Pseudo Code



$$\text{middleNode} = \frac{5}{2} + 1 = 3^{\text{rd}}$$

- so again keep temp and traversal

$$\text{middleNode} = 3^{\text{rd}}$$

$$\text{temp} = \text{head} \quad \text{cnt} = 0$$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$\text{cnt}++;$

$\text{temp} = \text{temp}.\text{next};$

}

}  $\rightarrow s-1$

$$\text{middleNode} = \left( \frac{\text{cnt}}{2} + 1 \right)$$

temp = head

while (temp != null)

{

    middleNode = middleNode - 1;

    if (middleNode == 0)

        break;

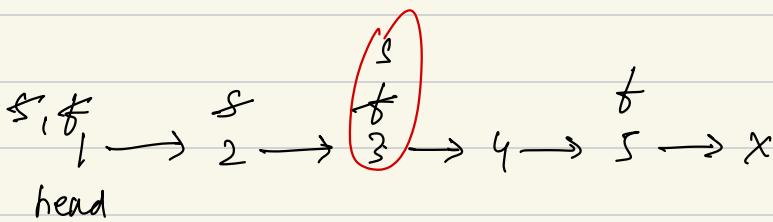
    temp = temp.next

}

return temp

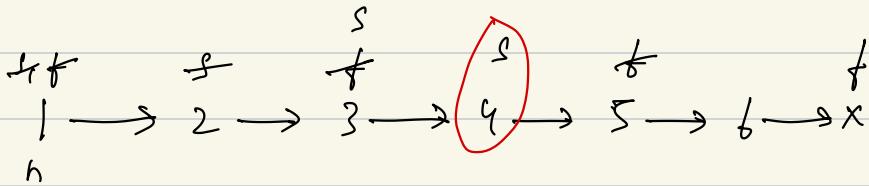
T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n + n/2)$     S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

2) Optimised Approach - (Tortoise & Hare)



slow, fast = head

$\rightarrow$  slow  $\rightarrow$  one step    fast  $\rightarrow$  two step . . .  
 move this simultaneously, once fast reaches  
 to the last node. then return slow.



If length is odd , f → last node  
 n & r is even , f → reaches null

### Pseudo Code

slow, fast = head

while (fast != null && fast.next != null)

{

  slow = slow.next;

  fast = fast.next.next;

}

return slow

T.C  $\Rightarrow \Theta(n/2)$     S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

# 19) Linked List Cycle

## 141. Linked List Cycle

Easy 14.5K 1.2K

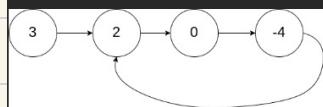
Companies

Given `head`, the head of a linked list, determine if the linked list has a cycle in it.

There is a cycle in a linked list if there is some node in the list that can be reached again by continuously following the `next` pointer. Internally, `pos` is used to denote the index of the node that tail's `next` pointer is connected to. **Note that `pos` is not passed as a parameter.**

Return `true` if there is a cycle in the linked list. Otherwise, return `false`.

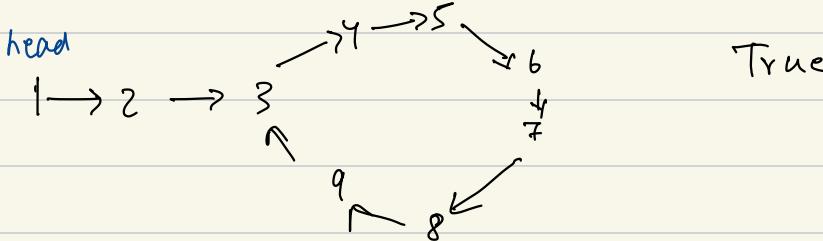
### Example 1:



**Input:** `head = [3,2,0,-4]`, `pos = 1`

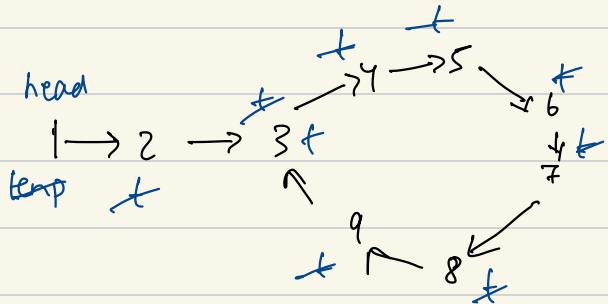
**Output:** `true`

**Explanation:** There is a cycle in the linked list, where the tail connects to the 1st node (0-indexed).



## i) Brute force - Concept of Hashing

- if we take any one node and reaches back to  
if then there is a cycle



same node  
so cycle.

{9, 1}
{8, 1}
{7, 1}
{6, 1}
{5, 1}
{4, 1}
{3, 1}
{2, 1}
{1, 1}

<node, int>

map <Node\*, int> mpp

- temp = head

while (temp != null)

{

if (mpp.find(temp) == √)  
return true;

mpp[temp] = 1;

temp = temp → next;

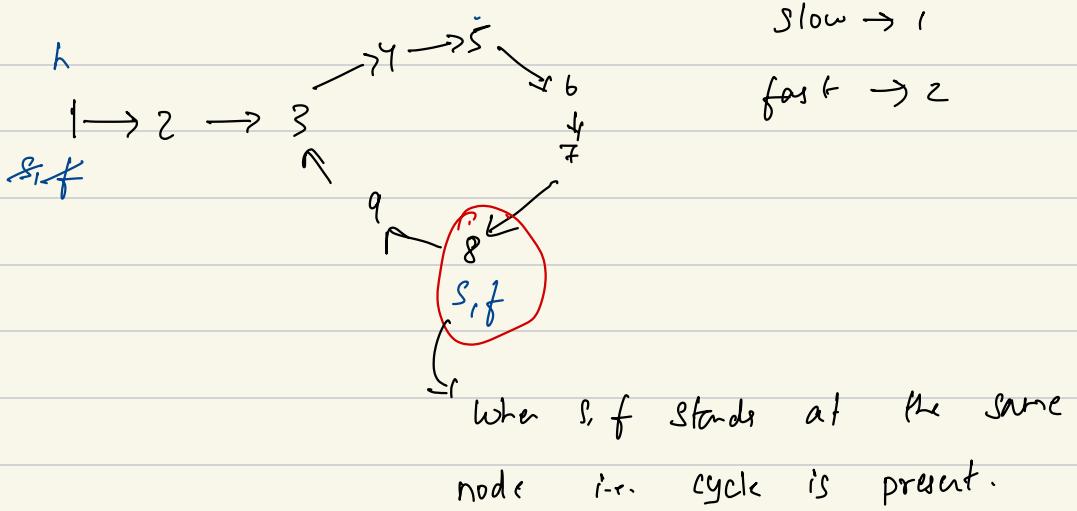
}

return false

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n \times 2)$

S.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

## 2) Optimised - Tortoise & Hare



Stop condition  $\text{fast} \cdot \text{next} \neq \text{null}$  and  $\text{fast} \neq \text{null}$

### Pseudo Code

```
Slow, fast = head  
while (fast != null & & fast.next != null)  
{
```

Slow = slow.next

fast = fast.next.next

if (slow == fast) return true

}

return false;

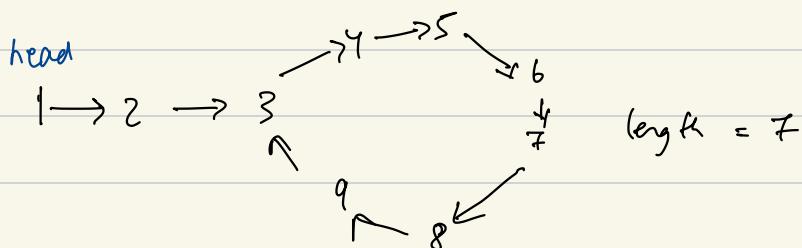
}

T.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(n)$

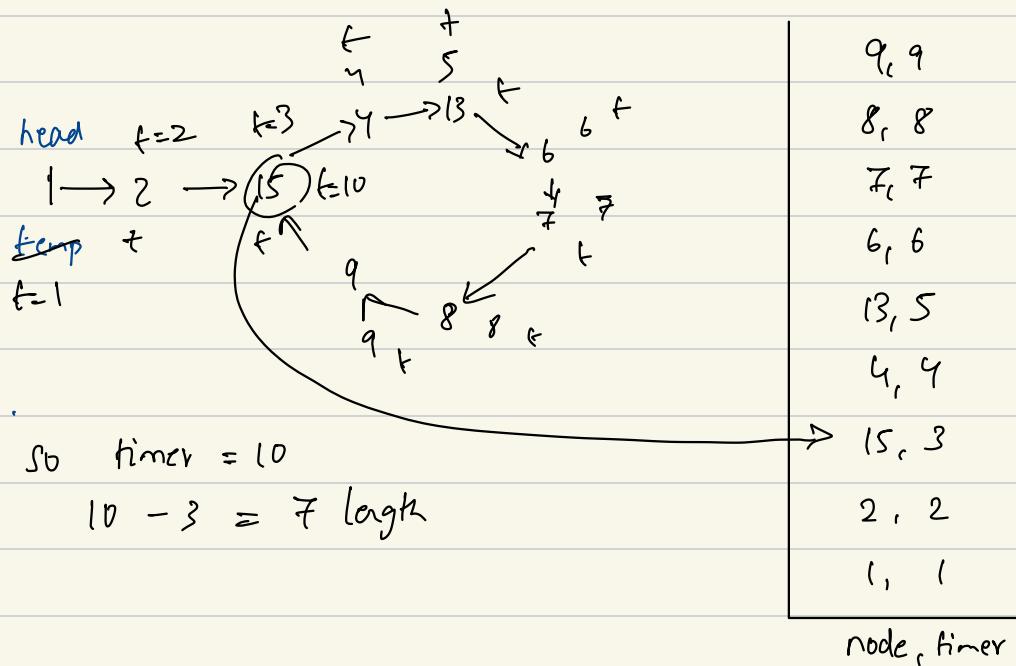
S.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(1)$

```
9 class Solution {
10 public:
11     bool hasCycle(ListNode *head) {
12         ListNode* slow = head;
13         ListNode* fast = head;
14         while(fast != NULL && fast->next){
15             slow = slow->next;
16             fast = fast->next->next;
17             if(slow == fast) return true;
18         }
19     return false;
20 }
21 };
```

15) Find the length of the loop in LL.



Brute force - flashing



### Pseudo Code

```

map <node*, int> mpp      temp = head      timer = 1
while (temp != null)
{
    if (mpp.find (temp) == v)
    {
        value = mpp [temp];
        return = timer - value
    }
    mpp [temp] = timer
    timer += t;
}

```

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

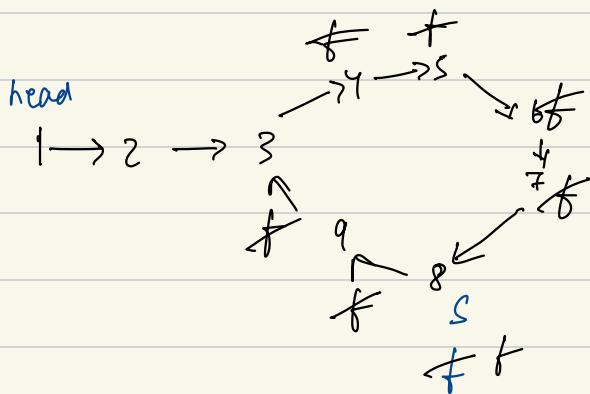
}

return 0;

}

$T.C \Rightarrow O(W \times 2 \times \log n)$      $S.C \Rightarrow O(n)$

### Optimised Approach - T & H



→ Once  $s, f$  collide, keep a  $\text{cnt} = 0$  & move  
 $s$  or  $f$  by 1 step and increase the  $\text{cnt}$  ff  
 Once you reach again return  $\text{cnt}$ .

## Pseudo Code

```
slow, fast = head
while (fast != null && fast.next != null)
    {
        slow = slow.next
        fast = fast.next.next
        if (slow == fast)
            return findLength(slow, fast)
    }
return 0;
```

## findLength (slow, fast)

```
{  
cnt = 1, fast = fast->next
```

```
while (slow != fast)
```

```
{
```

```
cnt++
```

```
fast = fast->next
```

```
}
```

```
return cnt
```

```
17 int findLength(Node *slow, Node *fast) {
18     int cnt = 1;
19     fast = fast->next;
20     while (slow != fast) {
21         cnt++;
22         fast = fast->next;
23     }
24     return cnt;
25 }
26 int lengthOfLoop(Node *head) {
27     // Write your code here
28     Node *slow = head;
29     Node *fast = head;
30     while (fast != NULL && fast->next) {
31         slow = slow->next;
32         fast = fast->next->next;
33         if (slow == fast)
34             return findLength(slow, fast);
35     }
36     return 0;
37 }
```

# (16) Delete the middle Node of a Linked list

## 2095. Delete the Middle Node of a Linked List

Hint ⓘ

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Companies

You are given the head of a linked list. Delete the middle node, and return the head of the modified linked list.

The middle node of a linked list of size  $n$  is the  $\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor^{\text{th}}$  node from the start using 0-based indexing, where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .

- For  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , and  $5$ , the middle nodes are  $0, 1, 1, 2$ , and  $2$ , respectively.

### Example 1:



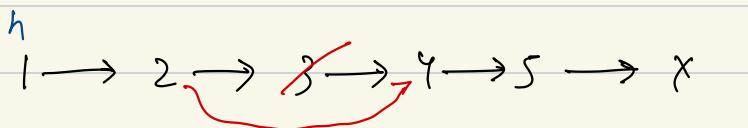
Input: head = [1,3,4,7,1,2,6]

Output: [1,3,4,1,2,6]

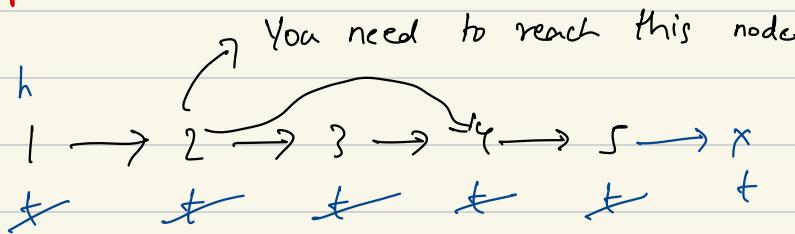
#### Explanation:

The above figure represents the given linked list. The indices of the nodes are written below.

Since  $n = 7$ , node 3 with value 7 is the middle node, which is marked in red.



## Brute force



`node.next = node.next.next`

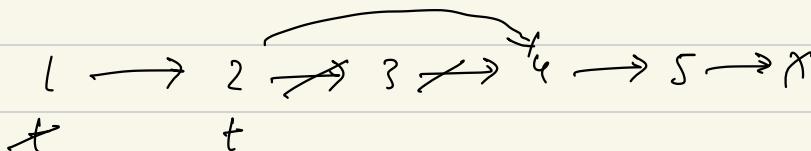
$\frac{N}{2}$  → traverse the LL  
⇒ (You need to reach this node  
and link)

$$N = 5$$

$$\text{val} = \frac{N}{2} = 2$$

- Again traverse and reduce the val

$$\text{val} = 2 + 0$$



`middle = temp.next`

`t.next = temp.next.next`

`free(middle)`

## Pseudo Code

```
temp = head    n = 0
```

```
while (temp != null)
```

```
{
```

```
n++
```

```
temp = temp.next
```

```
}
```

```
int res = n/2
```

```
temp = head
```

```
while (temp != null)
```

```
{
```

```
res--;
```

```
if (res == 0)
```

```
{
```

```
middle = temp.next
```

```
temp.next = temp.next.next
```

```
free(middle)
```

```
break
```

```
}
```

```
temp = temp.next
```

```
return head
```

```
}
```

$\rightarrow O(n)$

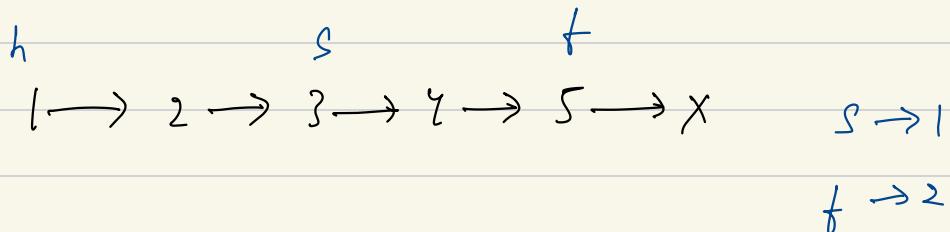
```
}
```

$\rightarrow O(n/2)$

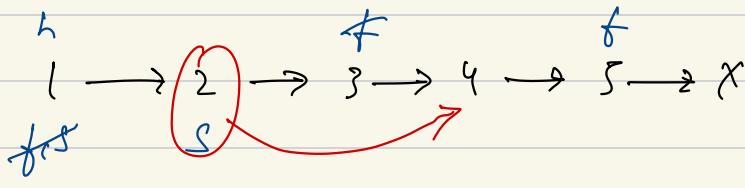
T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n + n/2)$

P.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

## Optimised Approach (Tortoise & Hare)



- You reached middle node but you need to go middle previous to link.
- So slight change so skip one step of slow



skip 1 step of slow

### Pseudo Code

$slow = head$     $fast = head$

$fast = fast \cdot next \cdot next$

while ( $fast \neq null \wedge fast \cdot next \neq null$ )

{

$slow = slow \cdot next$

$fast = fast \cdot next \cdot next$

$\{$   
 middle = slow.next  
 free(middle)  
 return head  
 $\}$

```

10  /*
11  class Solution {
12  public:
13      ListNode* deleteMiddle(ListNode* head) {
14          if(head == NULL || head->next == NULL) return NULL;
15          ListNode* slow = head;
16          ListNode* fast = head;
17          fast = fast->next->next;
18
19          while([fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL]) {
20              slow = slow->next;
21              fast = fast->next->next;
22          }
23          slow->next = slow->next->next;
24          return head;
25      }
26  };

```

(17) Find the starting point of the loop/cycle in LL:

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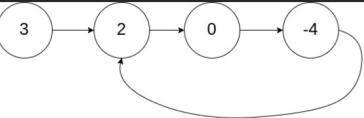
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Given the head of a linked list, return the node where the cycle begins. If there is no cycle, return null.

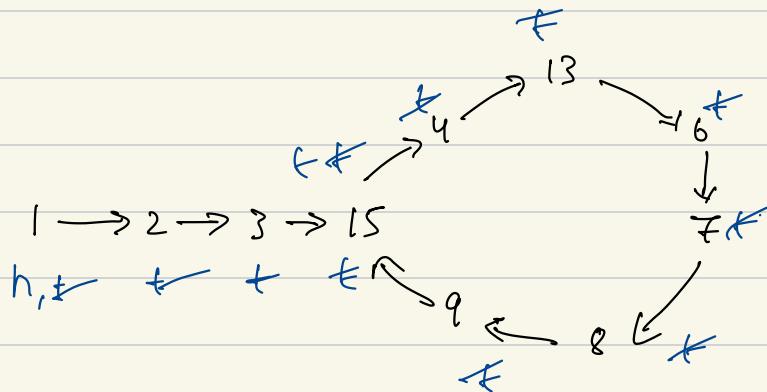
There is a cycle in a linked list if there is some node in the list that can be reached again by continuously following the next pointer. Internally, pos is used to denote the index of the node that tail's next pointer is connected to (0-indexed). It is -1 if there is no cycle. Note that pos is not passed as a parameter.

Do not modify the linked list.

Example 1:



**Input:** head = [3,2,0,-4], pos = 1  
**Output:** tail connects to node index 1  
**Explanation:** There is a cycle in the linked list, where tail connects to the second node.



## Brute force Using Map

- Any moment I reach the node twice then it's the starting point.

- Before putting into map check if the node already present or not

## Pseudo code

```
map<Node*, int> mpp    temp = head
```

```
while (temp != NULL)
```

```
{
```

```
if (map.find(temp) == v)
{
```

```
    return temp;
```

```
}
```

```
Node , int
```

15, 1  
15, 1 already there

3, 1

2, 1

1, 1

`mpp.put({temp, 1}) OR mpp[temp] = 1`

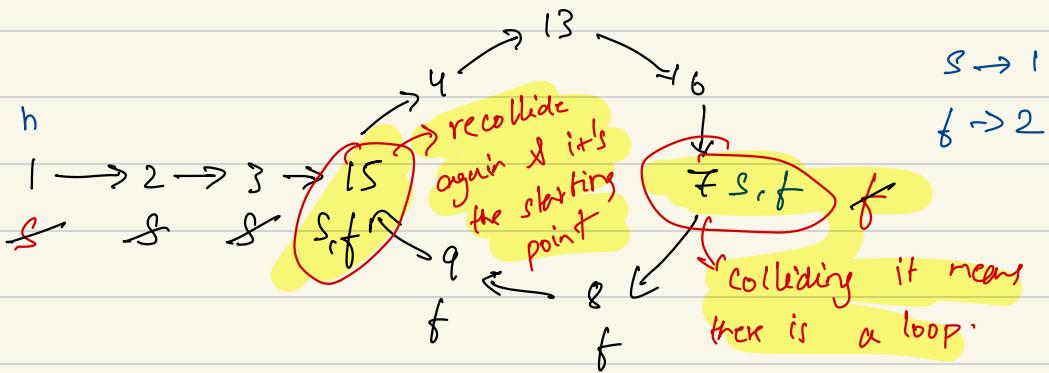
`temp = temp.next`

3

`return null`

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n \times 2 \times \log n)$  S.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

## Optimised Tortoise & Hare



① → detecting the loop

② → finding the starting  $\Rightarrow s \rightarrow$  head

$f \rightarrow$  collision point

make `s, f` move them simultaneously by "1"

## Pseudo Code

`slow, fast = head`

`while (fast != null && fast.next != null)`

{

$\text{slow} = \text{slow}.\text{next}$

$\text{fast} = \text{fast}.\text{next}.\text{next}$

if ( $\text{slow} == \text{fast}$ ) // colliding

{

// Step - 2

$\text{slow} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{slow} != \text{fast}$ )

{

$\text{slow} = \text{slow}.\text{next}$

$\text{fast} = \text{fast}.\text{next}$

}

return slow; fast;

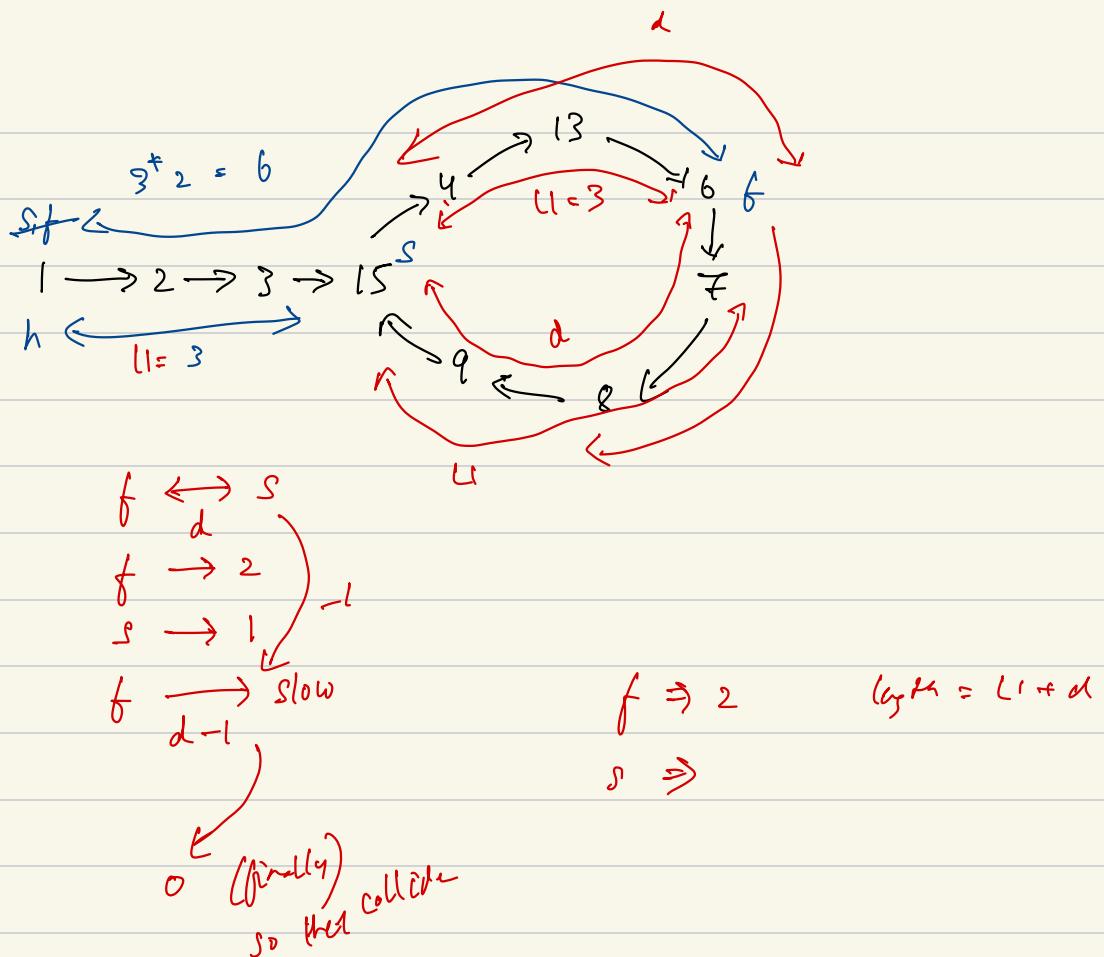
3

}

return null

Why ? 1) How are we sure that they will collide

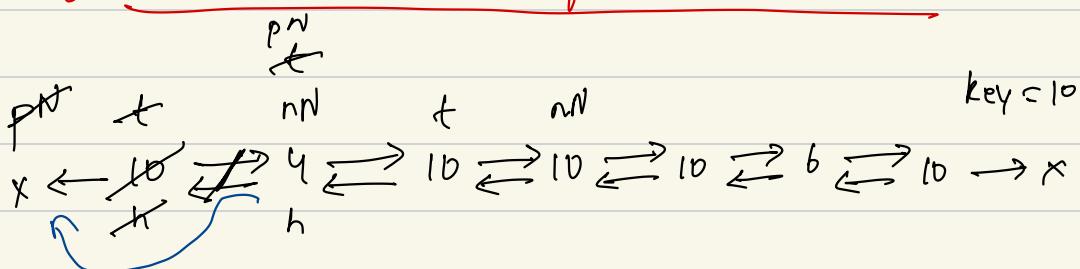
2) How are we sure that collision point will be start



```

9 class Solution {
10 public:
11     ListNode *detectCycle(ListNode *head) {
12         ListNode* slow = head;
13         ListNode* fast = head;
14         while(fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL){
15             slow = slow->next;
16             fast = fast->next->next;
17             if(slow == fast) {
18                 // Step - 2
19                 slow = head;
20                 while(slow != fast){
21                     slow = slow->next;
22                     fast = fast->next;
23                 }
24             }
25         }
26     }
27     return NULL;
28 }
29 
```

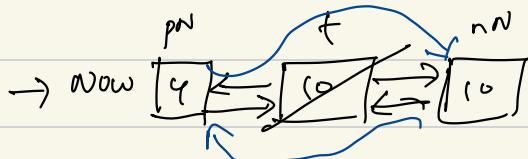
(1P) Delete all occurrence of a key in DLL:



- if the temp value is equal to key we have to delete.
- Here we delete the head as  $t = h$  so we update the head

$pN \rightarrow \text{prevNode}$ ,  $nN \rightarrow \text{nextNode}$

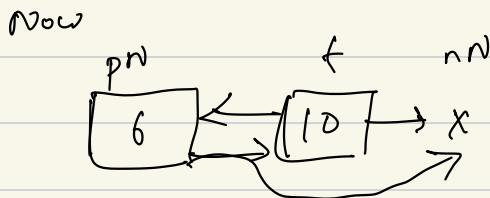
$\rightarrow \text{nextNode}.\text{prev} = \text{prevNode}$



$$pN.\text{next} = nN$$

$$nN.\text{prev} = pN$$

The process continue.



$pN \cdot \text{next} = \text{null}$

There is no  $nN$  so free the temp

### Pseudo Code

$\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

if ( $\text{temp} \cdot \text{val} == k$ )

{

if ( $\text{temp} == \text{head}$ )

{

$\text{head} = \text{head} \cdot \text{next}$

}

$\text{nextNode} = \text{temp} \cdot \text{next}$

$\text{prevNode} = \text{temp} \cdot \text{prev}$

if ( $\text{nextNode}$ )

$\text{nextNode} \cdot \text{prev} = \text{prevNode}$

if ( $\text{prevNode}$ )

$\text{prevNode} \cdot \text{next} = \text{nextNode}$

$\text{free}(\text{temp})$

$\text{temp} = \text{nextNode};$

}

else

$\text{temp} = \text{temp}.next$

}

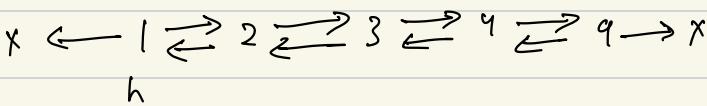
return head;

```
1 Node * deleteAllOccurrences(Node* head, int k) {
2     Node* temp = head;
3     while(temp != NULL){
4         if(temp->data == k){
5             if(temp == head){
6                 head = temp->next;
7             }
8
9             Node* nextNode = temp->next;
10            Node* prevNode = temp->prev;
11            if(nextNode){
12                nextNode->prev = prevNode;
13            }
14            if(prevNode){
15                prevNode->next = nextNode;
16            }
17
18            free(temp);
19            temp = temp->next;
20        }
21        else {
22            temp = temp->next;
23        }
24    }
25    return head;
26 }
```

Q4) Find pairs with given sum in DLL

Sorted

$$\text{Sum} = 5$$

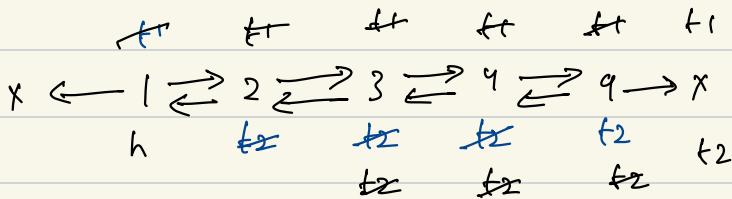


O/P

(1, 4)

(2, 3)

Brute force



- check if  $t_1 + t_2 = \text{sum}$  or not, if not then move  $t_2$ .

- since it's sorted  $1 + 9 > \text{sum}$  so right side it won't be there

(1, 4)

(2, 3)

-  $2 + 4 > \text{sum}$  so no need to move  $t_2$ .

So on.

Pseudo Code

temp1 = head      ds = []

while (temp != null)

{

$\text{temp}_2 = \text{temp}_1.\text{next}$

while ( $\text{temp}_2 \neq \text{null} \text{ and } \text{temp}_1.\text{val} + \text{temp}_2.\text{val} \leq \text{sum}$ )

{

if ( $\text{temp}_1.\text{val} + \text{temp}_2.\text{val} == \text{sum}$ )

{

ds. add ( $\{\text{temp}_1.\text{val}, \text{temp}_2.\text{val}\}$ )

}

$\text{temp}_2 = \text{temp}_2.\text{next}$

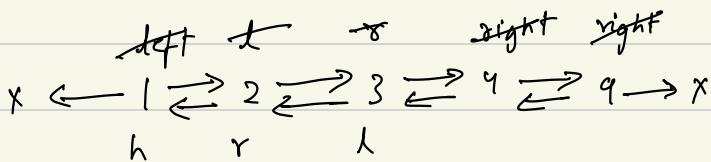
}

$\text{temp}_1 = \text{temp}_1.\text{next}$

}

$T: C \Rightarrow \Omega(n^2)$        $S: C \Rightarrow O(1)$

### Optimised



if  $\text{left} + \text{right} \geq \text{sum}$

so  $\text{right} --$

$$(1, 4) = 5$$

when  $\text{left}, \text{right} = \text{sum}$

then  $\text{left} -- \text{right} --$

$$(2+3) = 5$$

once right cross left you stop.

### Pseudo Code

$\text{left} = \text{head}$        $\text{right} = \text{find Tail}(\text{head})$

while ( $\text{left}.\text{val} < \text{right}.\text{val}$ )

{

if ( $\text{left}.\text{val} + \text{right}.\text{val} = \text{sum}$ )

{

ds.add(l, r)

$\text{left} = \text{left} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{right} = \text{right} \rightarrow \text{prev}$

}

else if ( $\text{left}.\text{val} + \text{right}.\text{val} < \text{sum}$ )

{

$\text{left} = \text{left} \rightarrow \text{next}$

}

else {

$\text{right} = \text{right} \rightarrow \text{prev}$

}

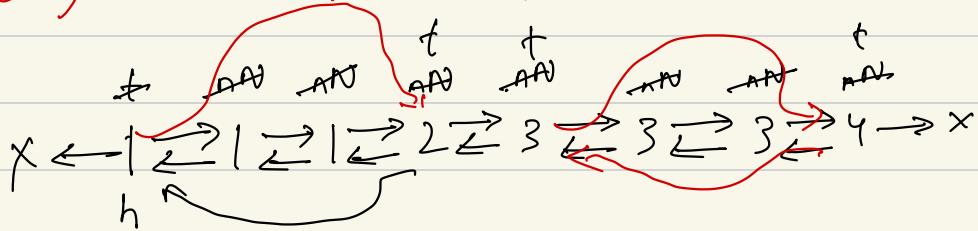
return ds.

```

1 Node* findTail(Node* head){
2     Node* tail = head;
3     while(tail->next != NULL) tail = tail->next;
4     return tail;
5 }
6
7 vector<pair<int, int>> findPairs(Node* head, int k)
8 {
9     vector<pair<int, int>> ans;
10    if(head == NULL) return ans;
11    Node* left = head;
12    Node* right = findTail(head);
13
14    while(left->data < right->data){
15        if(left->data + right->data == k){
16            ans.push_back({left->data, right->data});
17            left = left->next;
18            right = right->prev;
19        }
20        else if(left->data + right->data < k){
21            left = left->next;
22        }
23        else {
24            right = right->prev;
25        }
26    }
27    return ans;
28 }
29

```

## (20) Remove Duplicates from a sorted DLL



`temp.next = nextNode (~n)`

`nextNode → prev = temp`

## Pseudo Code

temp = head

while (temp != NULL & temp.next != NULL)

{

nextNode = temp.next

while (nextNode != null &&

nextNode → val == temp → val)

{

nextNode = nextNode → next

}

temp → next = nextNode

if (nextNode) {

nextNode → prev = temp

}

temp = temp → next;

}

return head

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(N)$     S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

```

2 Node * removeDuplicates(Node *head)
3 {
4     Node* temp = head;
5     while(temp != NULL && temp->next != NULL){
6         Node* nextNode = temp->next;
7         while([nextNode != NULL && nextNode->data == temp->data]){
8             Node* duplicate = nextNode;
9             nextNode = nextNode->next;
10            free(duplicate);
11        }
12        temp->next = nextNode;
13        if(nextNode != NULL) nextNode->prev = temp;
14        temp = temp->next;
15    }
16    return head;
17 }
18 }
```

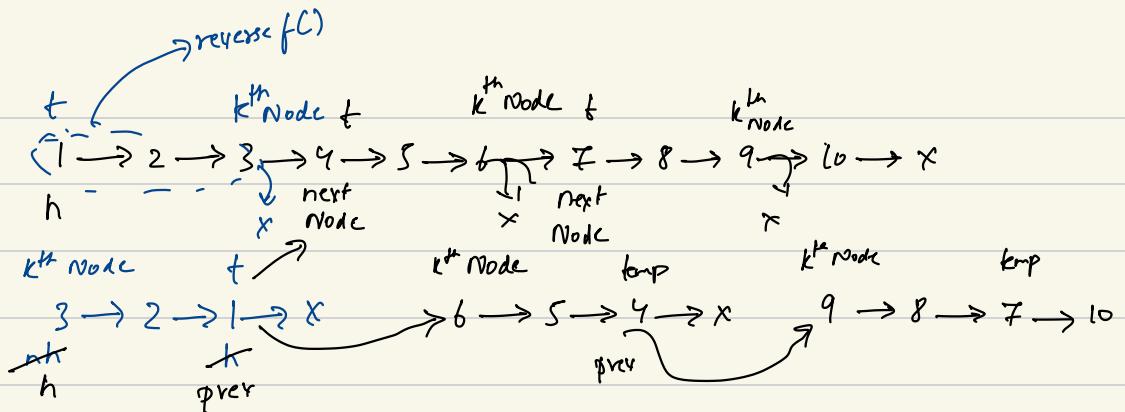
(2) Reverse Node in k Group Size of LL:

$$k=3$$

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow x$   
 $h$

O/P

$3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow x$   
 $h$



if no  $k^{\text{th}}$  Node then you just attach

### Pseudo Code

```
temp = head    nextNode    prevNode = null
```

```
while( temp != null )
```

```
{
```

```
    kth Node = find kth Node( temp, k );
```

```
    if( kth Node == null )
```

```
        { if( prevNode ) prevNode -> next = temp;
```

```
        }
```

```
        nextNode = kth Node -> next
```

```
        kth Node . next = null
```

```
        reverse( temp )
```

```
        1st kth group
```

```
        if( temp == head )
```

{  
    head = k<sup>th</sup> Node;

}

else {

}     prevNode → next = k<sup>th</sup> Node

    prevNode = temp;

    temp = next Node;

}

## (22) Rotate List

### 61. Rotate List

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Given the head of a linked list, rotate the list to the right by  $k$  places.

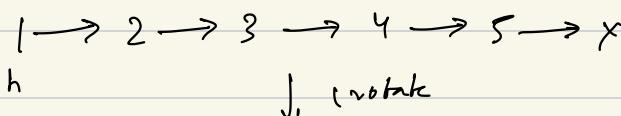
Example 1:



Input: head = [1,2,3,4,5], k = 2

Output: [4,5,1,2,3]

$k = 2$

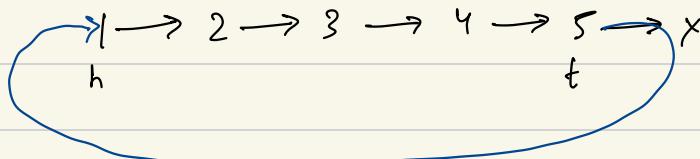


↓      ↴ 1 rotate

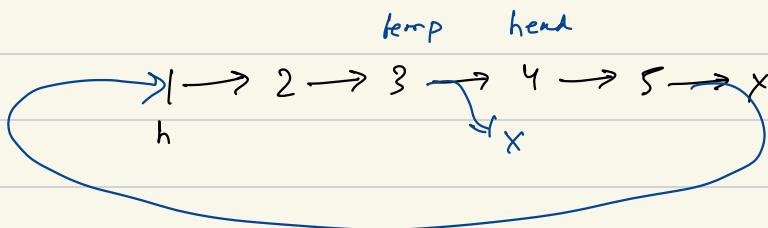
$4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow x$

→ Traverse to the L.L & reach the tail

→ After that point the tail to the head



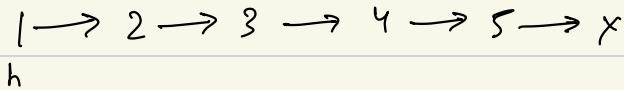
- So  $k = 2$ ,  $L = 5$   $(L - k) = 5 - 2 = 3^{\text{rd}}$  Node
- Reach the 3<sup>rd</sup> node and point it to null
- before that you need the update Head
- so traverse in L.L. till  $(L - k) = 3$  and stop there and point the next to the update Head and then point the 3<sup>rd</sup> node to null



$O/p \Rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow x$

Now if the  $k$  is the length of L.L.

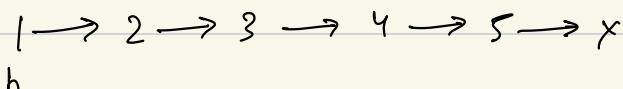
$$k = 5$$



- if you try to rotate then you will reach the original

so if  $k == \text{len of L.L.}$  then just return the head

Also if  $k > \text{len of L.L.}$   $k = 0$

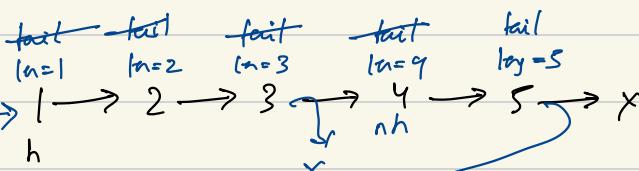


- if the multiple of length then don't do anything just return the head.

if  $k = 15 \Rightarrow 5 + 5 + 5$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \curvearrowright$  3 times (just like before)  
original original

if  $(k \% \text{len} == 0)$  return head



if  $k = 14$

$14 \% 5 = 4$   
length

## Pseudo Code

$\text{len} = 1 \quad \text{tail} = \text{head}$

$\text{while}(\text{tail}.\text{next} \neq \text{null})$

$\text{L}$

$\text{len}++; \quad \text{tail} = \text{tail}.\text{next}$

$\text{Y}$

$\text{if}(k \% \text{len} == 0) \quad \text{return head}$

$k = k \% \text{len};$

$\text{tail}.\text{next} = \text{head}; \quad S-1$

$\text{newLastNode} = \text{findNthNode}(\text{head}, \text{len} - k)$

$\text{head} = \text{newLastNode}.\text{next};$

$\text{newLastNode}.\text{next} = \text{NULL};$

$\text{return head};$

```
| C++ |  Auto
10 /
11 class Solution {
12 private:
13     ListNode* findNthNode(ListNode* temp, int k){
14         int cnt = 1;
15         while(temp != NULL){
16             if(cnt == k) return temp;
17             cnt++;
18             temp = temp->next;
19         }
20         return temp;
21     }
22 public:
23     ListNode* rotateRight(ListNode* head, int k) {
24         if(head == NULL || k == 0) return head;
25         ListNode* tail = head;
26         int len = 1;
27         while(tail->next != NULL){
28             tail = tail->next;
29             len += 1;
30         }
31         if(k % len == 0) return head;
32         k = k % len;
33
34         // attach the tail to the head;
35         tail->next = head;
36         ListNode* newLastNode = findNthNode(head, len - k);
37         head = newLastNode->next;
38         newLastNode->next = NULL;
39         return head;
40     }
41 };
```

## (23) Merge two sorted L-L:

### 21. Merge Two Sorted Lists

Easy    20.8K    2K    Companies

You are given the heads of two sorted linked lists `list1` and `list2`.

Merge the two lists into one **sorted** list. The list should be made by splicing together the nodes of the first two lists.

Return the head of the merged linked list.

L1

$2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow \times$

L2

$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow \times$

L3

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow \times$

Brute force :

L1     $\leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$   
 $2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow \times$   
h1

L2     $\leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$   
 $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow \times$   
h2

— Take an array & traverse the L1 until t1 reaches the null

2, 4, 8, 10

Same for L2

1 3 3 6 11 14

Array 2 4 8 10 1 3 3 6 11 14

↓ sort  
1 2 3 3 4 6 8 10 11 14

↓ convert an array to list.

### Pseudo Code

arr = [ ] temp1 = head1 temp2 = head2

while (temp1 != null)

{

arr.add (temp1 → data)

temp1 = temp1 → next

}

govt (arr)

while (temp2 != null)

{

arr.add (temp2 → data)

temp2 = temp2 → next

}

// Call the convert f()

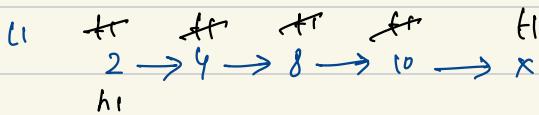
head = convert to LL (arr)

return head;

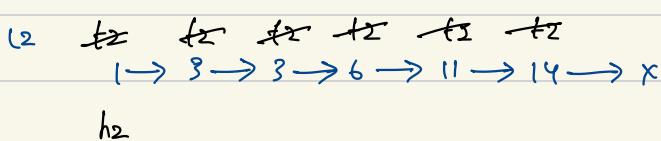
$$TC \Rightarrow O(N_1 + N_2 + N \log N + O(N))$$

$$SC \Rightarrow O(N) + O(N)$$

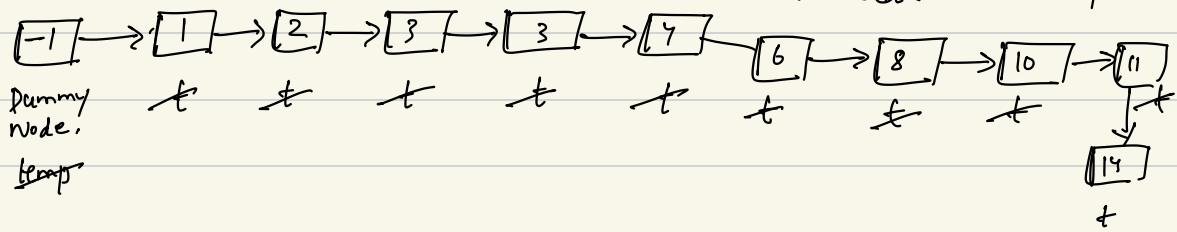
### Two Pointer Approach :



- Compare the Node



- Reassign the list as  
no need to create new  
list



### Pseudo Code

t1 = head1 , t2 = head2

dNode = new Node(-1) , temp = dNode

while ( $t_1 \neq \text{NULL}$  &  $t_2 \neq \text{NULL}$ )

{

// Pick up the small element

if ( $t_1.\text{data} < t_2.\text{data}$ )

{

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = t_1$

$\text{temp} = t_1$

$t_1 = t_1 \rightarrow \text{next}$

}

else {

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = t_2$

$\text{temp} = t_2$

$t_2 = t_2 \rightarrow \text{next}$

}

}

//  $t_1$  [ $t_2$  is left out]

if ( $t_1$ )  $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = t_1$

else  $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = t_2$

return dNode  $\rightarrow \text{next}$

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n_1 + n_2)$

S.C  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

## Code :

```

11 class Solution {
12 public:
13     ListNode* mergeTwoLists(ListNode* list1, ListNode* list2) {
14         ListNode* temp1 = list1;
15         ListNode* temp2 = list2;
16         ListNode* dummyNode = new ListNode(-1);
17         ListNode* temp = dummyNode;
18         while(temp1 != NULL && temp2 != NULL) {
19             if(temp1->val < temp2->val){
20                 temp->next = temp1;
21                 temp = temp1;
22                 temp1 = temp1->next;
23             } else {
24                 temp->next = temp2;
25                 temp = temp2;
26                 temp2 = temp2->next;
27             }
28         }
29         if(temp1) temp->next = temp1;
30         else temp->next = temp2;
31         return dummyNode->next;
32     };
33 };

```

## (24) Flattening a linked lists :

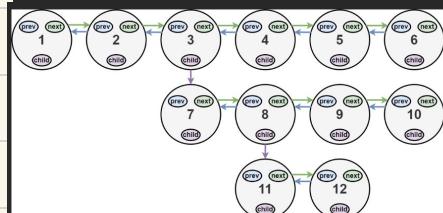
### 430. Flatten a Multilevel Doubly Linked List

Medium 4.5K 313 Companies

You are given a doubly linked list, which contains nodes that have a next pointer, a previous pointer, and an additional child pointer. This child pointer may or may not point to a separate doubly linked list, also containing these special nodes. These child lists may have one or more children of their own, and so on, to produce a **multilevel data structure** as shown in the example below.

Given the `head` of the first level of the list, flatten the list so that all the nodes appear in a single-level, doubly linked list. Let `curr` be a node with a child list. The nodes in the child list should appear after `curr` and before `curr.next` in the flattened list.

Return the `head` of the flattened list. The nodes in the list must have all of their child pointers set to `null`.



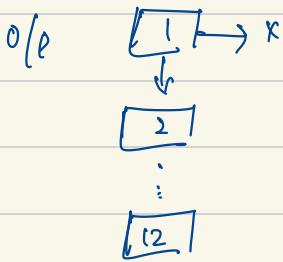
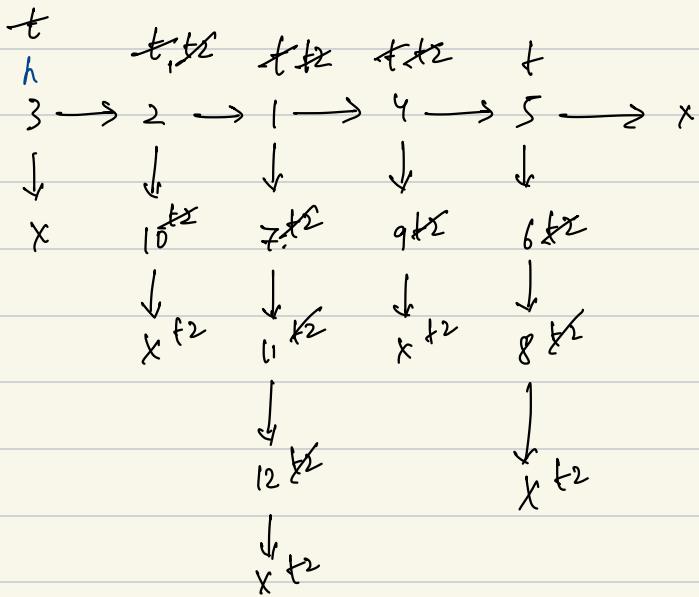
**Input:** head = [1,2,3,4,5,6,null,null,7,8,9,10,null,null,11,12]

**Output:** [1,2,3,7,8,11,12,9,10,4,5,6]

**Explanation:** The multilevel linked list in the input is shown.

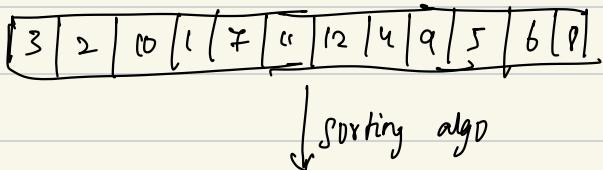
After flattening the multilevel linked list it becomes:

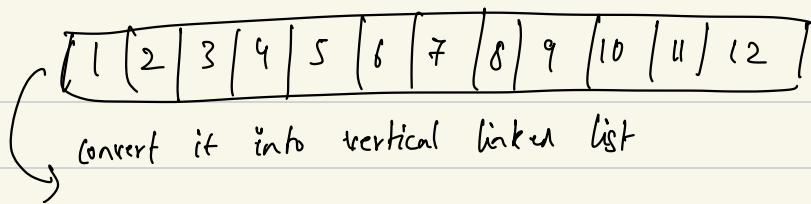




Brute force

- Take all the integers put them into the array.





## Pseudo Code

arr = []      temp = head

while (temp != null)

{

    t2 = temp

    while (t2 != null)

{

        arr.add(t2 → val)

        t2 = t2 → child;

}

    temp = temp → next

}

sort(arr)

head = convert(arr)

Convert (arr)

{

if (arr.size == 0) return null

head = new Node (arr [0]), temp = head

for (i = 1 → n-1)

{

newNode = newNode (arr [i])

temp → child = newNode;

temp = temp → child;

}

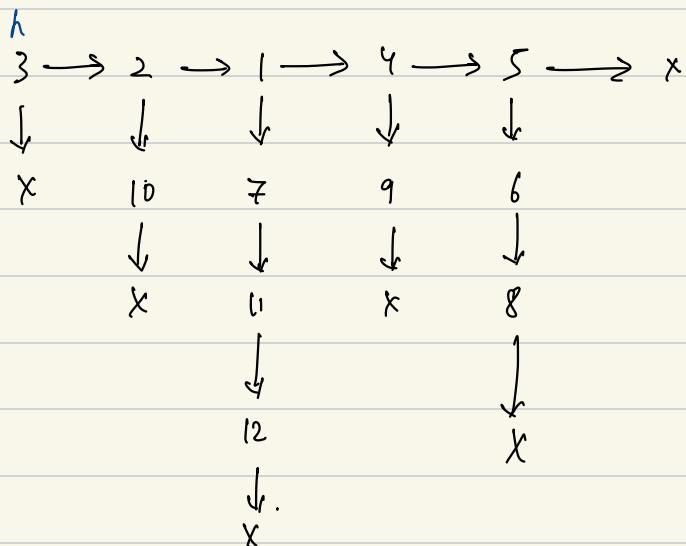
return head;

}

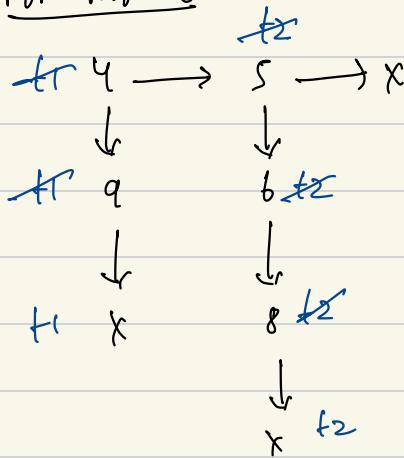
T.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(N \times M) + O(N \times M \log N \times M) + O(N \times M)$

S.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(N \times M) \times 2$

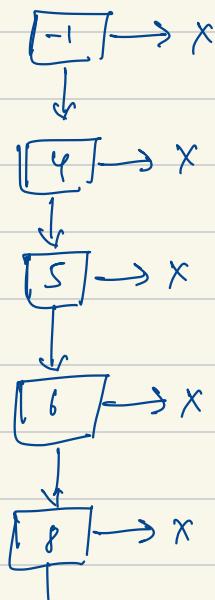
## Better Approach

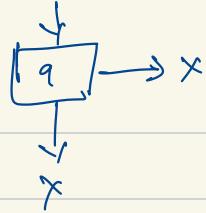


For two list



dummyNode





## Pseudo Code

merge2lists (list1, list2)

{

    dummyNode = new Node (-1);

    res = dummyNode;

    while (list1 != null && list2 != null)

        {

            if (list1.val < list2.val)

                {

                    res->child = list1;

                    res = list1;

                    list1 = list1.next;

                }

        else {

            res->child = list2;

            res = list2;

            list2 = list2.next;

        }

        res->next = null;

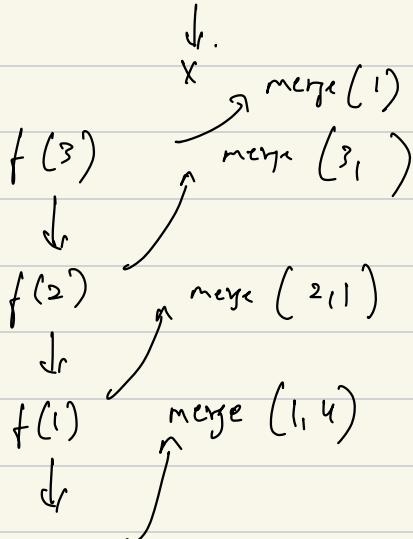
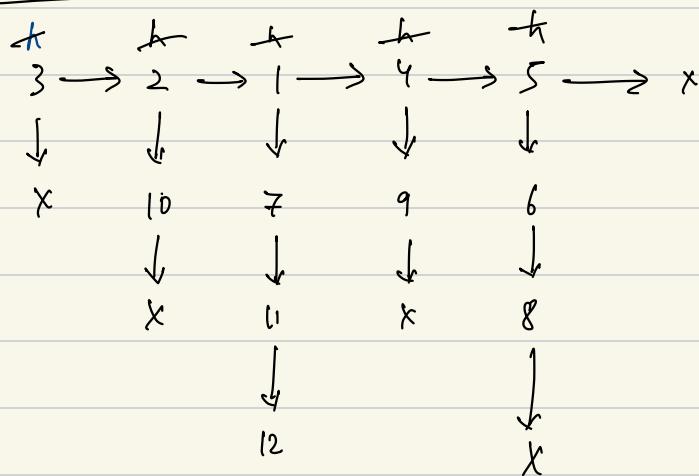
}

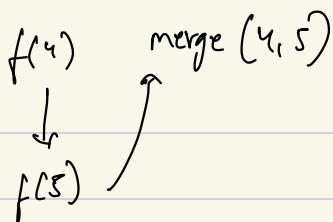
```

if (list 1) res → child = l1
else      res → child = l2
return    dummyNode → child;
O (n1 + n2)

```

For multiple list





$f(\text{head})$

if ( $\text{head} == \text{null}$  ||  $\text{head} \rightarrow \text{next} == \text{null}$ )  
    return  $\text{head}$ ;

, merged head =  $f(\text{head} \rightarrow \text{next})$

return mergeList( $\text{head}$ , merged Head)

}

T.C  $\Rightarrow O(N) * O(2^M)$

S.C  $\Rightarrow O(N)$  (Recursive Stack Memory)

```

14 // 
15 Node* merge(Node* list1, Node* list2) {
16     Node* dummyNode = new Node(-1);
17     Node* res = dummyNode;
18     while(list1 != NULL && list2 != NULL) {
19         if(list1->data < list2->data) {
20             res->child = list1;
21             res = list1;
22             list1 = list1->child;
23         }
24         else {
25             res->child = list2;
26             res = list2;
27             list2 = list2->child;
28         }
29         res->next = nullptr;
30     }
31     if(list1) res->child = list1;
32     else res->child = list2;
33     if(dummyNode->child) dummyNode->child->next = nullptr;
34     return dummyNode->child;
35 }
36 Node* flattenLinkedList(Node* head)
37 {
38     if (head == NULL || head->next == NULL) return head;
39     Node* mergedHead = flattenLinkedList(head->next);
40     head = merge(head, mergedHead);
41 }
```

## 25) Merge k Sorted Lists:

23. Merge k Sorted Lists

Hard ✓ 18.8K 681

Companies

You are given an array of  $k$  linked-lists `lists`, each linked-list is sorted in ascending order.

Merge all the linked-lists into one sorted linked-list and return it.

**Example 1:**

```
Input: lists = [[1,4,5],[1,3,4],[2,6]]
Output: [1,1,2,3,4,4,5,6]
Explanation: The linked-lists are:
[1->4->5,
 1->3->4,
 2->6]
merging them into one sorted list:
1->1->2->3->4->4->5->6
```

2 → 4 → 6 → x

1 → 5 → x

1 → 1 → 3 → 7 → x

8 → x

Brute force

f( list <Node> lists)

{

arr = []

for( i=0 ; i < lists.size ; i++ )

{

node temp = lists[i];

while (temp != null)

{

arr.add(temp.val)

temp = temp.next

}

}

sort(arr)

head = convertToList(arr)

return head

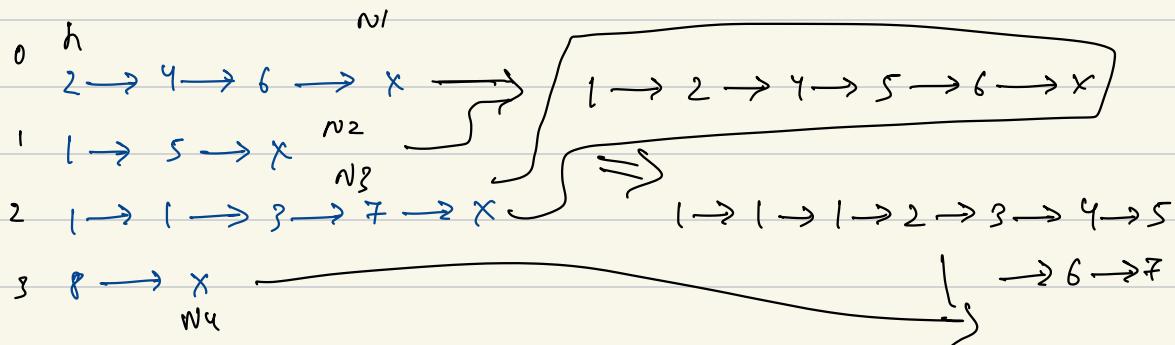
}

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(k \times n) + O(m \log m) + O(m)$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(m) + O(m)$$

Better Approach :-

K=4



$1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow x$

### Pseudo Code

f (list <Node> lists)

{

head = lists [0]

for (i = 1; i < lists.size(); i++)

{

head = merge2lists (head, lists [i])

}

return head

}

$$T.C \Rightarrow O(n_1 + n_2) + O(n_1 + n_2 + n_3) + O(n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4)$$

$$\approx O(2n) + O(3n) + O(4n)$$

$$\approx n(1+2+3+\dots+k)$$

$$\approx nk \frac{k \times k + 1}{2}$$

$$S.C = O(1)$$

## (26) Sort a linked lists :

148. Sort List      Solved

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Given the head of a linked list, return the list after sorting it in ascending order.

Example 1:

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

Brute force :

temp → 3 → 4 → 2 → 1 → 5 → null

head

Create an array and move the element to it  
until the temp reach null

arr ⇒ 

3	4	2	1	5
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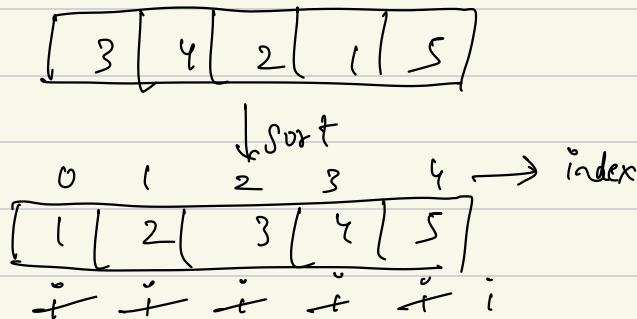
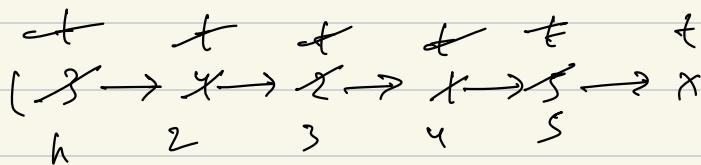
Sort any algo

1	2	3	4	5
---	---	---	---	---

↓ convert array to LL

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5

OR instead of calling the convert function we can reuse a list.



Now the value at ' $i$ ' will be moved to the temp, so keep moving  $i$  and temp.

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

Pseudo Code

f(head)

{

arr = [], temp = head

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{NULL}$ )

{

arr.add( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{val}$ )

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

}

}

$\rightarrow O(n)$

sort (arr)

$\rightarrow N \log N$

$i = 0$      $\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{NULL}$ )

{

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{data} = \text{arr}[i]$

$i = i + 1$ ,     $\text{temp} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next}$

}

$\rightarrow O(n)$

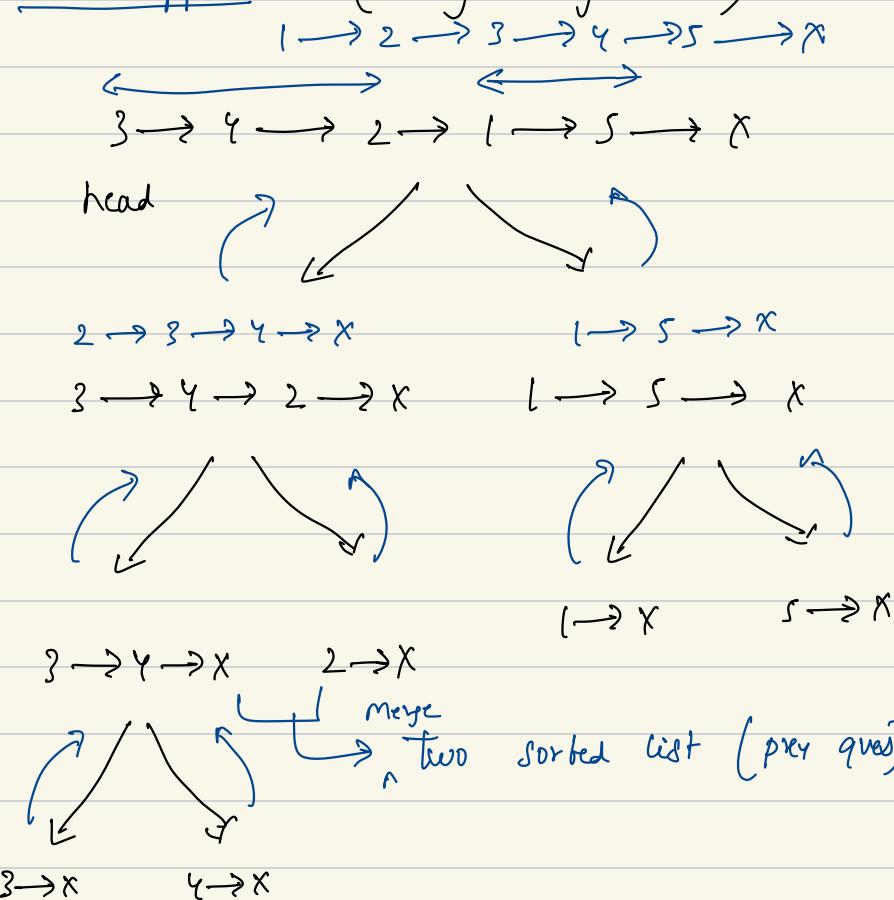
return head;

}

T.C  $\Rightarrow N + N \log N + N$

S.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

Better Approach: (using merge sort)



Pseudo Code:

ms (arr, low, high)

{

if (low == high) return

$$\text{mid} = (\text{low} + \text{high}) / 2$$

ms (arr, low, mid)

ms (arr, mid+1, high)

merge (arr, low, mid, high)

y

In form of C/C++

ms (head)

{

// base

if (head == null || head  $\rightarrow$  next == null)

return head;

middle = findMiddle (head); // tortoise method

leftHead = head

rightHead = middle  $\rightarrow$  next

middle  $\rightarrow$  next = null

leftHead = ms (leftHead)

rightHead = ms (rightHead)

return merge 2 (left Head, right Head)

3 ↳ already done

```
C++ v  Auto
1 class Solution {
2 private:
3     ListNode* findMiddle(ListNode* head){
4         ListNode* slow = head;
5         ListNode* fast = head->next;
6         while(fast != NULL && fast->next != NULL) {
7             slow = slow->next;
8             fast = fast->next->next->next;
9         }
10        return slow;
11    }
12 public:
13     ListNode* mergeTwoLists(ListNode* list1, ListNode* list2){
14         ListNode* dummyNode = new ListNode(-1);
15         ListNode* temp = dummyNode;
16         while(list1 != NULL && list2 != NULL) {
17             if(list1->val < list2->val){
18                 temp->next = list1;
19                 temp = list1;
20                 list1 = list1->next;
21             } else {
22                 temp->next = list2;
23                     temp = list2;
24                     list2 = list2->next;
25             }
26         }
27         if(list1) temp->next = list1;
28         else temp->next = list2;
29         return dummyNode->next;
30     }
31 }
32 public:
33     ListNode* sortList(ListNode* head) {
34         if(head == NULL || head->next == NULL) return head;
35         ListNode* middle = findMiddle(head);
36         ListNode* right = middle->next;
37         middle->next = nullptr;
38         ListNode* left = head;
39
40         left = sortList(left);
41         right = sortList(right);
42         return mergeTwoLists(left, right);
43     }
44 }
```

→ only one change because we need the first middle not the second middle



$$T.C \Rightarrow O(\log n) + O(n + n/2)$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(n) // \text{Recursive Space}$$

# L27) Clone a linked list

## 138. Copy List with Random Pointer

Solved

Medium 🔍 Topics 🔒 Companies 🌐 Hint

A linked list of length  $n$  is given such that each node contains an additional random pointer, which could point to any node in the list, or null.

Construct a **deep copy** of the list. The deep copy should consist of exactly  $n$  **brand new** nodes, where each new node has its value set to the value of its corresponding original node. Both the `next` and `random` pointer of the new nodes should point to new nodes in the copied list such that the pointers in the original list and copied list represent the same list state. **None of the pointers in the new list should point to nodes in the original list.**

For example, if there are two nodes  $X$  and  $Y$  in the original list, where  $X.random \rightarrow Y$ , then for the corresponding two nodes  $x$  and  $y$  in the copied list,  $x.random \rightarrow y$ .

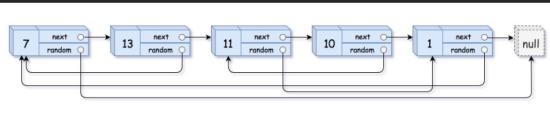
Return the **head** of the copied linked list.

The linked list is represented in the input/output as a list of  $n$  nodes. Each node is represented as a pair of `[val, random_index]` where:

- `val`: an integer representing `Node.val`
- `random_index`: the index of the node (range from  $0$  to  $n-1$ ) that the `random` pointer points to, or `null` if it does not point to any node.

Your code will **only** be given the `head` of the original linked list.

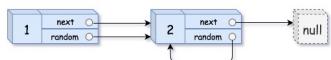
**Example 1:**



**Input:** head = `[[7,null],[13,0],[11,4],[10,2],[1,0]]`

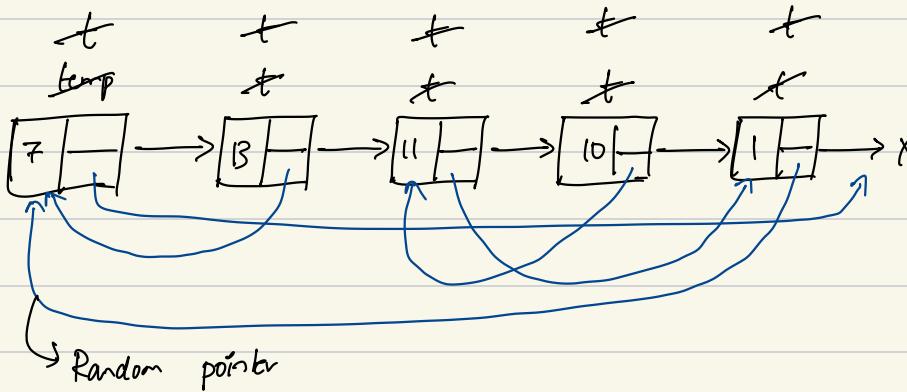
**Output:** `[[7,null],[13,0],[11,4],[10,2],[1,0]]`

**Example 2:**

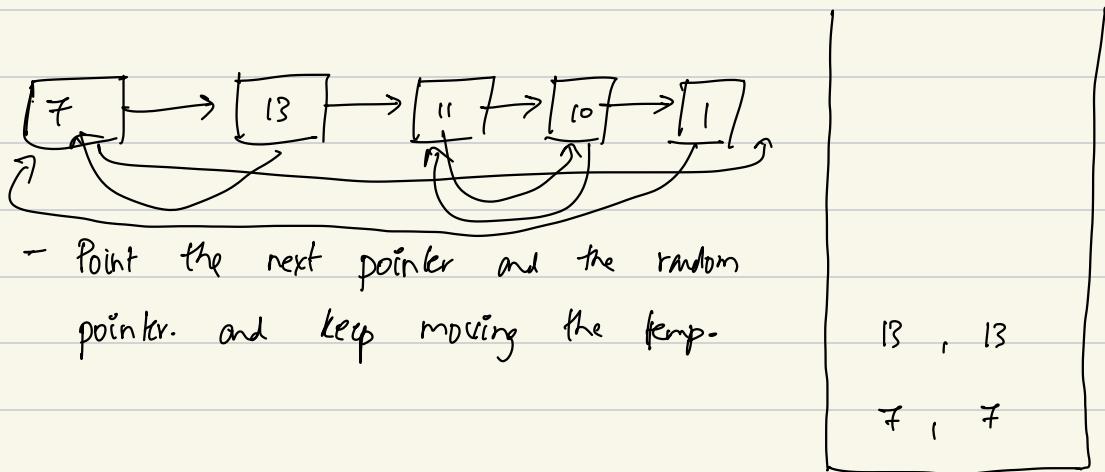


**Input:** head = `[[1,1],[2,1]]`

**Output:** `[[1,1],[2,1]]`



- Create each node , with the help of Hashmap you can store the address of them.



`<Node, Nodes>`

original    copy

(Storing the Node, not  
the val)

Pseudo Code :

`f(heat)`

`{`

`temp = heat, map<Node, Node> mpp`

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )  
{

    Node newnode = new Node ( $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{val}$ );

    mpp [ $\text{temp}$ ] = new Node;

    temp =  $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next}$ ;

}

temp = head

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

    CopyNode = mpp [ $\text{temp}$ ]

    CopyNode  $\rightarrow$  next = mpp [ $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next}$ ]

    CopyNode  $\rightarrow$  random = mpp [ $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{random}$ ]

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

}

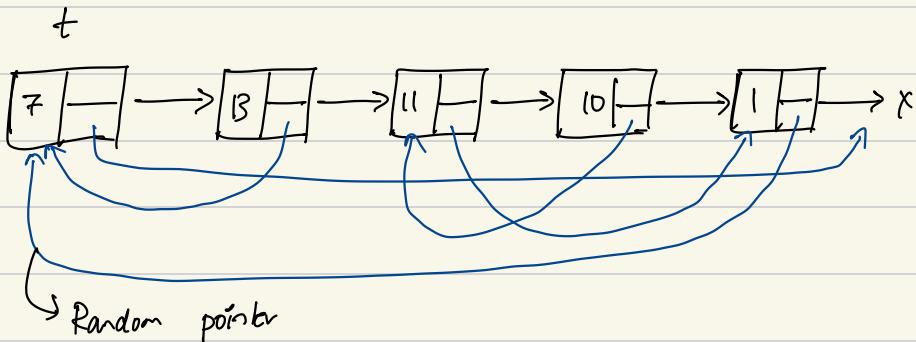
return mpp [head];

}

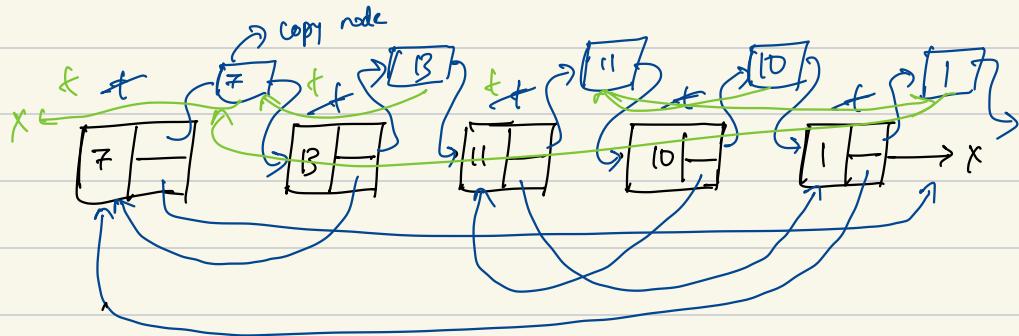
T.C  $\geq O(n) + O(n)$

S.C  $\geq O(n) + O(n)$

## Optimised Approach :



- 1) Insert copy nodes in between



- 2) Connect Random pointer

Copy Node is  $\text{temp}.\text{next}$

- 3) Connect the next pointer with the help of dummy Node.

## Pseudo Code

①  $\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{NULL}$ )

{

$\text{copyNode} = \text{new Node}(\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{val})$

$\text{copyNode} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next}$

$\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{copyNode}$

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

}

②

$\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$\text{copyNode} = \text{temp} \cdot \text{next}$

if ( $(\text{random} \neq \text{null})$ )  
 $\text{copyNode} \rightarrow \text{random} = \text{temp} \rightarrow \text{random} \rightarrow \text{next}$  // connecting the  
random pointer

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

③

$\text{dNode} = \text{new Node}(-1)$        $\text{res} = \text{dNode}$        $\text{temp} = \text{head}$

while ( $\text{temp} \neq \text{null}$ )

{

$\text{res} \cdot \text{next} = \text{temp} \cdot \text{next}$

$\text{temp} \cdot \text{next} = \text{temp} \cdot \text{next} \cdot \text{next}$

$\text{res} = \text{res} \cdot \text{next}$

$\text{temp} = \text{temp} \cdot \text{next}$

}

return dNode  $\rightarrow$  next;

```
17 class Solution {
18 public:
19     Node* copyRandomList(Node* head) {
20         Node* temp = head;
21         //step 1
22         while(temp != NULL) {
23             Node* newNode = new Node(temp->val);
24             newNode->next = temp->next;
25             temp->next = newNode;
26             temp = temp->next->next;
27         }
28         //step 2
29         Node* itr = head;
30         while(itr != NULL) {
31             if(itr->random != NULL)
32                 itr->next->random = itr->random->next;
33             itr = itr->next->next;
34         }
35         //step 3
36         Node* dummy = new Node(0);
37         itr = head;
38         temp = dummy;
39         Node* fast;
40         while(itr != NULL) {
41             fast = itr->next->next;
42             temp->next = itr->next;
43             itr->next = fast;
44             temp = temp->next;
45             itr = fast;
46         }
47         return dummy->next;
48     }
49 }
50 };
```

T.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(3n)$

S.C  $\Rightarrow$   $O(n)$  || to create a new list

# (27) Design a Browser History:

Design Browser History

Moderate · 0.080 · Average time to solve is 25m

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**Problem statement** [Send feedback](#)

Your task is to maintain a data structure that supports the following functions of a web browser.

- 1- Browser(homepage): Set homepage of the browser
- 2- Visit(url): Visit the url from the current page. It clears up all the forward history.
- 3- Back(steps): Move 'steps' backward in the browser history
- 4- Forward(steps): Move 'steps' forward in the browser history

**Note:**  
If you can't move steps forward or backward, just return the last website that can be reached.

The Queries are in the given format:-  
The first line of each query contains the string representing the homepage of the web browser.

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You have a **browser** of one tab where you start on the **homepage** and you can visit another **url**, get back in the history number of **steps** or move forward in the history number of **steps**.

Implement the **BrowserHistory** class:

- **BrowserHistory(string homepage)** Initializes the object with the **homepage** of the browser.
- **void visit(string url)** Visits **url** from the current page. It clears up all the forward history.
- **string back(int steps)** Move **steps** back in history. If you can only return **x** steps in the history and **steps > x**, you will return only **x** steps. Return the current **url** after moving back in history **at most steps**.
- **string forward(int steps)** Move **steps** forward in history. If you can only forward **x** steps in the history and **steps > x**, you will forward only **x** steps. Return the current **url** after forwarding in history **at most steps**.

Query

DLL (ds)

home Page (tfu.org)

visit (google.com)

visit (instagram.com)

visit (facebook.com)

back (1) || insta

back (1) || google

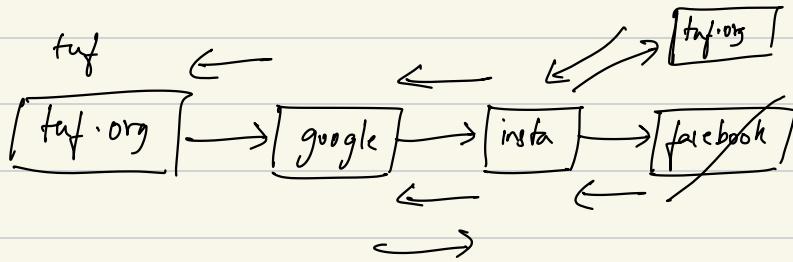
forward (1) || insta

visit (tfu.org)

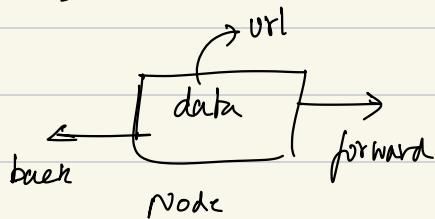
forward (2) after first then is no forward so || first

back (2) || google

back (7) ||



DLL (ds)



class Browser

{

Node\* curr;

Browser (homepage)

{

current = new Node (homepage)

}

visit (url)

{

newNode = newNode (url)

curr.next = newNode

curr = newNode

}

back (steps)

{

while (steps)

{ if (curr → back)

curr = curr → back

steps--

}

return curr → data;

}

forward (steps)

{

while (steps)

{

if (curr → front)

curr = curr → next

else

break

steps--

}

return curr → data

}

## Code

C++ v Auto

```
1 class BrowserHistory {
2 public:
3     list<string> history;
4     list<string>::iterator it;
5
6     BrowserHistory(string homepage) {
7         history.push_back(homepage);
8         it = history.begin();
9     }
10
11    void visit(string url) {
12        auto del = it;
13        del++;
14        history.erase(del, history.end());
15        history.push_back(url);
16        it++;
17    }
18
19    string back(int steps) {
20        while (it != history.begin() && steps--) {
21            it--;
22        }
23        return *it;
24    }
25
26    string forward(int steps) {
27        while (it != --history.end() && steps--) {
28            it++;
29        }
30        return *it;
31    }
32 }
```