19. Remove Nth Node From End of List

Hint

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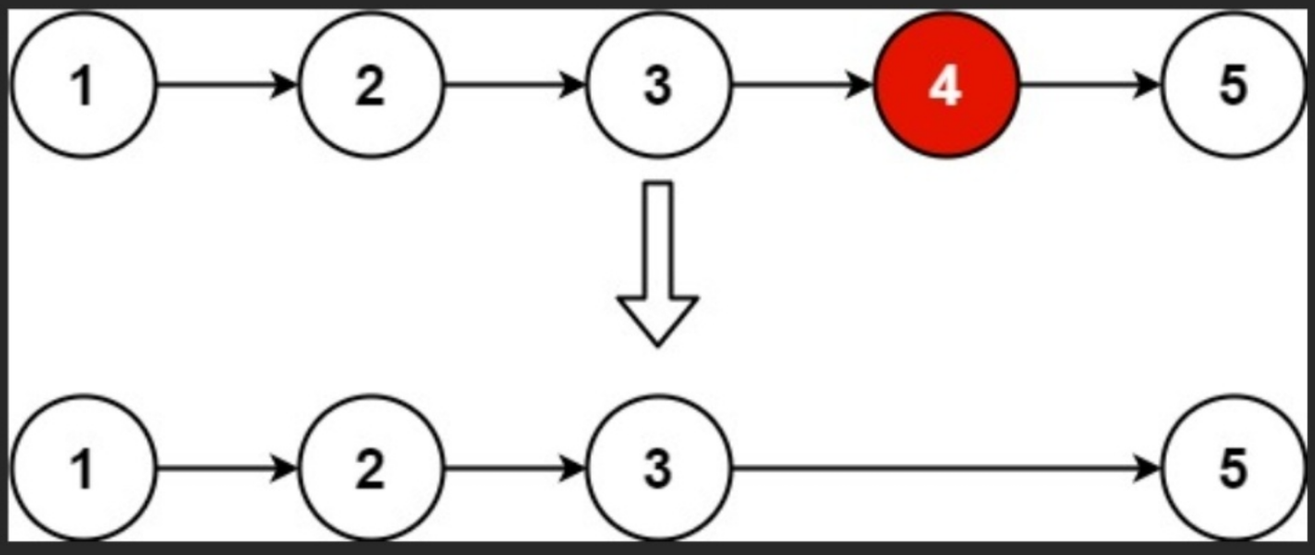
Given the `head` of a linked list, remove the `n^th` node from the end of the list and return its head.

Example 1:

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Input: head = [1,2,3,4,5], n = 2
Output: [1,2,3,5]
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Example 2:

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Input: head = [1], n = 1
Output: []
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Example 3:

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Input: head = [1,2], n = 1
Output: [1]
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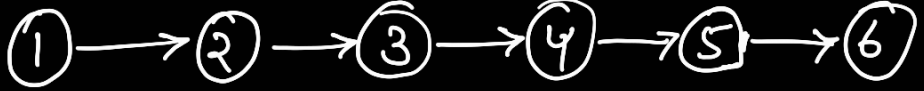
Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the list is `sz`.
- `1 <= sz <= 30`
- `0 <= Node.val <= 100`
- `1 <= n <= sz`

Follow up: Could you do this in one pass?



k = 2

Approach 1:

→ find length n of linked list.
→ if k == n return head → next.

→ x = n - k - 1
→ start from head and make x steps. with a pointer p. and then make

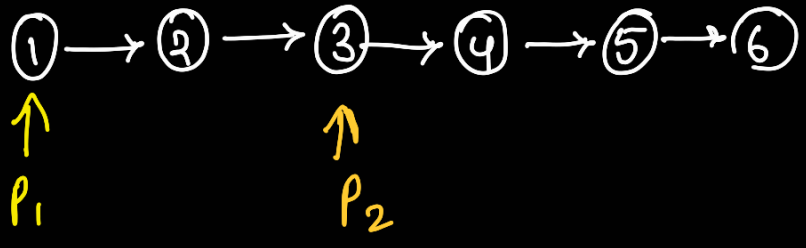
p → next = p → next → next

This is a trick to use instead of using two pointers. We can get the job done just by using a single pointer.

The above algo makes two passes over the linked list.

T(n) : O(n) + O(n)
S(n) : O(1)

Approach 2: In single pass



k = 2

from p_1 the

from p_2 the

no. of nodes that we need to move is $n-k$
i.e. $n-2$

no. of nodes we can move before p_2 becomes NULL is $n-k$
$n-2$

Hence if we start moving both p_1 and p_2 at same time, by the time p_2 becomes NULL the p_1 would be exactly on the required node.

Q: But how can we keep p_2 on node (B)?
make k no. of steps

$T(n)$: $O(k) + O(n-k)$
i.e. $O(n)$
a single pass

$S(n)$: $O(1)$