



Let  $d1$  = start of cycle

Let  $d2$  = point where they meet in cycle (they can meet after any no of iteration of loop)

So we say slow pointer travel distance =  $d_s = d1 + d2$

Now if cycle length is  $C$ , my fast pointer must have taken  $n$  times to reach and meet at  $d2$ .

So distance by fast =  $d_f = d1 + d2 + nC$

But we know  $2 * d_s = d_f$  (as fast travel twice the distance)

$$\text{So we have } 2(d1 + d2) = d1 + d2 + nC$$

$$d1 + d2 = nC$$

$$\boxed{d1 = nC - d2}$$

So  $nC - d2$  represents remaining distance of circle from  $d2$  point

So if I start a pointer from  $d1$  and another from  $d2$  and move them one by one, they will be at same distance from start of loop!!

Hence their meeting point will be start of loop!!