

Append and Prepend

In this lesson, you will learn how to implement doubly linked lists and insert elements in it using Python.

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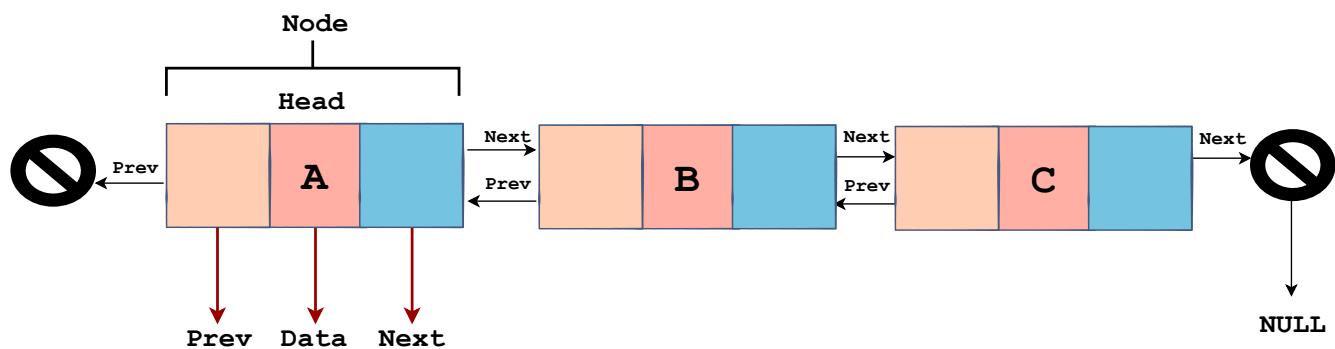


- append
- print_list
- prepend

In this lesson, we introduce the doubly linked list data structure and code up an implementation of this data structure in Python.

After that, we look at how to append (add elements to the back of the doubly linked list) and prepend (add elements to the front of the doubly linked list).

Finally, we will write a print method to verify that the append and prepend methods work as expected.



Doubly Linked List



As you can see, the doubly linked list is very similar to the singly linked list except for the difference of the previous pointer. In a doubly linked list, a node is made up of the following components:

- Data
- Next (Points to the next node)
- Prev (Points to the previous node)

As illustrated, the `prev` of the head node points to `NULL` while the `next` of the tail node also points to `NULL`.

Let's go ahead and implement the Doubly Linked List in Python:

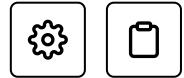
```
1 class Node:  
2     def __init__(self, data):  
3         self.data = data  
4         self.next = None  
5         self.prev = None  
6  
7  
8     class DoublyLinkedList:  
9         def __init__(self):  
10             self.head = None  
11  
12         def append(self, data):  
13             pass  
14  
15         def prepend(self, data):  
16             pass  
17  
18         def print_list(self):  
19             pass
```

class Node and class DoublyLinkedList

We have two classes in the code above:

1. Node

2. DoublyLinkedList



The key difference in the `Node` class of the last two chapters and of this chapter is that we have another component, `prev`, present in the `Node` class for this chapter. `prev` will keep track of the previous node in the linked list.

We also define `DoublyLinkedList` class and initialize its head to `None`. In this lesson, we will complete the implementation of the three class methods that we have specified in the code above.

append

Let's go over the implementation of `append`:

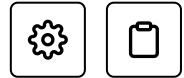
```
1 def append(self, data):
2     if self.head is None:
3         new_node = Node(data)
4         self.head = new_node
5     else:
6         new_node = Node(data)
7         cur = self.head
8         while cur.next:
9             cur = cur.next
10        cur.next = new_node
11        new_node.prev = cur
```

append(self, data)

We have handled two cases of appending elements in the code above:

1. The doubly linked list is empty.
2. The doubly linked list is not empty.

If the doubly linked list is empty, i.e., `self.head` is `None`, then the execution jumps to **line 3** and we initialize `new_node` based on `data` inputted to the method. As the `new_node` will be the only node in the linked list, we will



make it the head node on **line 4**.

Now let's move on to the second case. On **line 6**, we initialize `new_node` by calling the constructor of the `Node` class and passing `data` to it. Next, we need an appropriate position to locate the newly created node. Therefore, we initialize `cur` on **line 7** to the head node to traverse the doubly linked list and reach the last node in it. This is done by the `while` loop in which `cur` updates to `cur.next` and the loop runs until we reach the last node where `cur.next` will be equal to `None` (**lines 8-9**). Once the `while` loop terminates, we point the next of `cur` to `new_node` on **line 10**. As now we have appended `new_node` to the linked list, we also need to care about the previous component of `new_node` which should now point to `cur`. This step is implemented on **line 11**.

print_list #

As we need some way to test the append method, we'll go on to implement `print_list`:

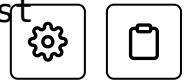
```
1 def print_list(self):
2     cur = self.head
3     while cur:
4         print(cur.data)
5         cur = cur.next
```



`print_list(self)`

The `print_list` method is pretty straightforward. `cur` initially points to `self.head` (**line 2**) and then keeps printing its data (**line 4**) and updating itself to `cur.next` (**line 5**) to traverse the entire linked list. This is it!

prepend #



It's time for us to implement the `prepend` method of `DoublyLinkedList` class. Check out the code below:

```
1 def prepend(self, data):
2     if self.head is None:
3         new_node = Node(data)
4         self.head = new_node
5     else:
6         new_node = Node(data)
7         self.head.prev = new_node
8         new_node.next = self.head
9         self.head = new_node
```

prepend(self, data)

The code on **lines 2-4** is pretty much the same as the code in the `append` method. Let's jump to **line 6** which will execute if we don't have an empty linked list. On **line 6**, we create `new_node` using `data` passed into the method. Now we need to position it at the start of the linked list appropriately. As the newly created node will precede the current head node and take over the head position, the previous of the current head node should point to `new_node`. This is done on **line 7**. The next of the `new_node` should then also point to the current head node so, on **line 8**, we set `new_node.next` to `self.head`. Finally, on **line 9**, we update `self.head` to `new_node`. This perfects our implementation to prepend an element to a doubly linked list.

Below we have the entire implementation of the `DoublyLinkedList` class with all the methods completely implemented along with a sample test case. Check it out!

```
22             new_node.prev = cur
23
24     def prepend(self, data):
25         if self.head is None:
26             new_node = Node(data)
27             self.head = new_node
```

```
28     else:
29         new_node = Node(data)
30         self.head.prev = new_node
31         new_node.next = self.head
32         self.head = new_node
33
34     def print_list(self):
35         cur = self.head
36         while cur:
37             print(cur.data)
38             cur = cur.next
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41 dllist = DoublyLinkedList()
42 dllist.prepend(0)
43 dllist.append(1)
44 dllist.append(2)
45 dllist.append(3)
46 dllist.append(4)
47 dllist.prepend(5)
48
49 dllist.print_list()
```



In the next lesson, we'll go over other methods of inserting elements in a doubly linked list. Stay tuned!

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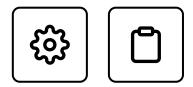
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Add Node Before/After

In this lesson, you will learn how to add a node before or after a specified node.

We'll cover the following



- Add Node After
- Add Node Before

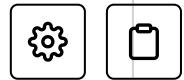
In this lesson, we consider how to add nodes either before or after a specified node in a doubly-linked list. Once we cover the concept of how to perform this action, we follow through with a Python implementation.

The general approach to solve this problem would be to traverse the doubly linked list and look for the key that we have to insert the new node after or before. Once we get to the node whose value matches the input key, we update the pointers to make room for the new node and insert the new node according to the position specified.

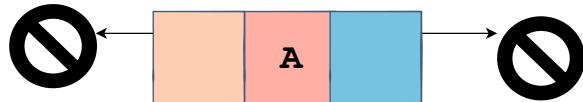
Add Node After

We'll break up this scenario into two cases:

1. The node that we have to insert after the new node is the last node in the doubly linked list so that the next of that node is NULL.

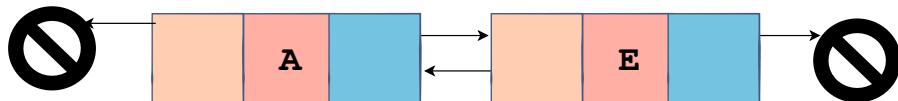


Doubly Linked List: Add Node After



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Doubly Linked List: Add Node After

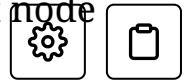


append method is called to insert Node E

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In the above case, we'll make a call to the `append` method that we implemented in the last lesson. `append` will handle everything for us and perfectly works in this scenario as we have to insert the new node after the last node, which is what `append` method does.



2. The node that we have to insert after the new node is not the last node in the doubly linked list.

Let's look at the illustration below to check how we will handle the second case:

Doubly Linked List: Add Node After

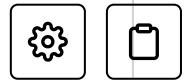
Add Node E after Node B

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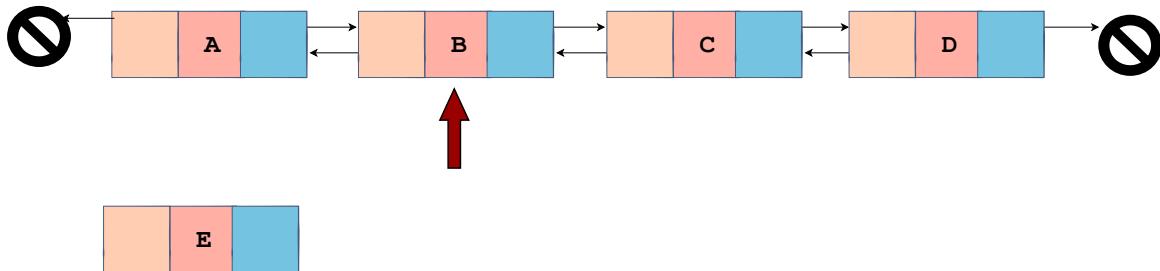
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Traverse the linked list node by node to find the node after which we have to insert the new node

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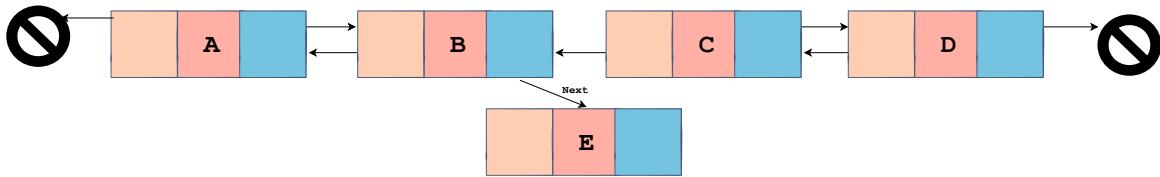
Doubly Linked List: Add Node After



Node found!

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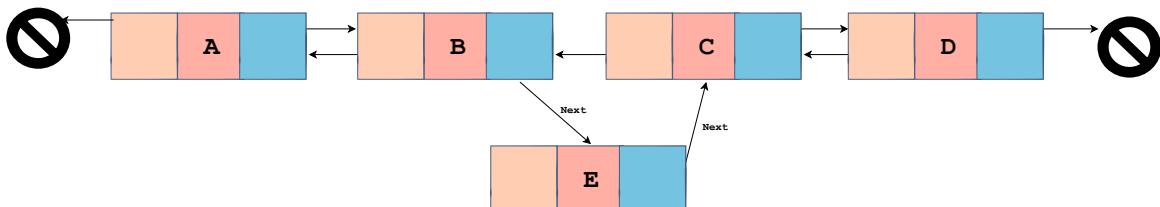
Doubly Linked List: Add Node After



Set next of Node B to Node E

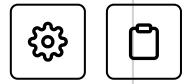
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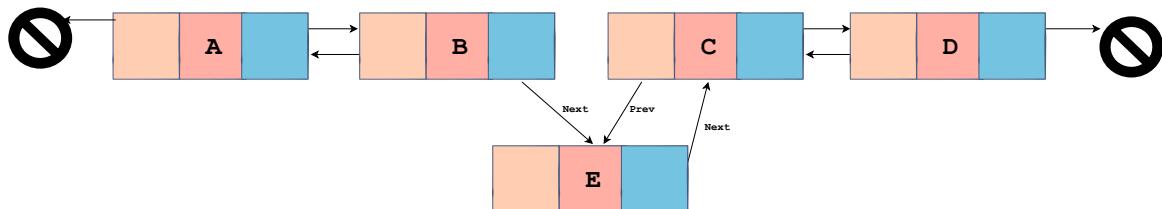


Set next of Node E to Node C

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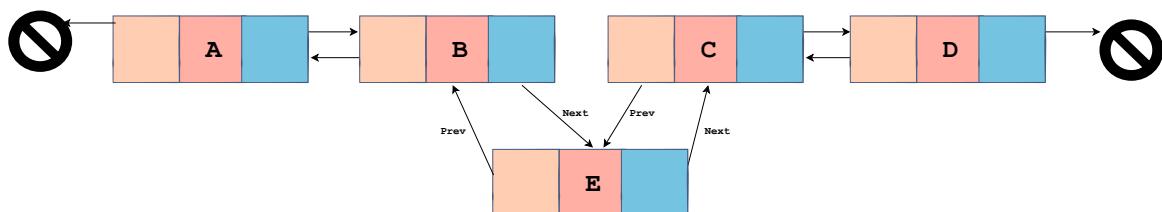
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Set prev of Node C to Node E

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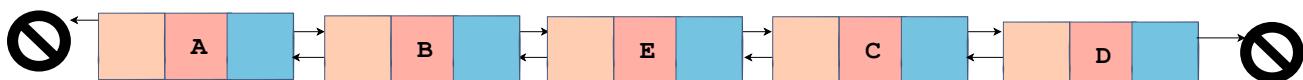
Doubly Linked List: Add Node After



Set prev of Node E to Node B

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Doubly Linked List: Add Node After



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Hope the slides above were useful for you to understand the algorithm that we are about to code in Python. Let's go ahead and check out the code below:

```
1 def add_after_node(self, key, data):
2     cur = self.head
3     while cur:
4         if cur.next is None and cur.data == key:
5             self.append(data)
6             return
7         elif cur.data == key:
8             new_node = Node(data)
9             nxt = cur.next
10            cur.next = new_node
11            new_node.next = nxt
12            new_node.prev = cur
13            nxt.prev = new_node
14            return
15        cur = cur.next
```

add_after_node(self, key, data)

key passed into add_after_node is the key of the node after which we have to insert the new node in the linked list while data is for the data component of the new node to be inserted.

On **line 2**, we set cur to self.head and proceed to the while loop on **line 3** which runs until cur is None. As we divided our algorithm for two cases, we have divided our code into conditions to cater to these two cases in the while loop. First, the conditions on **line 4** check if key matches the data of the last node of the linked list where cur.next will be None. If it does, then we call the append method to append the new node to the linked list and return on **line 6**.

On the other hand, the condition on **line 7** will handle the second case. If we find the node after which we have to insert the new node, and it is not the last node in the linked list, then execution jumps to **line 8**. new_node is created based on the data argument passed to the method. Next, we store

the next node of `cur` in a temporary variable `nxt` on **line 9**. As we have to insert `new_node` after `cur`, `cur.next` is set to `new_node` on **line 10**. On **line 11**, `new_node.next` is set to `nxt` which was previously the next node of `cur`. At this point, we have set all the next pointers, now let's update the previous pointers as we are dealing with a doubly linked list.

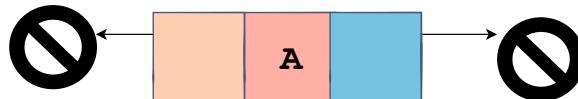
As we have inserted `new_node` after `cur`, the `prev` of `new_node` points to `cur` on **line 12**. `nxt` is the next node to the `new_node` so we update the `prev` of `nxt` to `new_node` on **line 13**. After this step, we return from the method on **line 14**. `cur` updates itself to `cur.next` outside the if conditions to help us traverse the linked list (**line 15**).

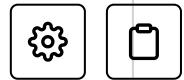
Add Node Before

Now let's discuss how to add nodes before a specified node. We will also divide this problem into two scenarios:

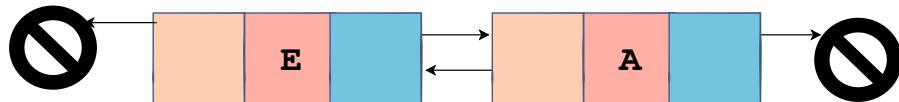
1. We have to insert a new node before the head node.

Doubly Linked List: Add Node Before





Doubly Linked List: Add Node Before



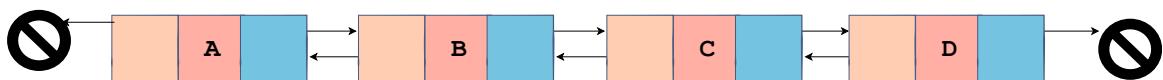
prepend method is called to insert Node E

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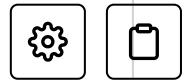
2. We have to insert a new node before a node that is NOT the head node.

Doubly Linked List: Add Node Before

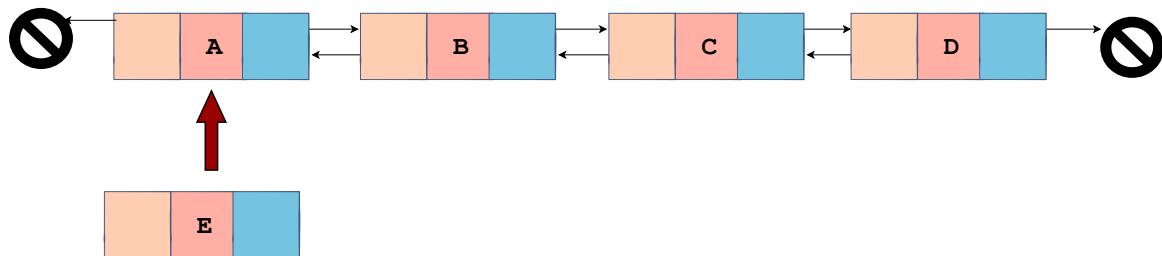


Add **Node E** before **Node B**

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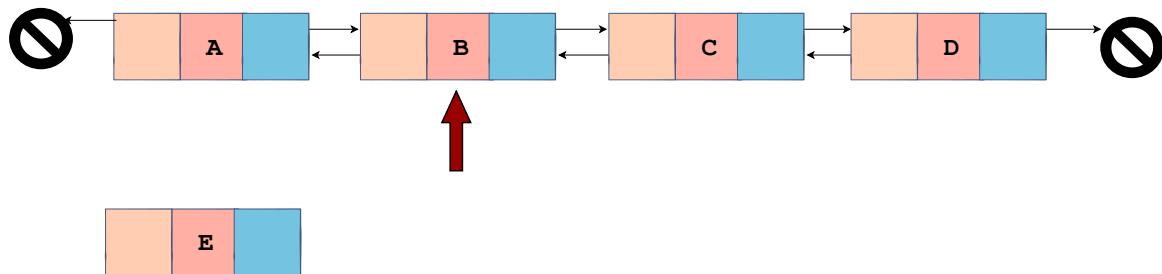
Doubly Linked List: Add Node Before



Traverse the linked list node by node to find the node before which we have to insert the new node

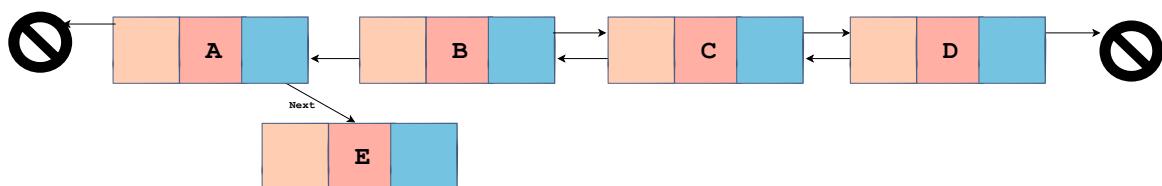
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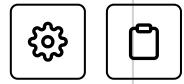
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Doubly Linked List: Add Node Before

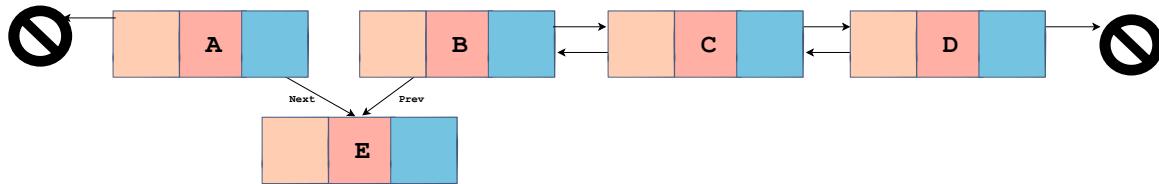


Set next of Node A to Node E

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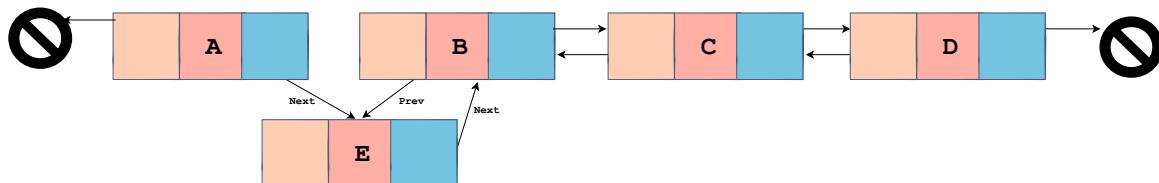
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Set prev of Node B to Node E

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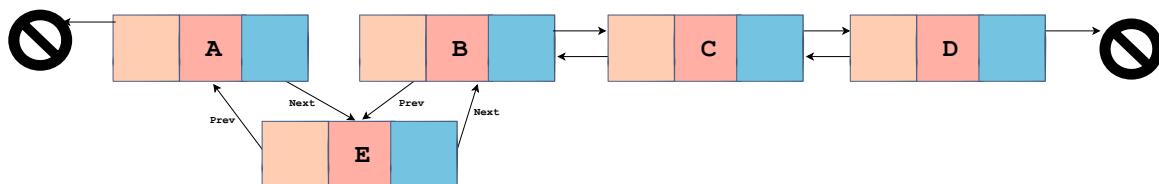
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Set next of Node E to Node B

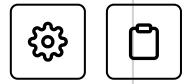
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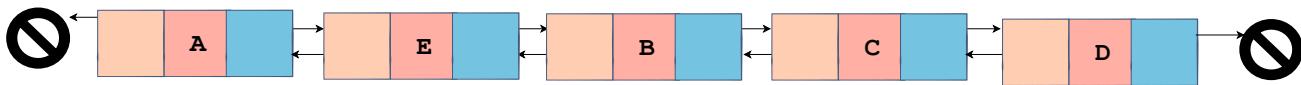


Set prev of Node E to Node A

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Doubly Linked List: Add Node Before



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Now let's jump to the programming part in Python:

```

1 def add_before_node(self, key, data):
2     cur = self.head
3     while cur:
4         if cur.prev is None and cur.data == key:
5             self.prepend(data)
6             return
7         elif cur.data == key:
8             new_node = Node(data)
9             prev = cur.prev
10            prev.next = new_node
11            cur.prev = new_node
12            new_node.next = cur
13            new_node.prev = prev
14            return
15        cur = cur.next

```



`add_before_node(self, key, data)`

The same arguments (`self, key, data`) have been passed to `add_before_node` method as were given to `add_after_node` method. `key` is the key of the node before which we will insert the new node that we will



create using data .

cur is initialized to self.head on **line 2**. Next, we have a while loop on **line 3** in which cur updates to cur.next (**line 15**) until cur becomes None . Now, we check whether or not the previous node of cur is None and whether if we want to insert our new node before cur . If true, then we call the prepend method that we implemented in the last lesson which will do the necessary steps to insert the new node before the head node, after which we return (**lines 5-6**). However, if we don't want to insert before the head node and find the node that we want to insert before (which is not the head node), the execution jumps to **line 8**. The first thing we do is create the new_node by passing in data to the constructor from the Node class. On **line 9**, we store the previous node of the current node in a temporary variable prev . Now we need to update all the pointers to make the insertion successful. So, on **line 10**, we update the next node of prev to be new_node and as we have to insert new_node before cur , we set cur.prev to new_node on **line 11**. Let's also update the previous and the next pointers of new_node . As new_node is before cur , the next of new_node points to cur (**line 12**) and as prev is the previous node to new_node now, new_node.prev points to prev on **line 13**. On **line 14**, we return from the method after we have successfully inserted the data .

That was all regarding the insertion of elements in a doubly linked list. We have a test case for you in the code widget below so that you can play around with all the insertion implementations:

```

60     new_node = Node(data)
61     prev = cur.prev
62     prev.next = new_node
63     cur.prev = new_node
64     new_node.next = cur
65     new_node.prev = prev
66     return
67     cur = cur.next
68
69 def print_list(self):
70     cur = self.head

```

```
70     cur = self.head
71     while cur:
72         print(cur.data)
73         cur = cur.next
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75
76 dllist = DoublyLinkedList()
77
78 dllist.prepend(0)
79 dllist.append(1)
80 dllist.append(2)
81 dllist.append(3)
82 dllist.append(4)
83 dllist.prepend(5)
84 dllist.add_after_node(3,6)
85 dllist.add_before_node(4,9)
86
87 dllist.print_list()
```



Output

0.19s

```
5
0
1
2
3
6
9
4
```

So far, we have covered many different methods to insert elements in a doubly linked list. Let's learn how to remove elements from a doubly linked list in the next lesson.

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Delete Node

In this lesson, you will learn how to remove a node from a doubly linked list.

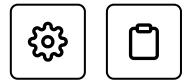
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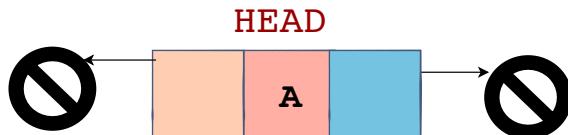
In this lesson, we consider how to delete, or, remove nodes from a doubly linked list. Once we cover the concept of how to perform this action, we follow through with a Python implementation.

We will analyze the entire implementation step by step in four parts. The following are the different cases that we can encounter while deleting a node from a doubly linked list.



Case 1: Deleting the only node present

Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 1



Delete Node A

Case 1 is where we want to delete the only node present in the linked list. As it is the single node in the linked list, then it is the head node as well. The `prev` and `next` pointer of such a node point to `None` which makes it a special case. Let's look at the implementation for this case below.

Implementation

```

1 def delete(self, key):
2     cur = self.head
3     while cur:
4         if cur.data == key and cur == self.he
5             # Case 1:
6             if not cur.next:
7                 cur = None
8                 self.head = None
9                 return
10            cur = cur.next

```

`delete(self, key)`

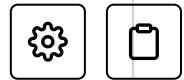
Explanation

The method takes in `key` which is the key of the node to be deleted. On **line 2**, we set `cur` to `self.head` and proceed to the `while` loop on **line 3** which will run until `cur` is `None`. The execution will jump to **line 6** if the conditions on **line 4** evaluate to `True` i.e., `cur.data` is equal to `key` and the current node is also the head node. Now at this point, we have met most of the conditions for *Case 1*, and we have to do a final check. Therefore, on **line 6**, we check if the next node of `cur` is `None` or not. This will confirm if it's the only node in the linked list. If it is the only node in the linked list, then `cur` has met the criteria for the type of node mentioned in *Case 1*. As a result, we set `cur` and `self.head` to `None` (**lines 7-8**) and return from the method after successfully deleting the specified node and making the linked list empty.

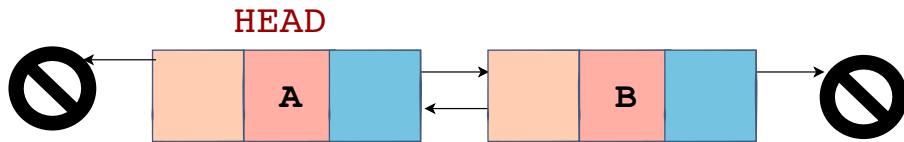
On **line 10**, we update `cur` to `cur.next` to traverse the linked list using the `while` loop.

Case 2: Deleting Head node

Now let's have a look at another case:



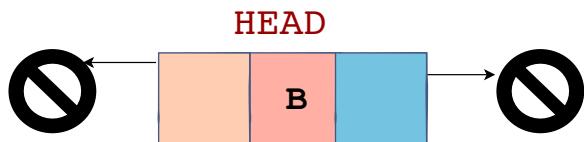
Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 2



Delete Node A

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Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 2



Delete Node A

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Case 2 refers to deleting the head node as in *case 1*, but now the node to be deleted is not the only node in the linked list. The head node points to another node which should replace the head node after the deletion. Let's see how we handle the second case in Python.



Implementation

```
1 def delete(self, key):
2     cur = self.head
3     while cur:
4         if cur.data == key and cur == self.head:
5             # Case 1:
6             if not cur.next:
7                 cur = None
8                 self.head = None
9                 return
10
11            # Case 2:
12            else:
13                nxt = cur.next
14                cur.next = None
15                nxt.prev = None
16                cur = None
17                self.head = nxt
18                return
19            cur = cur.next
```

delete(self, key)

Explanation

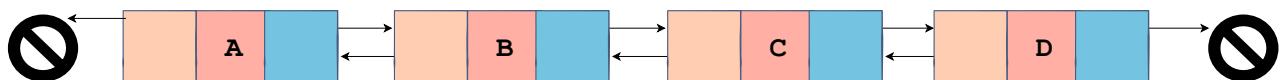
Just like in *Case 1*, the condition on **line 4** checks for the case when the node to be deleted is the head node. As explained before, the condition on **line 6** checks if `cur` is the only node in the linked list which is a criterion for *Case 1*. If `cur.next` is not `None`, it implies that `cur` is not the only node in the linked list and the execution jumps to the `else` part (**line 12**). On **line 13**, we save the next node of `cur` in a variable named `nxt`. Now `cur` needs to be deleted, so we set `cur.next` to `None` on **line 14**. After the deletion, `nxt` will be the new head as we are deleting the current head. Therefore, we set `nxt.prev` to `None` (**line 15**) instead of `cur`, which is set to `None` in the next line. Finally, we make `nxt` the head node by setting `self.head` to `nxt` on



line 17 and return from the method in the very next line. In the code above, we have successfully deleted the head node and made the next node of the deleted head node the new head node.

Case 3: Deleting node other than head where `cur.next` is not `None`

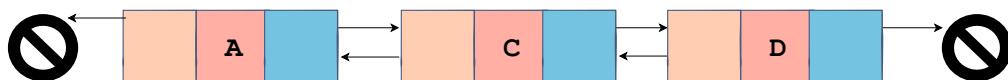
Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 3



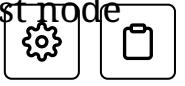
Delete Node B

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Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 3



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In this case, we will code for a node that is not the head node or the last node but is located somewhere in between the two nodes in the linked list.

Implementation

Have a look at the code below:

```
4     if cur.data == key and cur == self.head:
5         # Case 1:
6         if not cur.next:
7             cur = None
8             self.head = None
9             return
10
11        # Case 2:
12        else:
13            nxt = cur.next
14            cur.next = None
15            nxt.prev = None
16            cur = None
17            self.head = nxt
18            return
19
20    elif cur.data == key:
21        # Case 3:
22        if cur.next:
23            nxt = cur.next
24            prev = cur.prev
25            prev.next = nxt
26            nxt.prev = prev
27            cur.next = None
28            cur.prev = None
29            cur = None
30            return
31        cur = cur.next
```

delete(self, key)

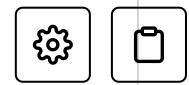
Explanation



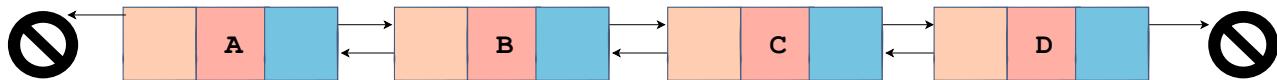
For the explanation, we'll only focus on the code between **line 20** and **line 30** inclusive. The condition on **line 20** will evaluate to True if `cur.data` in any iteration of the `while` loop becomes equal to the key of the node to be deleted. If `cur` is the head node, execution jumps to **line 6** but if it's not the head node, execution jumps to **line 22**. Here, we check whether `cur` is the last node in the linked list or not. If it is not, then `cur` perfectly matches the description for *Case 3*. From **line 23** onwards comes the deletion part where we remove `cur` and make the previous node of `cur` point to the next node of `cur` and vice versa. We save the next and the previous nodes of `cur` in the variables `nxt` and `prev` (**lines 23-24**). To remove `cur` in-between `prev` and `next`, we set `prev.next` to `nxt` (**line 25**) which was previously set to `cur`, and `nxt.prev` updates to `prev` from `cur` on **line 26**. On **lines 27-29**, we set `cur`, `cur.next`, and `cur.prev` to `None` to remove `cur` completely and then return from the method on **line 30**.

Case 4: Deleting node other than head where `cur.next` is `None`

Finally, we have come to the last case where we are deleting a node that is not the head node and where the next node points to `None`. This is essentially the last node in the doubly linked list.

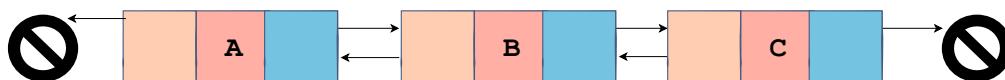


Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 4



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Doubly Linked List: Delete Node -- Case 4



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Implementation

Let's look at the Python implementation for the case illustrated above:

```

12     else:
13         nxt = cur.next
14         cur.next = None
15         nxt.prev = None
16         cur = None
17         self.head = nxt
    
```





```
18         return
19
20     elif cur.data == key:
21         # Case 3:
22         if cur.next:
23             nxt = cur.next
24             prev = cur.prev
25             prev.next = nxt
26             nxt.prev = prev
27             cur.next = None
28             cur.prev = None
29             cur = None
30             return
31
32         # Case 4:
33     else:
34         prev = cur.prev
35         prev.next = None
36         cur.prev = None
37         cur = None
38         return
39     cur = cur.next
```

```
delete(self, key)
```

Explanation

This case is pretty straightforward, and we jump to its code on **lines 33-38** if the following conditions are met in any iteration of the `while` loop:

- `cur.data` is equal to `key`
- `cur` is not equal to `self.head`
- `cur.next` is not `None`

In this case, we need to care about the previous node of `cur` which will be the new last node and will now point to `None` instead of `cur`. Therefore, we set `prev` equal to `cur.prev` on **line 34** and then set its `next` to `None` on **line 35**. In the next lines (**lines 36-37**), we just set `cur.prev` and `cur` equal to `None` to remove them out of the linked list and return from the method on **line 38**.

That was all about deleting a node in the doubly linked list. I hope you were able to understand the implementation and explanation for each case.



In the code widget below, we test the `delete` method with a sample test case. Go ahead and play around with the implementation!

```
97         nxt.prev = prev
98         cur.next = None
99         cur.prev = None
100        cur = None
101        return
102
103        # Case 4:
104        else:
105            prev = cur.prev
106            prev.next = None
107            cur.prev = None
108            cur = None
109            return
110        cur = cur.next
111
112
113 dllist = DoublyLinkedList()
114 dllist.append(1)
115 dllist.append(2)
116 dllist.append(3)
117 dllist.append(4)
118
119 dllist.delete(1)
120 dllist.delete(6)
121 dllist.delete(4)
122
123 dllist.delete(3)
124 dllist.print_list()
```



Output

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In the next lesson, we'll have a look at how to reverse a doubly linked list.



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Reverse

In this lesson, you will learn how to reverse a doubly linked list.

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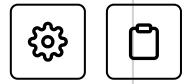


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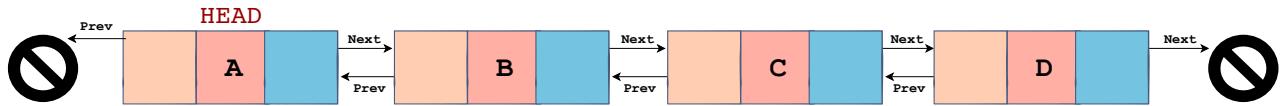
In this lesson, we consider how to reverse the nodes in a doubly linked list. Once we cover the concept of how to perform this action, we follow through with a Python implementation.

Algorithm

To reverse a doubly linked list, we need to switch the next and the previous pointers of every node. Also, we need to switch the last node with the head node of the linked list. Check out the illustration below for more clarity:

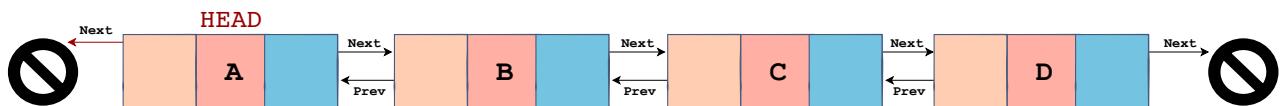


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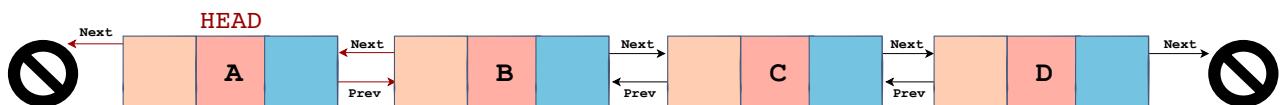
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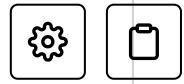


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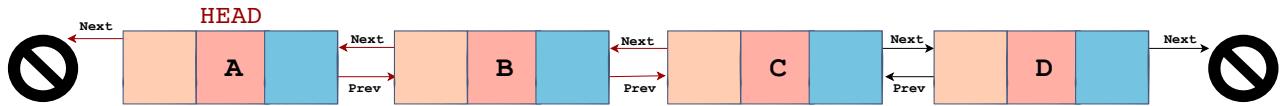
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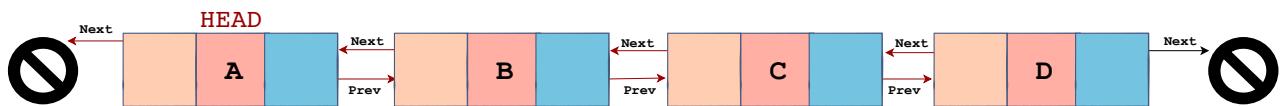


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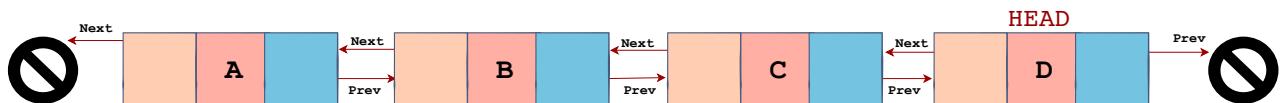
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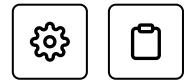


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As we traverse the linked list, we swap the previous pointer with the next pointer and eventually, we make the last node of the original linked list the head node of the reversed linked list.

Implementation

Now let's go ahead and see how this algorithm is implemented in Python:

```
1 def reverse(self):
2     tmp = None
3     cur = self.head
4     while cur:
5         tmp = cur.prev
6         cur.prev = cur.next
7         cur.next = tmp
8         cur = cur.prev
9     if tmp:
10        self.head = tmp.prev
```

reverse(self)

Explanation

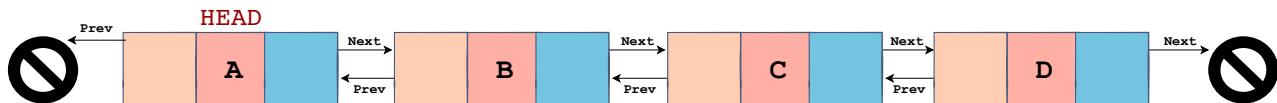
On **lines 2-3**, `tmp` and `cur` is set to `None` and `self.head`, respectively. In the `while` loop on **line 4**, which terminates when `cur` equals `None`, we swap the next and the previous pointers of `cur`. To swap, we first save the value of `cur.prev` in a temporary variable, `tmp`, on **line 5**. Next, we update `cur.prev` to `cur.next` on **line 6** while `cur.next` is set to `tmp` on **line 7**. `tmp` has the value of `cur.prev` stored before the update on **line 6**. This is pretty much the standard way of swapping the values of two variables in programming.



Now as the swap has taken place, instead of updating `cur` to `cur.next`, we update `cur` to `cur.prev` to iterate to the next node in the original linked list (**line 8**). When the `while` loop terminates, we are almost done with the reversal except for setting the new head of the reverse linked list. Hence, on **lines 9-10**, we check if `tmp` is not `None` and if it is not, we set `self.head` to `tmp.prev` where `tmp.prev` is the last node in the linked list.

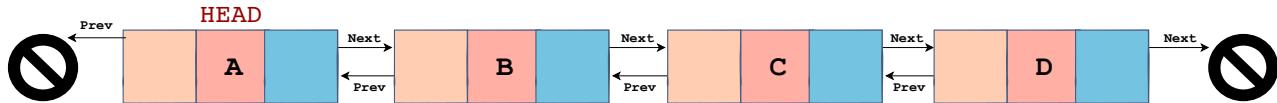
Now the above code is tough to visualize, so we have some illustrations for you to go through and visualize what's happening.

Doubly Linked List: Reverse



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Doubly Linked List: Reverse

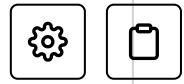


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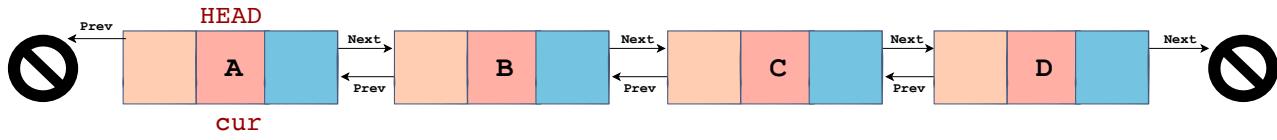
→ tmp = None
      cur = self.head
      while cur:
          tmp = cur.prev
          cur.prev = cur.next
          cur.next = tmp
          cur = cur.prev
      if tmp:
          self.head = tmp.prev
  
```

`tmp = None`

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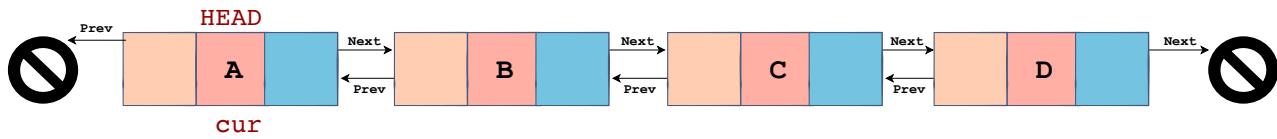


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tmp = None
cur = self.head
while cur:
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if tmp:
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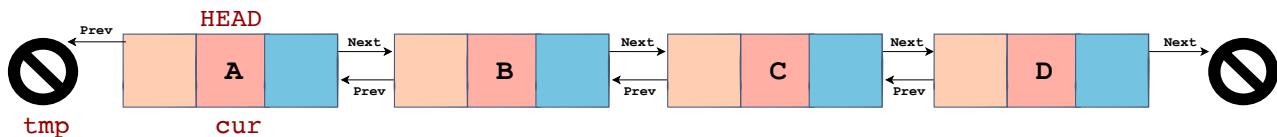


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if tmp:
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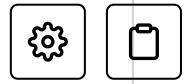
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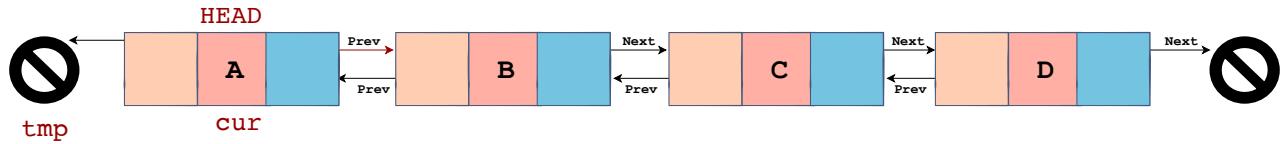
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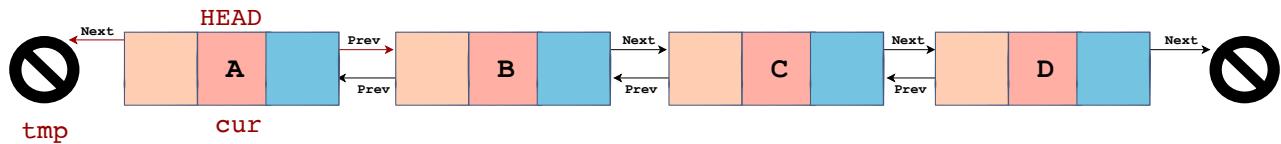
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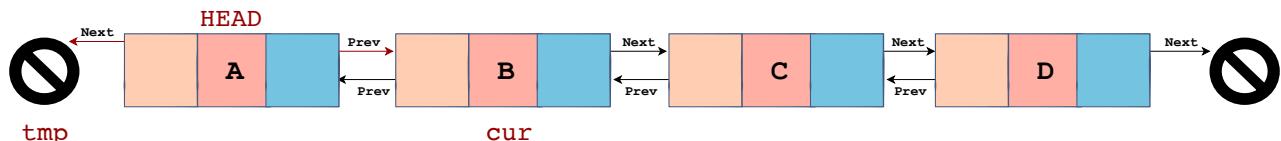
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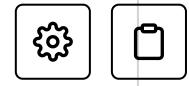


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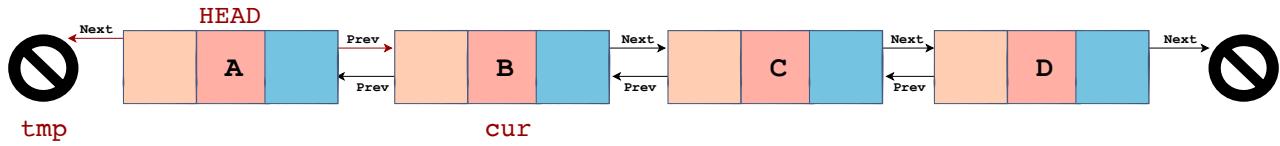
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if tmp:
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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



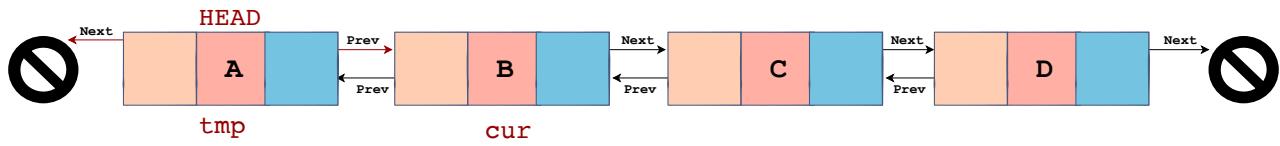
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while cur:
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if tmp:
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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



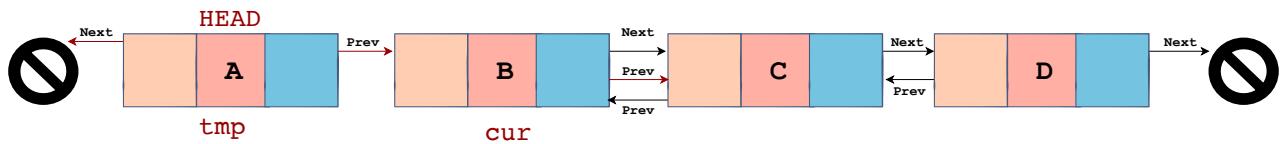
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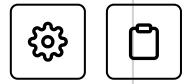


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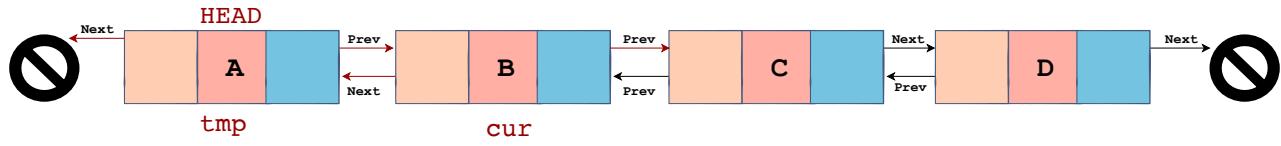
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if tmp:
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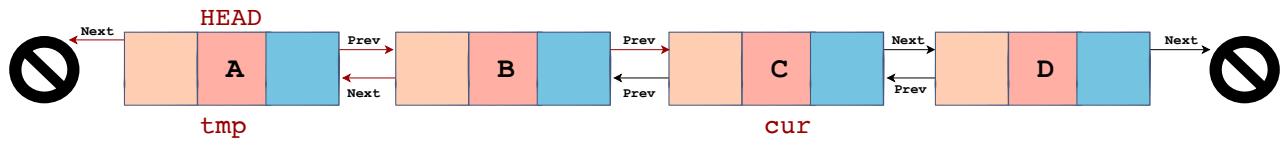
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if tmp:
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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



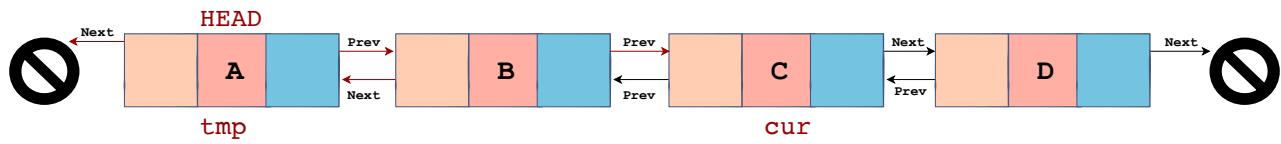
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Doubly Linked List: Reverse

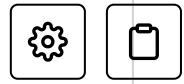


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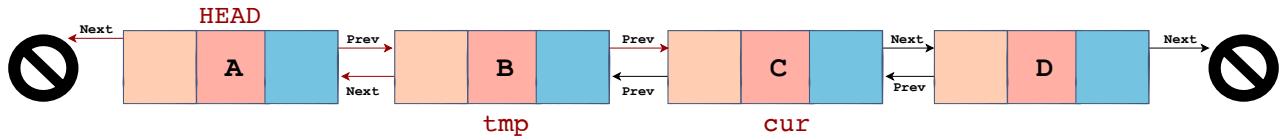
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while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
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    cur.next = tmp
    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



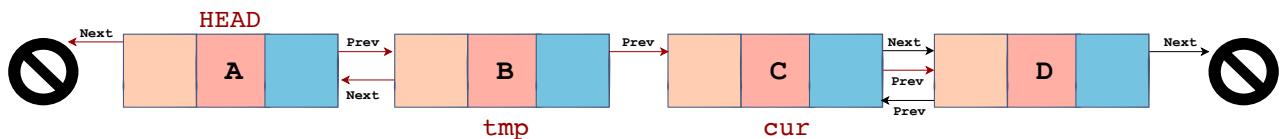
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tmp = None
cur = self.head
while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
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if tmp:
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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



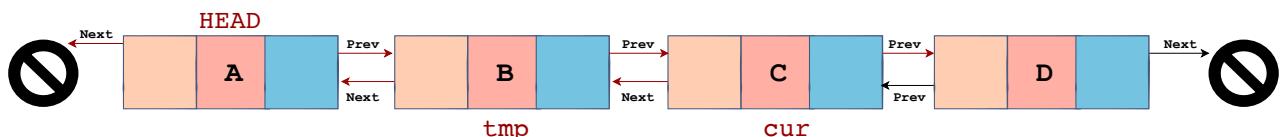
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tmp = None
cur = self.head
while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
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    cur.next = tmp
    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse

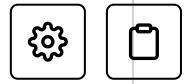


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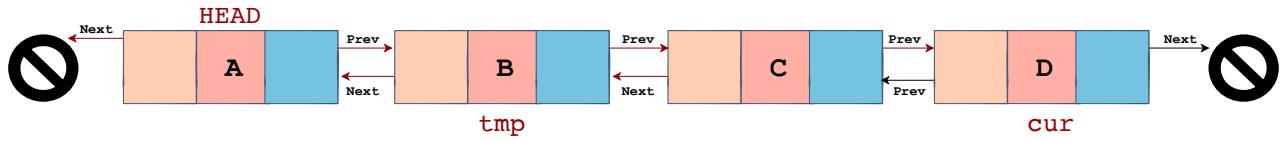
tmp = None
cur = self.head
while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
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    cur.next = tmp
    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



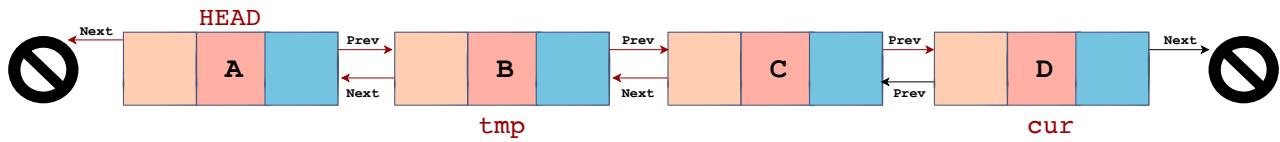
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while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
    cur.prev = cur.next
    cur.next = tmp
    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



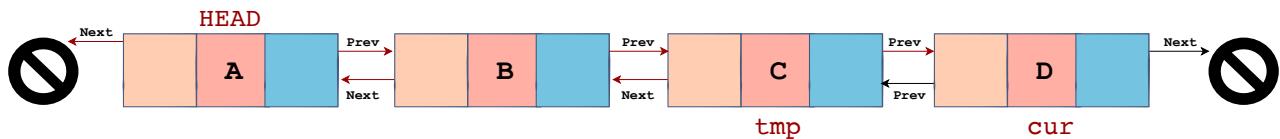
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```

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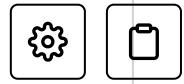


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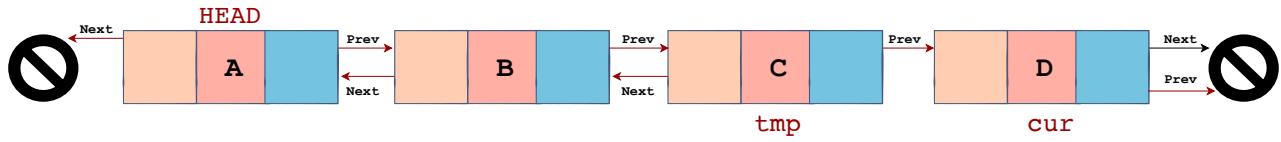
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```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



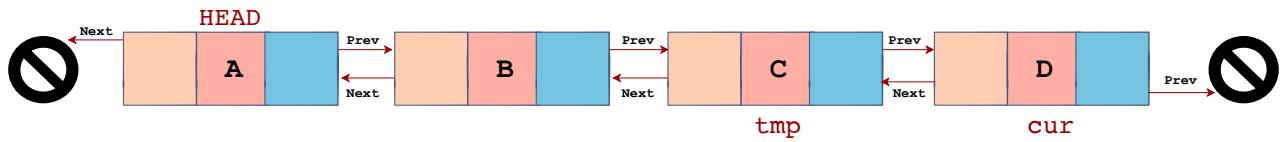
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```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



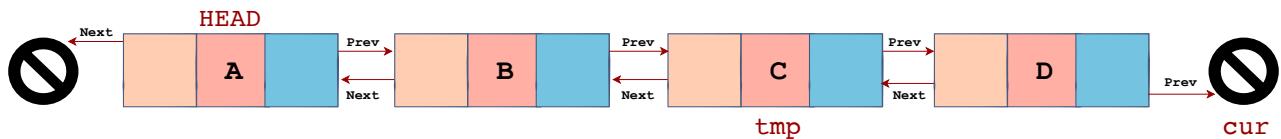
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tmp = None
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while cur:
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    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse

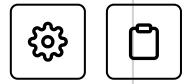


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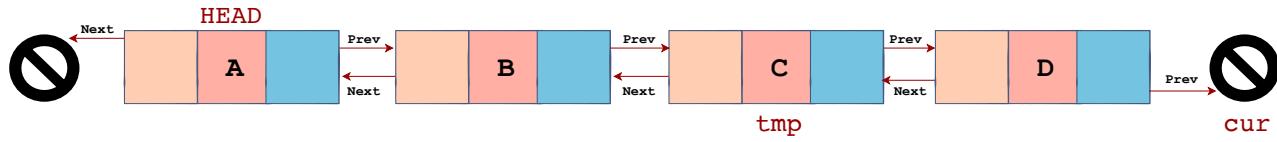
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```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



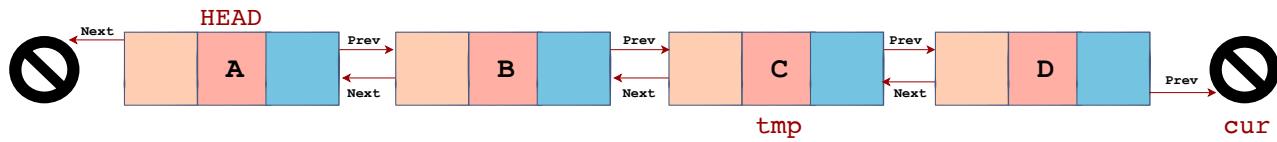
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while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
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    cur.next = tmp
    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse



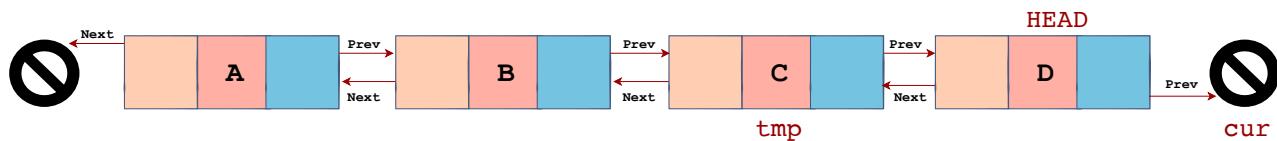
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```

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Doubly Linked List: Reverse

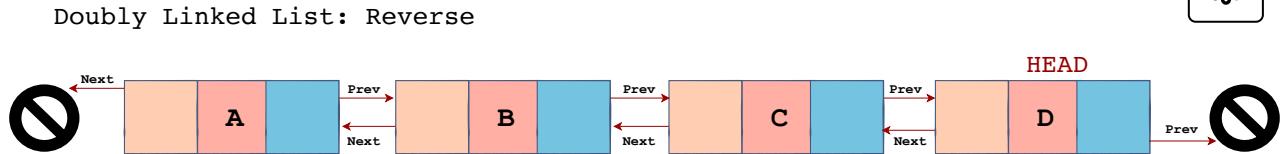
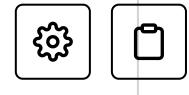


```

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while cur:
    tmp = cur.prev
    cur.prev = cur.next
    cur.next = tmp
    cur = cur.prev
if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

```

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In the code widget below, we reverse a doubly-linked list. Go ahead and modify the test cases with your own, so you get hands-on practice with our implementation.

```

102
103         # Case 4:
104     else:
105         prev = cur.prev
106         prev.next = None
107         cur.prev = None
108         cur = None
109         return
110     cur = cur.next
111
112 def reverse(self):
113     tmp = None
114     cur = self.head
115     while cur:
116         tmp = cur.prev
117         cur.prev = cur.next
118         cur.next = tmp
119         cur = cur.prev
120     if tmp:
121         self.head = tmp.prev
122
123 dllist=DoublyLinkedList()

```

```
--> 124 dllist.append(1)
125 dllist.append(2)
126 dllist.append(3)
127 dllist.append(4)
128 dllist.reverse()
129 dllist.print_list()
```



Output

0.14s

```
4
3
2
1
```

I hope everything has been clear up until now. Now it's time for some challenges! See you in the next lesson.

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Delete Node

Exercise: Remove Duplicates

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Exercise: Remove Duplicates

Challenge yourself with an exercise in which you'll have to remove duplicates from a doubly linked list.

We'll cover the following

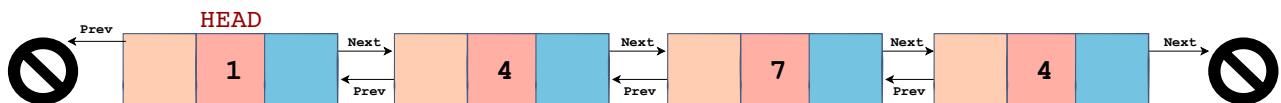


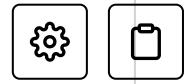
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- Coding Time!

Problem

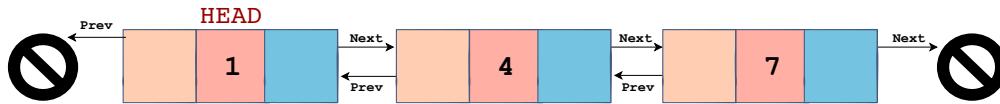
In this exercise, you are required to remove the duplicates from a doubly linked list.

Doubly Linked List: Remove Duplicates





Doubly Linked List: Remove Duplicates



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In the exercise widget, the `delete_node` method has been given to you. It is a slight modification of the `delete` method we covered in one of the previous lessons. You have to figure out the modification yourself. The hint is to recall the `remove_duplicates` lesson from one of the previous chapters.

Coding Time!

In the code below, the `remove_duplicates` is a class method of the `DoublyLinkedList` class. You cannot see the rest of the code as it is hidden. As `remove_duplicates` is a class method, please make sure that you don't change the indentation of the code provided to you. You are required to write your solution under the method prototype.

For this exercise, you are not required to return anything. Just remove the duplicates from the linked list using the `delete_node` method.

Good luck!

```

1  ...def remove_duplicates(self):
2      ...pass
3
  
```





```
4 def delete_node(self, node):
5     cur = self.head
6     while cur:
7         if cur == node and cur == self.head:
8             # Case 1:
9             if not cur.next:
10                 cur = None
11                 self.head = None
12                 return
13
14             # Case 2:
15             else:
16                 nxt = cur.next
17                 cur.next = None
18                 nxt.prev = None
19                 cur = None
20                 self.head = nxt
21                 return
22
23         elif cur == node:
24             # Case 3:
25             if cur.next:
26                 nxt = cur.next
27                 prev = cur.prev
28                 prev.next = nxt
```



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Reverse

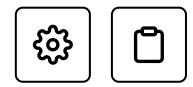
Solution Review: Remove Duplicates

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Solution Review: Remove Duplicates

This lesson contains the solution review for the challenge of removing duplicates from a doubly linked list.

We'll cover the following



- Implementation
- Explanation

In this lesson, we consider how to remove duplicates from a doubly linked list.

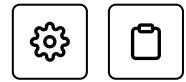
Implementation

Check out the code below:

```
1 def remove_duplicates(self):
2     cur = self.head
3     seen = dict()
4     while cur:
5         if cur.data not in seen:
6             seen[cur.data] = 1
7             cur = cur.next
8         else:
9             nxt = cur.next
10            self.delete_node(cur)
11            cur = nxt
```



remove_duplicates(self)



Explanation

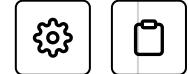
In the method `remove_duplicates`, we will keep track of the duplicates using a Python dictionary which we declare on **line 3**. `cur` is set to `self.head` on **line 2** to help us traverse the linked list using the `while` loop on **line 4**.

In the `while` loop, we have to keep track of the number of times we encounter a data element. Therefore, if `cur.data` is not present in `seen`, we set the value of the key `cur.data` to 1 on **line 6** to indicate that we have encountered it once while traversing the linked list. In the next line, we update `cur` to `cur.next` to iterate to the next node.

On the other hand, if `cur.data` is present in `seen`, we jump to the `else` portion on **line 8**. This implies that `cur` in the current iteration has already been encountered in the previous iterations and is present in `seen`. On **line 9**, we save the next node of `cur` in `nxt` to keep with the traversal after we remove the duplicate node. We call the class method `self.delete_node(cur)` to delete the duplicate node on **line 10** and then set `cur` to `nxt` for the next iteration on **line 11**.

Now let's discuss the `delete_node` method. You can see the modifications through the highlighted lines in the code snippet below. Instead of matching `key` with `cur.data`, we are comparing the entire `node` passed into the method with `cur`.

```
12     else:
13         nxt = cur.next
14         cur.next = None
15         nxt.prev = None
16         cur = None
17         self.head = nxt
18         return
19
20     elif cur == node:
21         # Case 3:
22         if cur.next:
```



```
11     if cur.next:
12         nxt = cur.next
13         prev = cur.prev
14         prev.next = nxt
15         nxt.prev = prev
16         cur.next = None
17         cur.prev = None
18         cur = None
19         return
20
21
22     # Case 4:
23     else:
24         prev = cur.prev
25         prev.next = None
26         cur.prev = None
27         cur = None
28         return
29
30     cur = cur.next
```

```
delete_node(self, node)
```

In the code widget below, we have the entire implementation of `DoublyLinkedList` that we have learned so far in this chapter. Go ahead and explore it yourself!

```
163     def remove_duplicates(self):
164         cur = self.head
165         seen = dict()
166         while cur:
167             if cur.data not in seen:
168                 seen[cur.data] = 1
169                 cur = cur.next
170             else:
171                 nxt = cur.next
172                 self.delete_node(cur)
173                 cur = nxt
174
175
176     dllist = DoublyLinkedList()
177     dllist.append(8)
178     dllist.append(4)
179     dllist.append(4)
180     dllist.append(6)
181     dllist.append(4)
182     dllist.append(8)
```



```
183 dllist.append(4)
184 dllist.append(10)
185 dllist.append(12)
186 dllist.append(12)
187
188
189 dllist.remove_duplicates()
190 dllist.print_list()
```



Output

0.19s

```
8
4
6
10
12
```

Hope you had fun with this lesson! Now brace yourself for another challenge in the next lesson. All the best!

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Exercise: Pairs with Sums

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Exercise: Pairs with Sums

Challenge yourself with an exercise in which you'll have to find pairs from a doubly linked list which sum to some number.

We'll cover the following



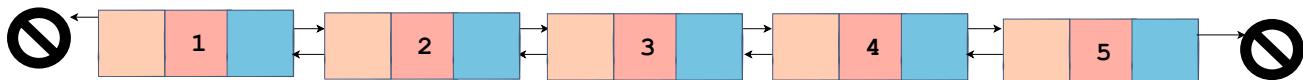
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Problem

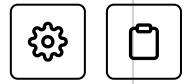
In this exercise, you are required to find pairs from a doubly linked list which sum to a specified number.

An example is illustrated for you below.

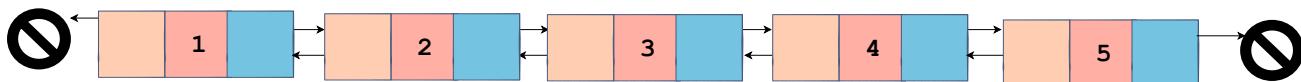
Doubly Linked List: Pairs with Sums



Find pairs which sum up to 5.



Doubly Linked List: Pairs with Sums



(1, 4) (2, 3)

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Coding Time!

In the code below, `pairs_with_sum` is a class method of the `DoublyLinkedList` class. You cannot see the rest of the code as it is hidden. As `pairs_with_sum` is a class method, please make sure that you don't change the indentation of the code provided to you. You are required to write your solution under the function prototype.

The pairs from `pairs_with_sum` have to follow this condition; for a pair (a, b) , a should come before b in the doubly linked list while it is traversed from the head node.

For this exercise, you are required to return a **Python list** containing the pairs as string types in the following format:

(a, b)

For example, the pairs for the linked list shown in the illustration are as follows:

[{"(1,4)", "(2,3)"}]



Failure to return the answers in the required format will fail the test cases.

Good luck!

```

1  def pairs_with_sum(self, sum_val):
2      cur = self.head
3      pairs = []
4      while cur:
5          tmp = cur.next
6          while tmp:
7              if cur.data + tmp.data == sum_val:
8                  pairs.append("(" + str(cur.data)
9                  break
10             tmp = tmp.next
11         cur = cur.next
12     return pairs

```



Show Results

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0.14s

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Result	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Reason
	pairs_with_sum(1->2->3->4->5,sum_val=5)	['(1,4)', '(2,3)']	['(1,4)', '(2,3)']	Succeeded
	pairs_with_sum(5->4->3->2->1,sum_val=5)	['(4,1)', '(3,2)']	['(4,1)', '(3,2)']	Succeeded
	pairs_with_sum(1->2->3->4->5,sum_val=0)	[]	[]	Succeeded
	pairs_with_sum(2->4->6->8->10,sum_val=14)	['(4,10)', '(6,8)']	['(4,10)', '(6,8)']	Succeeded

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✓	pairs_with_sum(,sum_val=0)	[]	[]	Succeeded	

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Solution Review: Pairs with Sums

This lesson contains the solution review for the challenge of finding pairs in a doubly linked list which sum up to the given number.

We'll cover the following



- Implementation
- Explanation

Here is an overview of our solution to finding a pair of nodes in a doubly linked list that sums up to a specific number.

Implementation

Here is the coding solution in Python for the previous challenge:

```
1 def pairs_with_sum(self, sum_val):
2     pairs = list()
3     p = self.head
4     q = None
5     while p:
6         q = p.next
7         while q:
8             if p.data + q.data == sum_val:
9                 pairs.append("(" + str(p.data) + "," + str(q.data) + ")")
10            q = q.next
11        p = p.next
12    return pairs
```



Explanation



On **line 2**, `pairs` is initialized to an empty Python list. In the next lines (**lines 3-4**), `p` and `q` are set equal to `self.head` and `None` respectively. We will use both these pointers (`p` and `q`) to make pairs out of the doubly linked list by using two `while` loops afterward.

The outer `while` loop on **line 5** will run until `p` becomes equal to `None` while the inner loop on **line 7** will run for every iteration of the outer loop until `q` becomes `None`.

On **line 6**, we set `q` equal to `p.next` as we have to start pairing nodes from the next node of the current node as we would already have checked the pairing with all previous nodes. Then we'll check if the sum of `p.data` and `q.data` equals `sum_value` or not on **line 8**. If it is, then we append `p.data` and `q.data` to the list we declared at the beginning of the `pairs_with_sum` method. If it does not, we move on to the next node of `q` by updating `q` to `q.next` on **line 10**. In each iteration of the inner loop, we pair the data of `p` with all the data of the nodes after `p` using `q` and then check each of these pairs to see if they sum up to `sum_value`. This process is repeated for every node in the linked list as `p` updates to `p.next` on **line 11** in the outer `while` loop. After the outer loop terminates, `pairs` is returned from the method on **line 12**.

You can play around with all the methods that we have implemented for the `DoublyLinkedList` class in the code widget provided below.

```

169         cur = cur.next
170     else:
171         nxt = cur.next
172         self.delete_node(cur)
173         cur = nxt
174
175     def pairs_with_sum(self, sum_val):
176         pairs = list()
177         p = self.head
178         q = None
179         while p:
180             q = p.next
181             while q:
182                 if p.data + q.data == sum_val:
183                     pairs.append([p.data, q.data])
184                 q = q.next
185             p = p.next
186         return pairs

```

```

181     while q:
182         if p.data + q.data == sum_val:
183             pairs.append("(" + str(p.data) + "," +
184             q = q.next
185             p = p.next
186     return pairs
187
188
189 dllist = DoublyLinkedList()
190 dllist.append(1)
191 dllist.append(2)
192 dllist.append(3)
193 dllist.append(4)
194 dllist.append(5)
195
196 print(dllist.pairs_with_sum(5))

```



Output

0.16s

['(1,4)', '(2,3)']

Now this lesson marks an end to the content on linked lists. Get ready to solve problems using another data structure in the next chapter!

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