

# Linked List Cycle II

Try to solve the Linked List Cycle II problem.

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## Statement

Given the head of a linked list, return the node where the cycle begins. If there is no cycle, return  $-1$ .

A cycle exists 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 node's index to which the tail's next pointer is connected.

### Constraints:

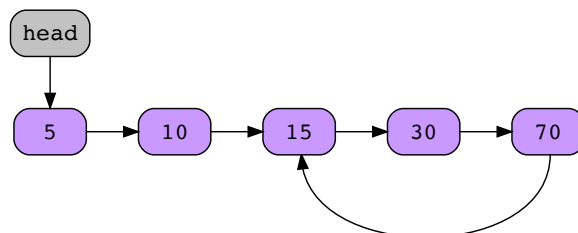
- The number of the nodes in the list is in the range  $[0, 10^4]$ .
- $-10^5 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 10^5$
- `pos` is  $-1$  or a valid index in the linked list.

**Note:** The `pos` parameter isn't passed as a parameter.

## Examples

### Sample example 1

#### Input

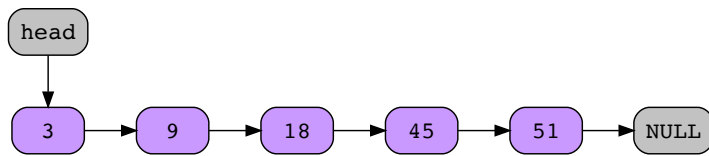


#### Output

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### Sample example 2

### Input



### Output

-1

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## Understand the problem

Let's take a moment to make sure you've correctly understood the problem. The quiz below helps you check if you're solving the correct problem:

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What is the output if the following linked list is given as input?

Linked List = 23 → 11 → 67 → 89 → 18 → 57 → 41

pos = 3

A) 1

B) 2

C) 3

D) -1

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Try it yourself

Implement your solution in the following coding playground:

Java

CycleDetection.java

LinkedList.java

LinkedListNode.java

```
1 import java.util.*;
2 public class CycleDetection{
3     public static LinkedListNode detectCycle(LinkedListNode head)
4         // Write your code here
5
6     return head;
7 }
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Test Cases

Results

Case 1

Case 2

Case 3

Input #1

[2,4,6,8,10]

Input #2

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