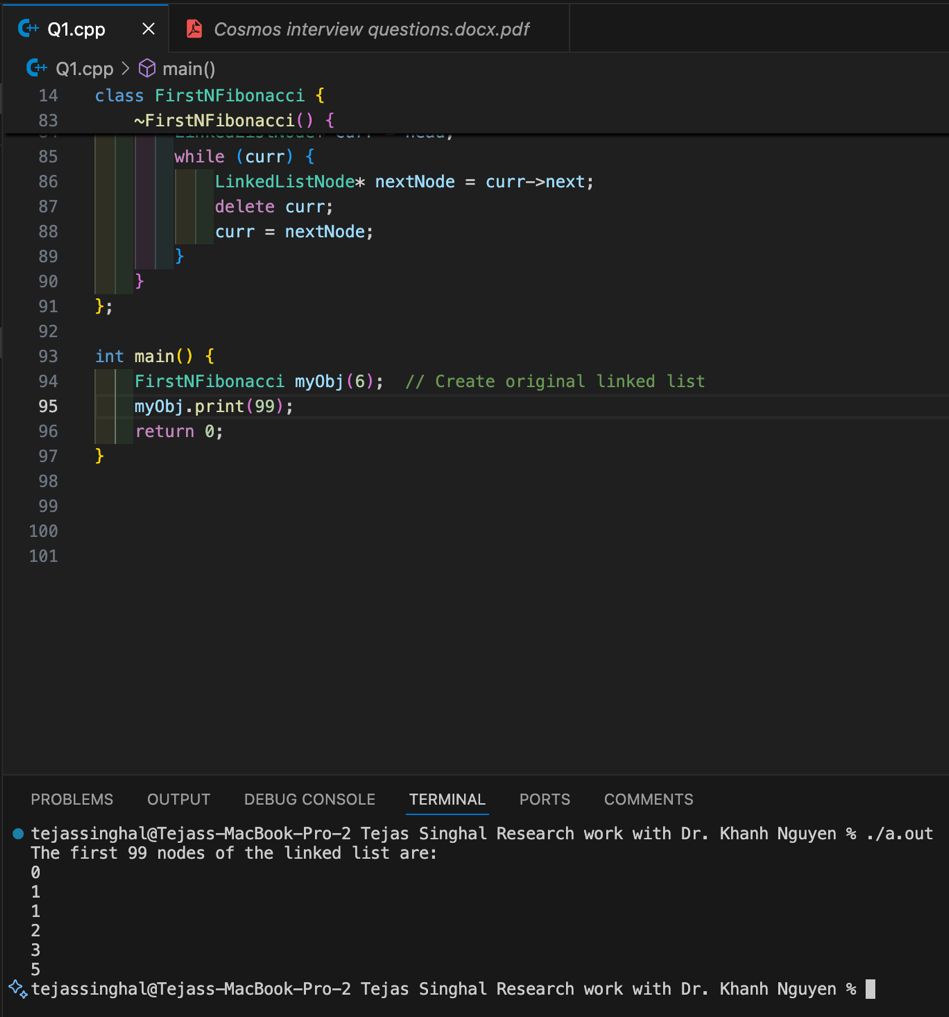
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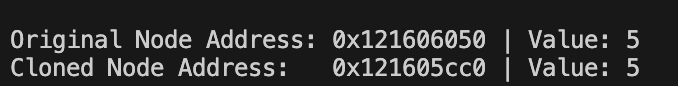
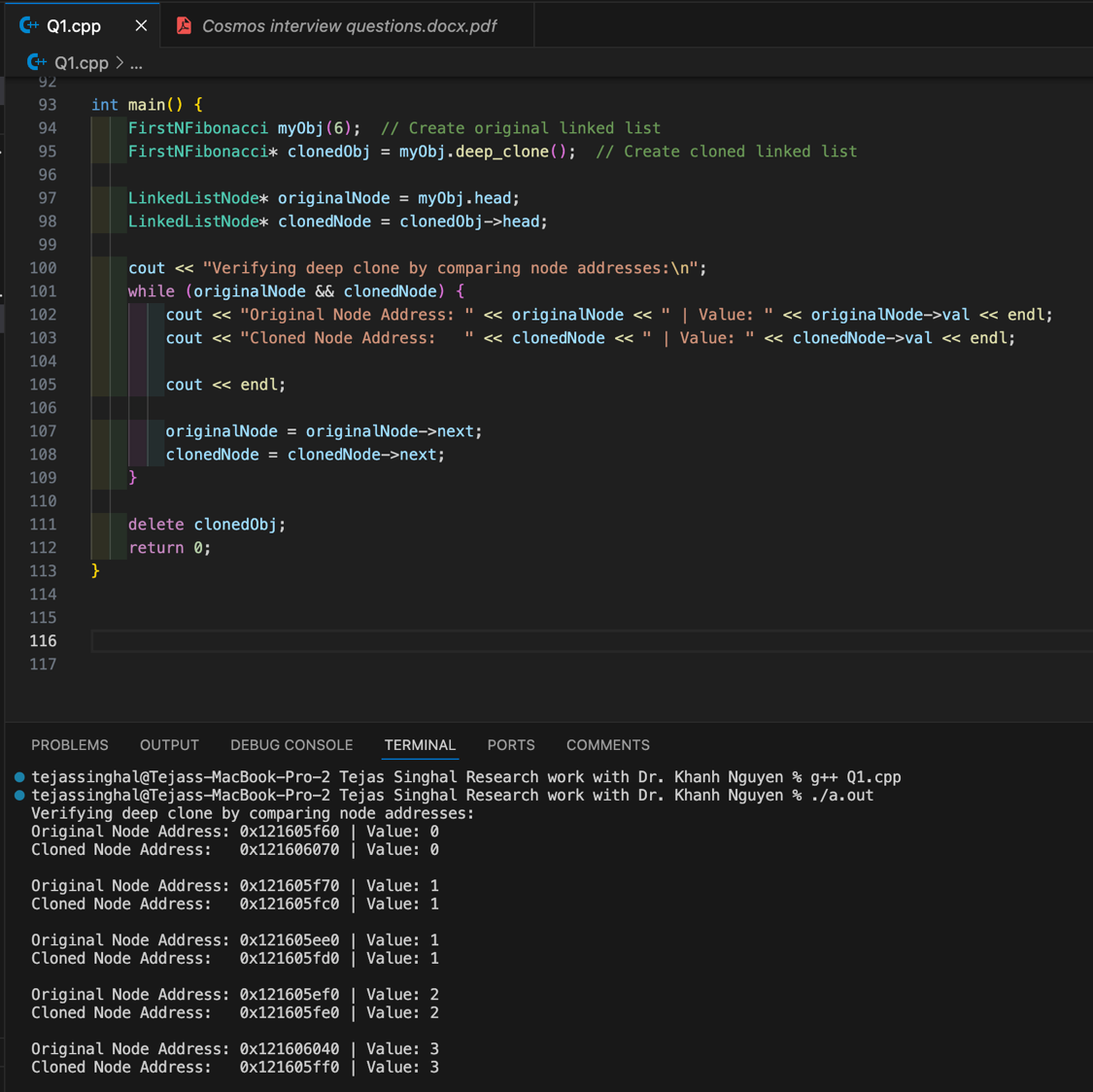
Q1. Please find the outcome of print and deep clone function below.

void print(k) function example:



To verify that the cloned linked list is not the original, you need to ensure that:

* The values are the same
* The memory addresses are different



As it can be seen above, the original Node Address and Cloned Node Address are different but the values are the same, indicating deep cloning happened.

Q2. Algorithm**:**

1. Compare elements in pairs instead of individually.
2. Track the larger element as a candidate for max and the smaller element as a candidate for min.
3. Only one comparison per two elements to decide which one is larger, and which one is smaller.
4. After deciding their roles, compare them with the current max and min.

Number of Comparisons:

* We group elements into pairs and do one comparison per pair → (n/2) comparisons.
* Each of the two winners (largest and smallest in each pair) is compared with the current max or min → (n - 2) comparisons.
* Total comparisons: n2+(n−2) = (3n/2) – 2 = 1.5n – 2 < 2n – 2

The above is the tournament method to find the max and min in a given list of integers.