Aim

To find the node where two singly linked lists intersect.

Algorithm

- 1. Find lengths of both lists.
- 2. Move the pointer of the longer list forward by the difference in lengths.
- 3. Traverse both lists together until pointers are equal → intersection point.

C Code

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
// Node structure
struct Node {
    int data;
    struct Node* next;
};
// Create node
struct Node* createNode(int data) {
    struct Node* newNode = (struct Node*)malloc(sizeof(struct
Node));
    newNode->data = data;
    newNode->next = NULL;
    return newNode;
}
// Find length of list
int getLength(struct Node* head) {
    int len = 0;
    while (head != NULL) {
        len++;
        head = head->next;
    }
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return len;
}
// Find intersection
struct Node* getIntersection(struct Node* head1, struct Node* head2)
{
    int len1 = getLength(head1);
    int len2 = getLength(head2);
    int diff = abs(len1 - len2);
    // Advance longer list
    if (len1 > len2) {
        for (int i = 0; i < diff; i++) head1 = head1->next;
    } else {
        for (int i = 0; i < diff; i++) head2 = head2->next;
    }
    // Traverse both
    while (head1 != NULL && head2 != NULL) {
        if (head1 == head2) return head1;
        head1 = head1->next;
        head2 = head2->next;
    return NULL;
}
int main() {
    // Create first list: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5
    struct Node* head1 = createNode(1);
    head1->next = createNode(2);
    head1->next->next = createNode(3);
    // Second list: 9 -> 4 -> 5 (intersect at 4)
    struct Node* head2 = createNode(9);
    // Common nodes
    struct Node* common = createNode(4);
    common->next = createNode(5);
    head1->next->next->next = common; // attach common to list1
                                    // attach common to list2
    head2->next = common;
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Input (Hardcoded in program)

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List1: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> 5
List2: 9 -> 4 -> 5
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Output

Intersection at node with data = 4

Result

The program correctly identifies the intersection node between two linked lists.