

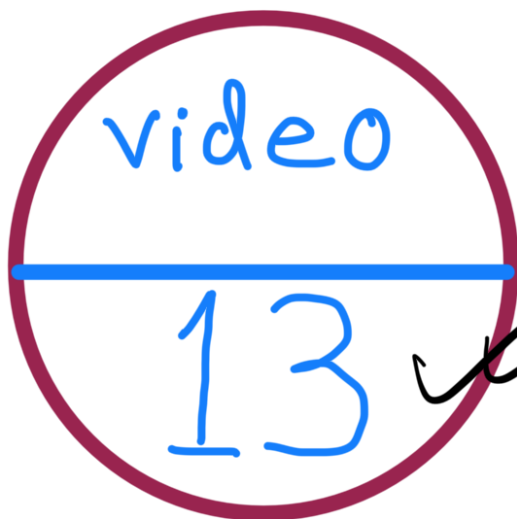
Recursion Concepts & Qns ...

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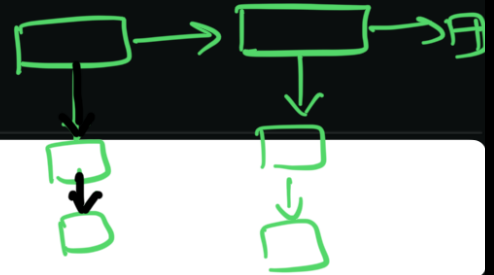
Flattening a Linked List

Medium

Accuracy: 51.53%

Submissions: 135K+

Points: 4



Given a Linked List of size N, where every node represents a sub-linked-list and contains two pointers:

- (i) a next pointer to the next node,
- (ii) a bottom pointer to a linked list where this node is head.

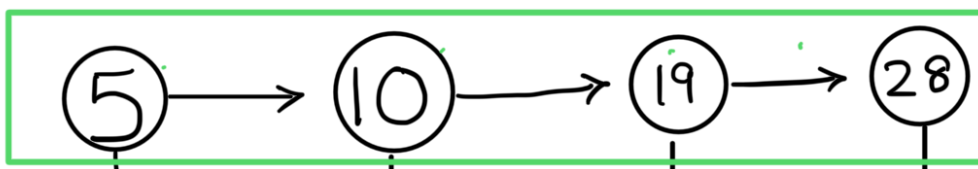
Each of the sub-linked-list is in sorted order.

Flatten the Link List such that all the nodes appear in a single level while maintaining the sorted order.

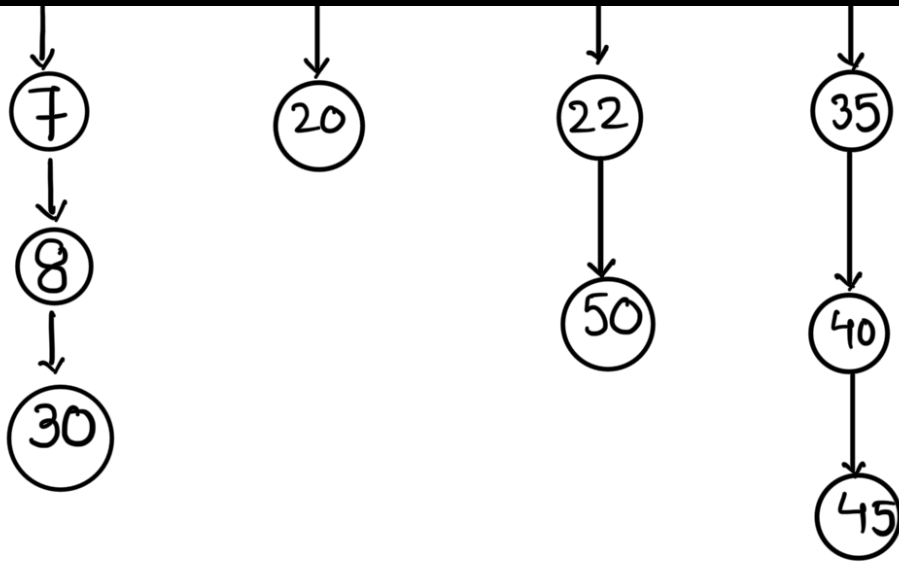
Note: The flattened list will be printed using the bottom pointer instead of the next pointer.

For more clarity have a look at the `printList()` function in the driver code.

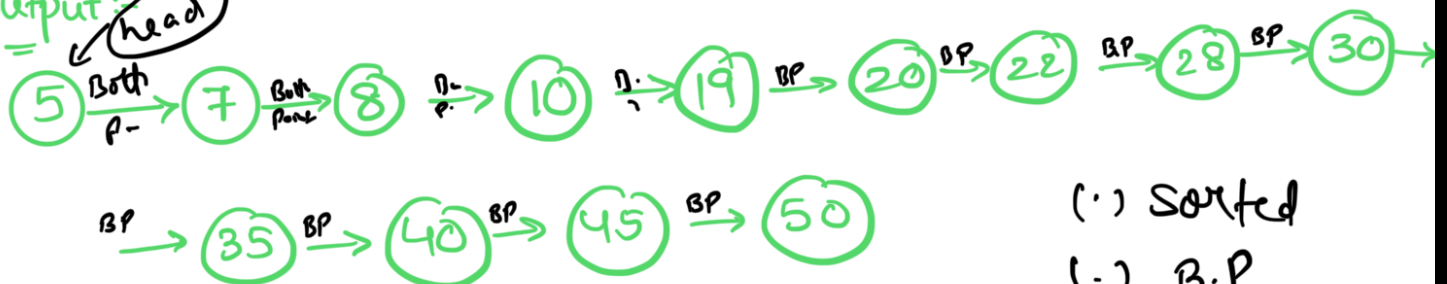
Example :-



$$n = 4$$



Output: head



(.) Sorted
 (.) B.P

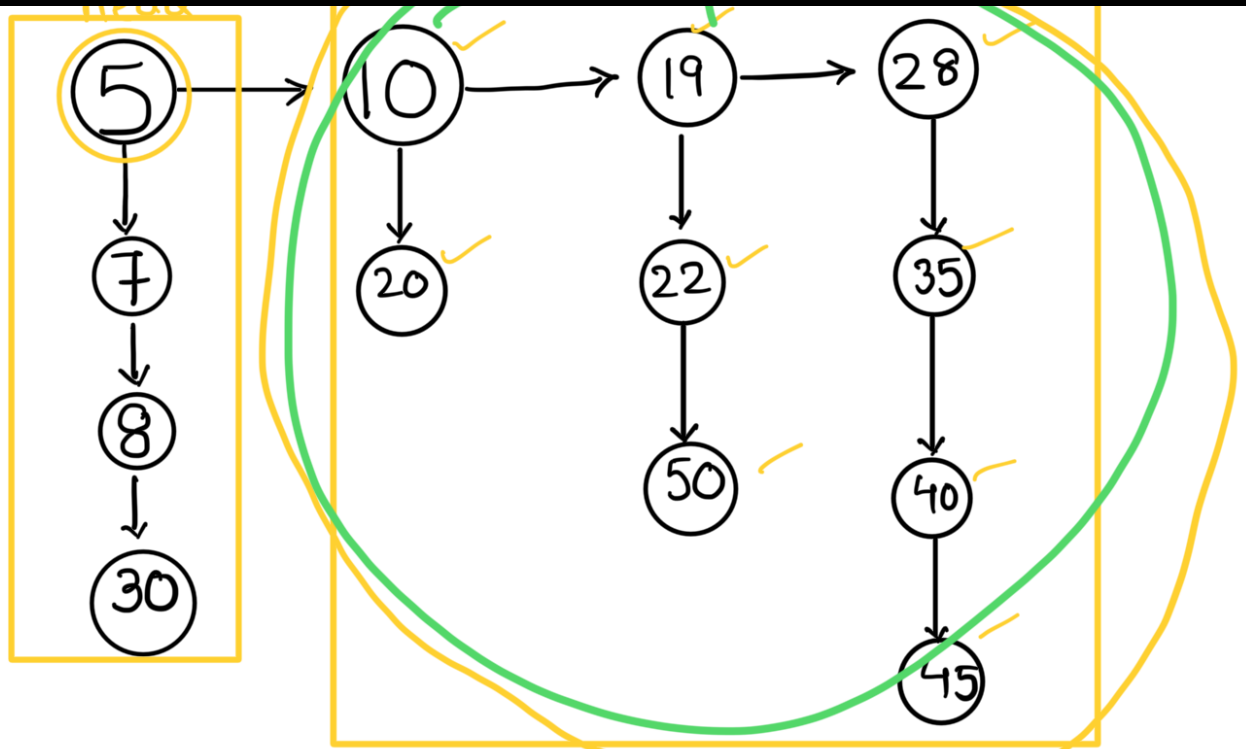
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"TRUST in Recursion"...

"Beauty of Recursion"

head



flatten(head->next)

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Node * flatten ( head ) {
    if (head == NULL) {
        return NULL;
    }

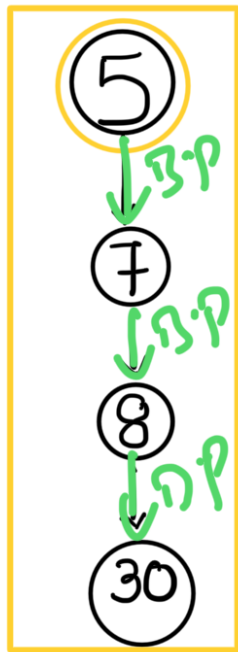
    head2 = flatten (head->next);
    // TRUST

    return mergeTwoSortedList (head, head2);
}
  
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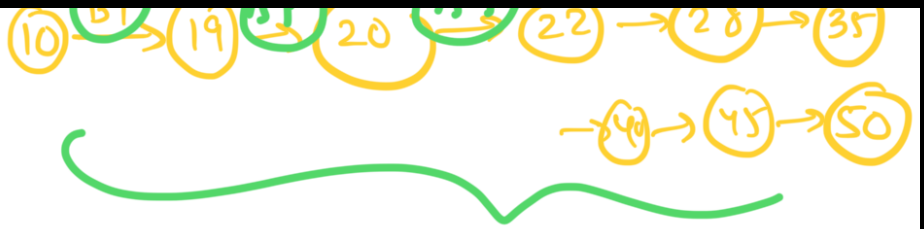
head

head2





Sorted List



Sorted list

Merge

merge sorted list

Lists

LINKED LIST VERY EASY STORY LIKE EXPLANATION

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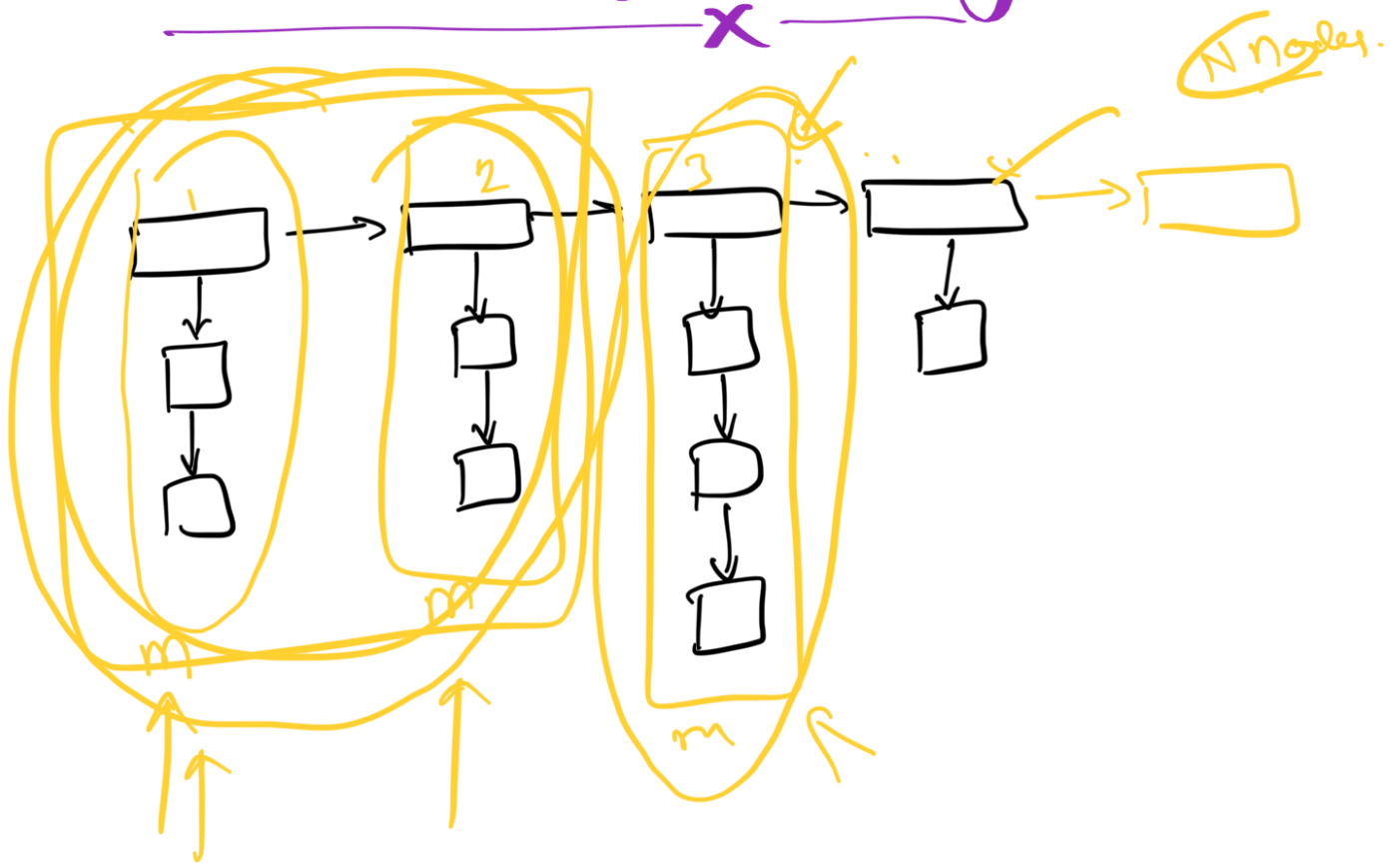
Reverse Linked List
Merge Two Sorted Lists
Merge 2 sorted linked list in reverse order

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Time Complexity :-



$$O(m + m) = O(2m)$$

$$O(2m + m) = O(3m)$$

$$O(2m + 3m + 4m + \dots + Nm)$$

$$O(m (2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + N))$$

$$O(m * (N * (N+1)))$$

$$\frac{1}{2} O(m * (N * N + N))$$

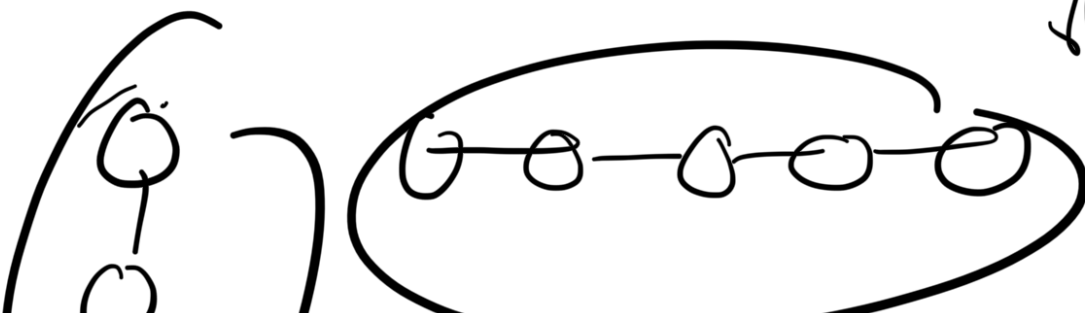
~~$$\frac{1}{2} O(m * N * N + m * N)$$~~

$$\underline{\underline{T.C.}} \approx O(m * N * N)$$

Space Complexity :-

$$\text{Auxiliary Space} = O(1)$$

$N * m$ = total no. of nodes in flattened linked.



$Re\ S.C = O(N * m)$

