

Merge k Sorted Lists

Question: Merge k sorted linked lists and return it as one sorted list. Analyse and describe its complexity.

Solutions:

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class ListNode:
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```
    def __init__(self, x):
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```
        self.val = x
```

```
        self.next = None
```

```
class Solution:
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```
    # @param a list of ListNode
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```
    # @return a ListNode
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```
    def mergeKLists(self, lists):
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```
        if len(lists)==0:
```

```
            return None
```

```
        while len(lists)>1:
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```
            nextLists = []
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```
            for i in range(0,len(lists)-1,2):
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```
                nextLists.append(self.mergeLists(lists[i],lists[i+1]))
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```
            if len(lists)%2==1:
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```
                nextLists.append(lists[len(lists)-1])
```

```
            lists = nextLists
```

```
        return lists[0]
```

```
    def mergeLists(self, list1, list2):
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```
        dummy = ListNode(0)
```

```
        list = dummy
```

```
while list1 != None and list2 != None:
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```
    if list1.val < list2.val:
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```
        list.next = list1
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```
        list1 = list1.next
```

```
    else:
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```
        list.next = list2
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```
        list2 = list2.next
```

```
    list = list.next
```

```
if list1 == None:
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```
    list.next = list2
```

```
else:
```

```
    list.next = list1
```

```
return dummy.next
```

```
def printll(self, node):
```

```
    while node:
```

```
        print ( node.val )
```

```
        node = node.next
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
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```
    ll1, ll1.next, ll1.next.next = ListNode(2), ListNode(3), ListNode(5)
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    ll2, ll2.next, ll2.next.next = ListNode(4), ListNode(7), ListNode(15)
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```
    ll3, ll3.next, ll3.next.next = ListNode(6), ListNode(9), ListNode(10)
```

```
    Solution().printll( Solution().mergeKLists([ll1,ll2,ll3]) )
```