

Arrays

1. What is the difference between an array and a linked list?

- Array: Fixed size, random access.
- Linked List: Dynamic size, sequential access.

2. How do you find the largest and second largest element in an array?

Traverse the array once, keep track of `first` and `second` largest values.

3. What is the time complexity of inserting an element at the beginning, middle, and end of an array?

- Beginning: $O(n)$
- Middle: $O(n)$
- End: $O(1)$ if space is available, else $O(n)$ with reallocation.

Linked Lists

1. How do you reverse a linked list?

Iteratively update next pointers using three pointers: `prev`, `curr`, and `next`.

2. How do you detect a cycle in a linked list?

Use Floyd's Cycle Detection (Tortoise and Hare) algorithm.

3. How do you find the third node from the end?

Use two pointers:

- Move `first` pointer 3 steps ahead.
- Move both `first` and `second` one step until `first` is None.
- `second` is now the third from the end.

Python Code:

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def third_from_end(head):
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    first = head
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    second = head
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    for _ in range(3):
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        if not first:
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            return None
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        first = first.next
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    while first:
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```
        first = first.next
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```
        second = second.next
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    return second
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