Lecture :- LL-2

Agenda

- Middle of LL
- Merge sort LL
- Detecting cycles
  - Detect
  - find
  - Remove

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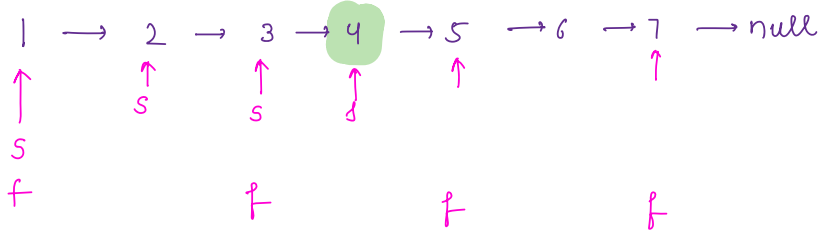
Qu:1 Given a LL, find middle of LL.

Ex: 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → null

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → 8 → null

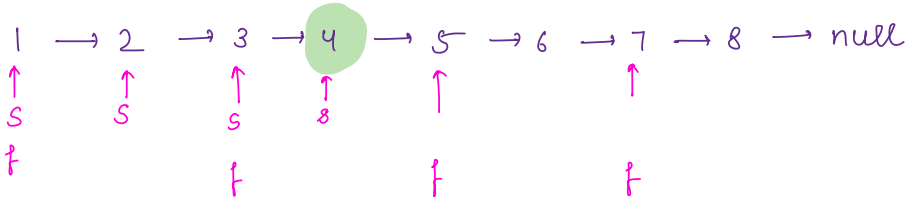
Constraint:- Do it in 1 itr.

Idea: Slow and fast pointer



Odd:- when f.next == null,

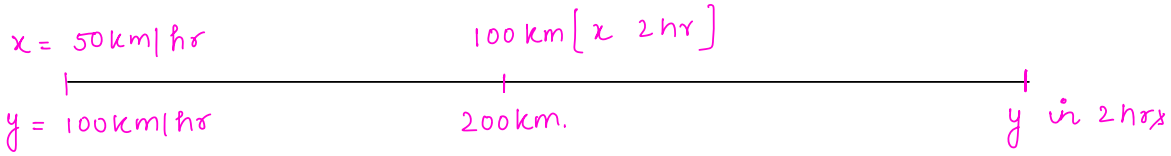
s is at mid



Even: when f.next.next == null

s is at mid.

Logically



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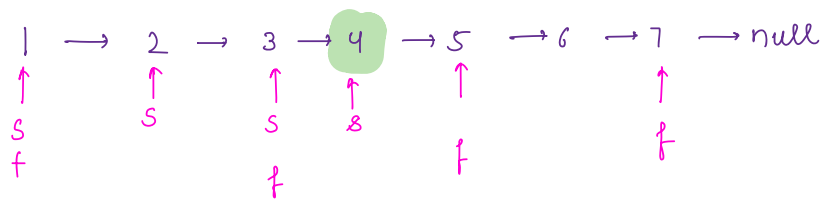
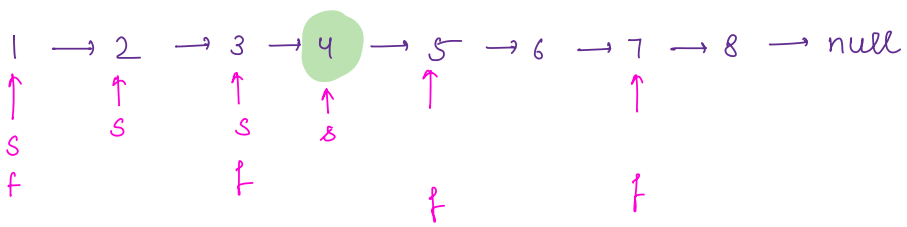
Node middle(Node h) {
    if(h == null) {
        return null;
    }
    if(h.next == null) {
        return h;
    }
    Node s = h;
    Node f = h;
    while(f.next != null && f.next.next != null) {
        s = s.next;
        f = f.next.next;
    }
    return s;
}
```

odd ↑ (f.next)

even ↑ (f.next.next)

Dry run:



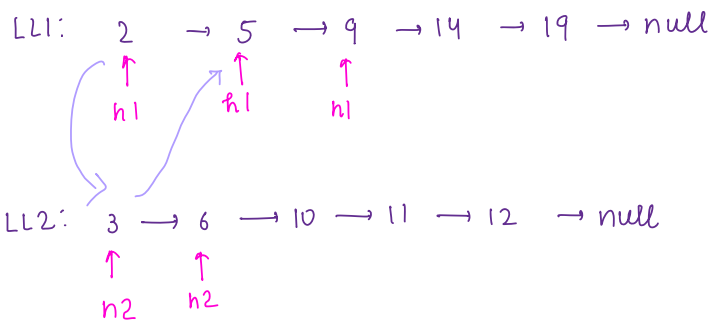


Qu2 Merge two sorted LLs.

Ex: LL1: 2 → 5 → 9 → 14 → 19 → null

LL2: 3 → 6 → 10 → 11 → 12 → null

Ans: 2 → 3 → 5 → 6 → 9 → 10 → 11 → 12 → 14 → 19 → null



Node h = head of final LL [h1 = 2]

h = h1. (2) , t = h1 (2)

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if( h2.data < h1.data){
    t
   t.next = h2;      (2) → (3)
   h2 = h2.next;     // 6
   t = t.next;       // 3
}

if (h1.data < h2.data) {
    t
   t.next = h1;      (2) → (3) → (5)
   h1 = h1.next;     // h1
   t = t.next;       // 5
}
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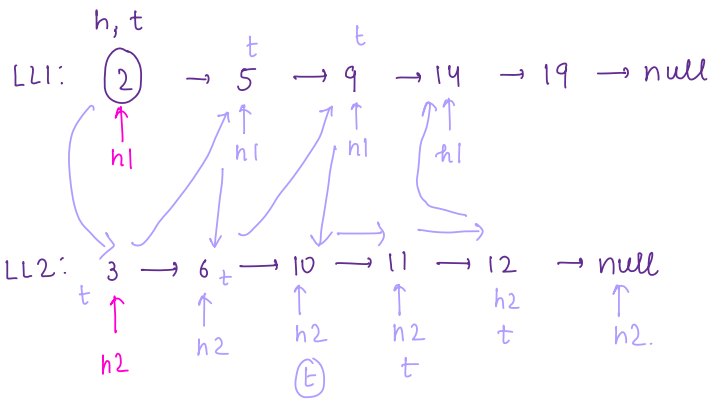
A[] = 1  3  5
      i
B[] = 2  4  6
C[]   j

if (A[i] < B[j]) {
    C[k] = A[i];
    i++;
    k++;
}
if ( B[j] < A[i]) {
    C[k] = B[j]
    j++;
    k++;
}
```

Eg 2:

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Node merge(Node h1, Node h2) {

    if(h1 == null && h2 == null) {

        return null;

    }

    if (h1 == null) {          LL1 : null
                               LL2 : 2 → 3
        return h2;

    }

    if (h2 == null) {

        return h1;

    }

    Node h = null, t = null;
         ↑
    head of final LL

    if (h1.data < h2.data) {

        h = h1;

        t = h1;

        h1 = h1.next;

    } else {

        h = h2;

        t = h2;

    }       h2 = h2.next;
```

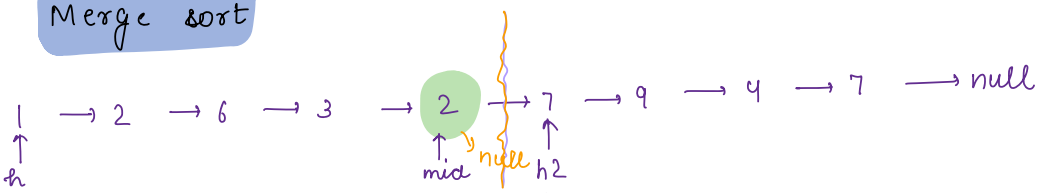
```
while ( h1 != null  &&  h2 != null) {
        if (h1.data < h2.data) {
            t.next = h1;
            t = t.next;
            h1 = h1.next;
        } else {
            t.next = h2;
            t = t.next;
            h2 = h2.next;
        }
    }
    if ( h1 != null) {
        t.next = h1;
    } else {
        t.next = h2;
    }
    return h;
}
```

Remaining nodes.

TC: $O(n) \simeq O(m+n)$

SC: $O(1)$

Qu **Merge sort**



Step 1: find the middle element.

mid = middle(h).

Part 1: [h, mid] → mid.next = null

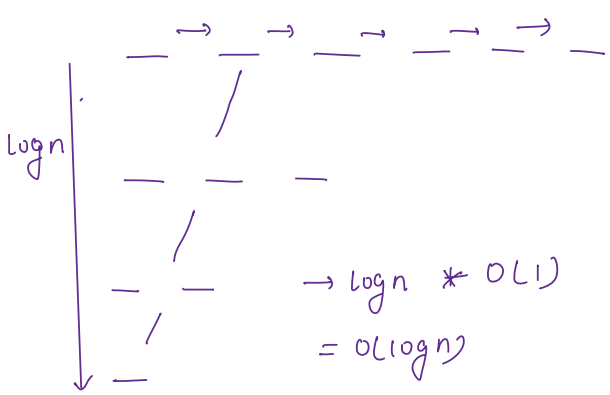
Part 2: [h2, null] → h2 = mid.next.

```
Node mergesort(Node h) {
    if(h == null || h.next == null) {
        return h;
    }
    Node mid = middle(h);
    h2 = mid.next   // Part 2
    mid.next = null
    Node t1 = mergesort(h);
    Node t2 = mergesort(h2);
    Node t3 = merge(t1, t2);
    return t3;
}
```

TC: O(nlogn)

SC: O(logn)

SC.



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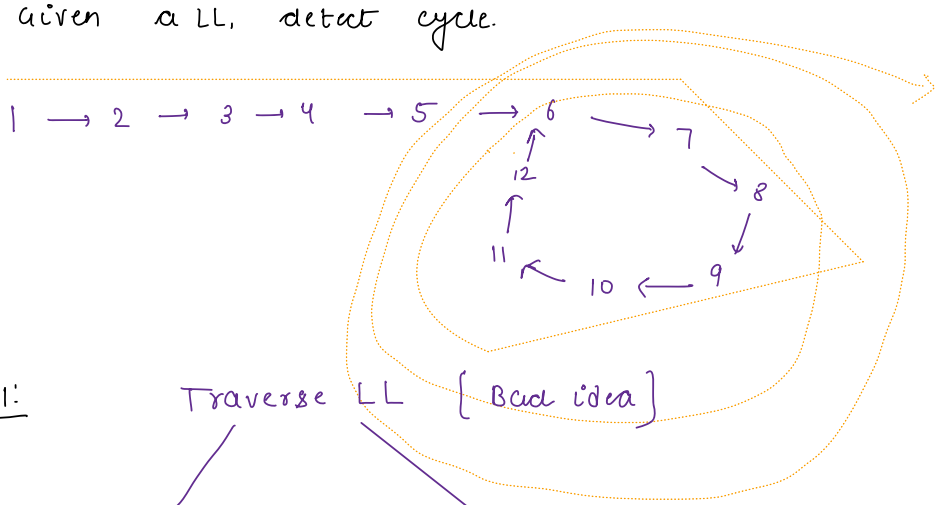
Qu Given a LL, detect cycle.

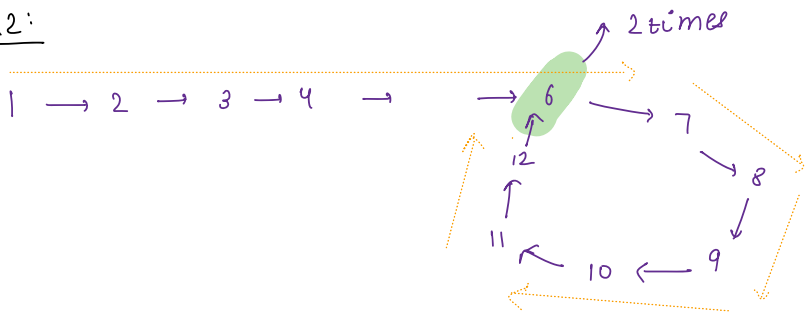


Idea1: Traverse LL [Bad idea]

head == null
[NO cycle]

Cycle
[infinite loop]

Idea2:

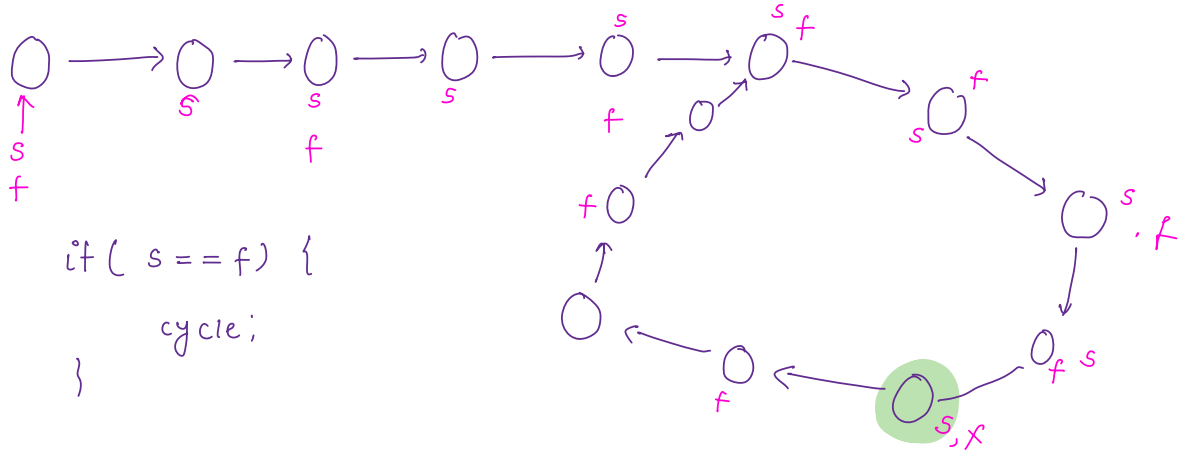


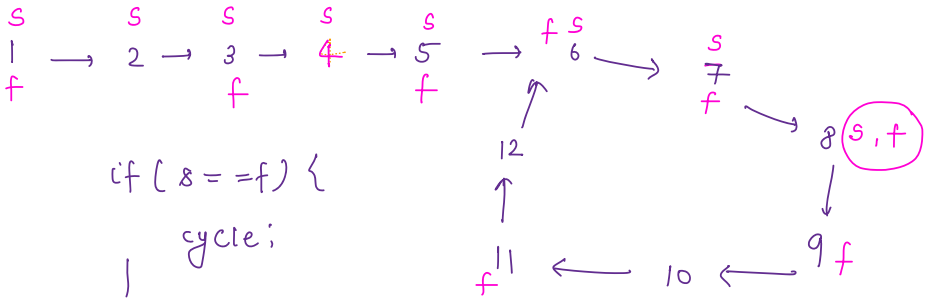
1.) Iterate LL and store address in hashset.

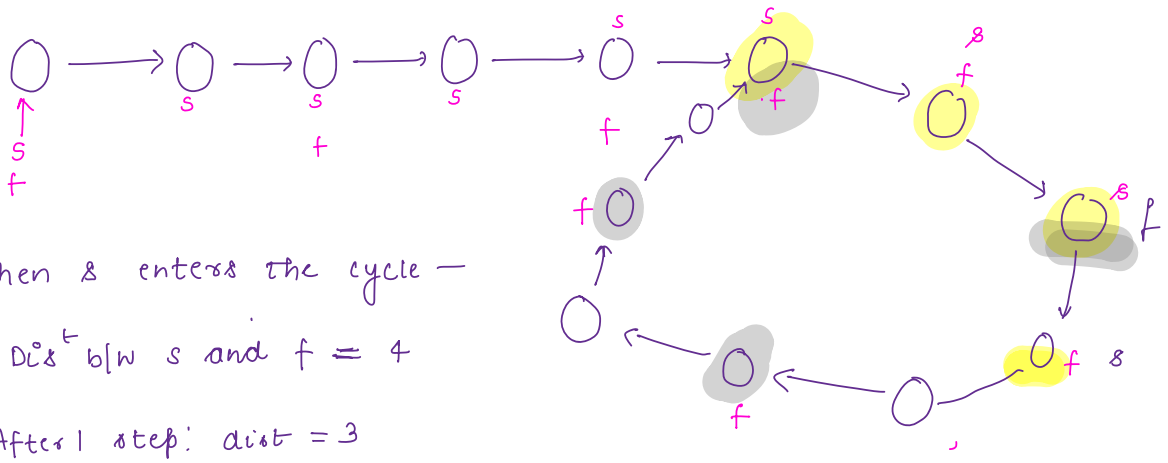
2.) If address is present in hashset, cycle

3.) If you hit null, no cycle.

Idea3: slow and fast pointer [flyod algo]







When s enters the cycle —

Dist b|w s and f = 4

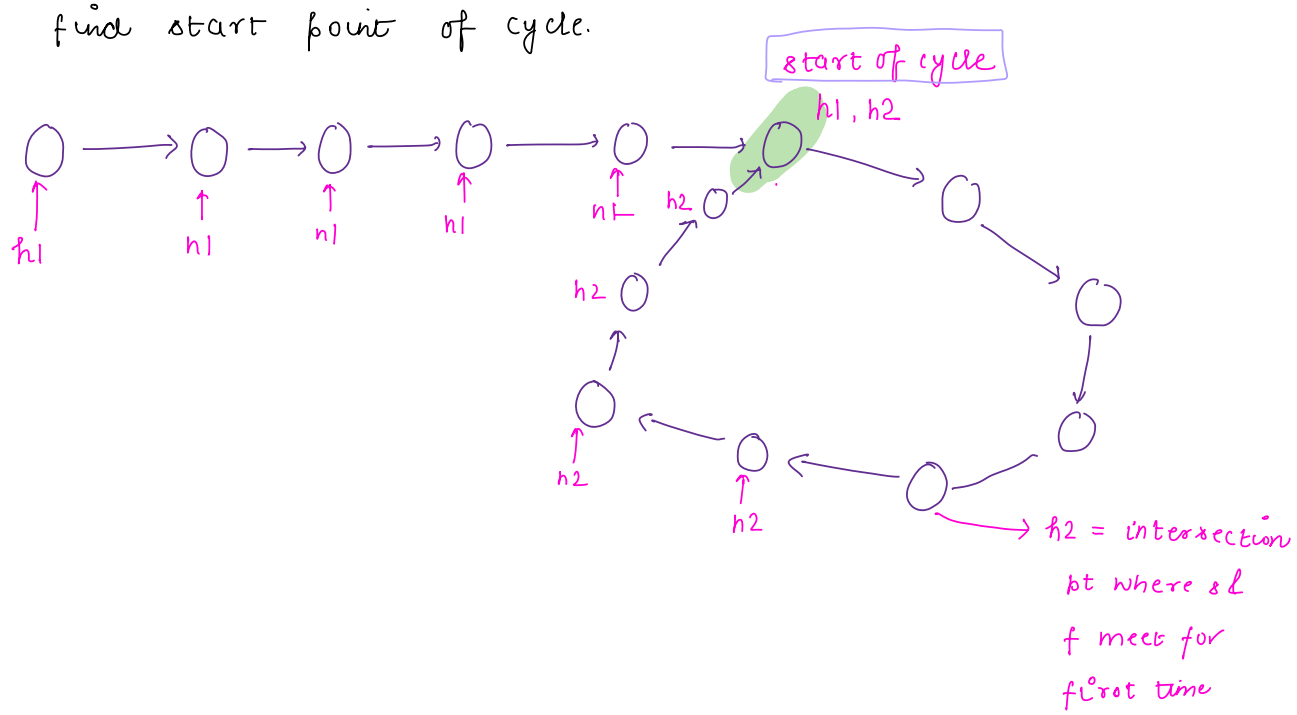
After 1 step: dist = 3

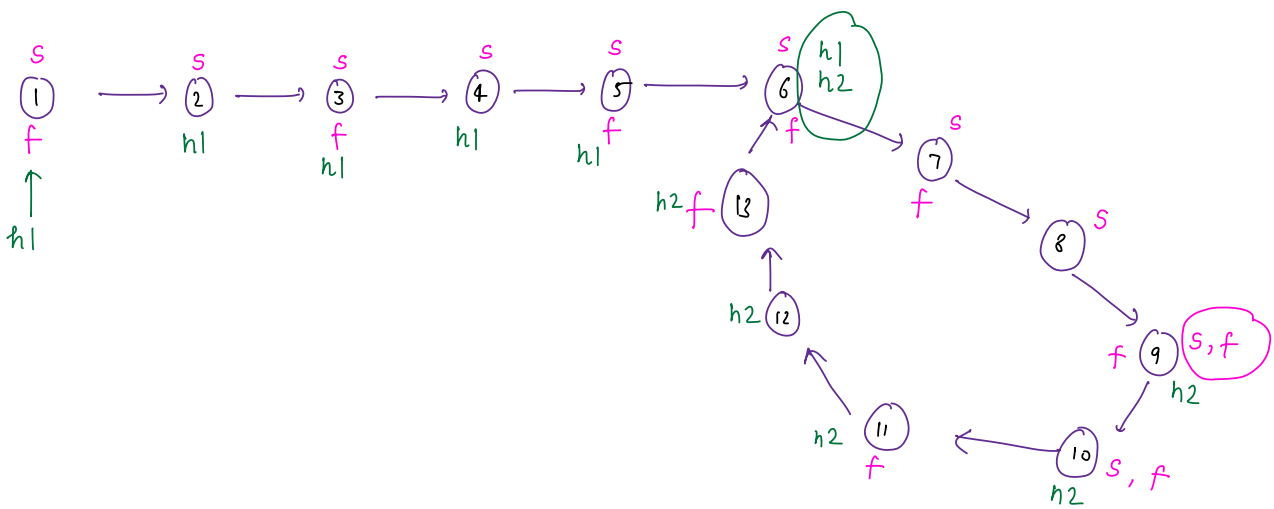
2 step: dist = 2

3 step: distance = 1

4 step: dist = 0

* find start point of cycle.





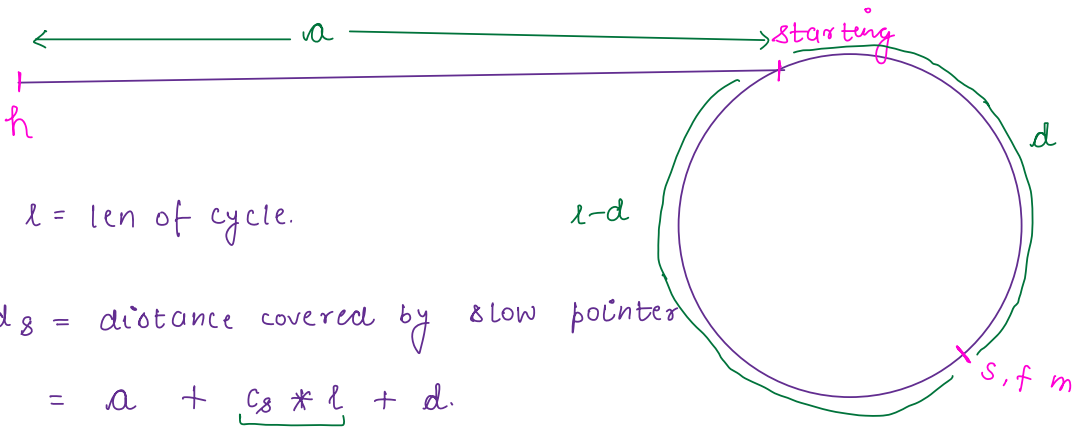
```
boolean detectfindRemove(Node h) {
    Node s = h;
    Node f = h;
    boolean iscyclefound = false;
    while (f!=null && f.next!=null) {
        s = s.next;
        f = f.next.next;
        if (s==f) {
            iscyclefound = true;
            break;
        }
    }
    if (!iscyclefound) {
        return false;
    }
    Node h1 = h;
    Node h2 = s;
    while (h1 != h2) {
        h1 = h1.next;
        h2 = h2.next;
    }
```

detect cycle.

[h1 | h2 is your starting point]

```
Node t = h1;
while( t.next != h1) {
        t = t.next;
}
t.next = null;
return true;
}
```

Mathematical explanation for start pt



l = len of cycle.

d_s = distance covered by slow pointer

$= a + c_s * l + d$.

no of times you traversed cycle

$a = lx + (l - d)$

d_f = distance covered by fast pointers

$= a + c_f * l + d$

$d_f = 2 * d_s$

$a + c_f * l + d = 2(a + c_s * l + d)$

$a + c_f * l + d = 2a + 2c_s * l + 2d$

$l(c_f - 2c_s) = a + d$

$a = l(c_f - 2c_s) - d.$

↓

Add & subtract l

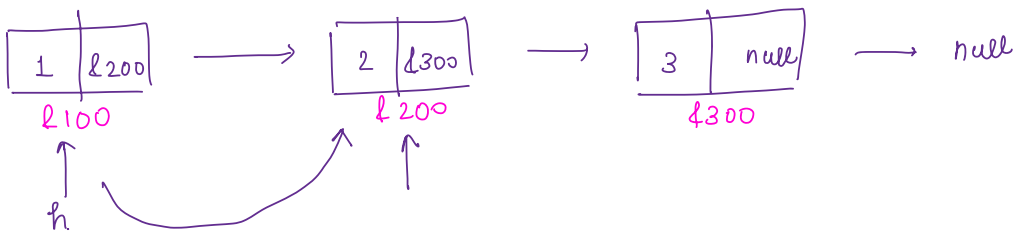
$$a = l(c_f - 2c_s) - d + l - l$$

$$a = l\underbrace{(c_f - 2c_s - 1)}_{x} + (l - d)$$

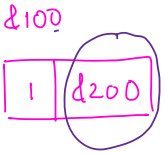
$$a = lx + (l - d)$$

Thankyou 

Doubt



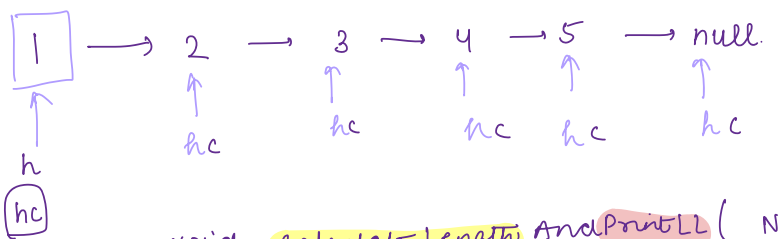
h = h.next



h.next = &200

h = h.next

h = &200




```
void calculateLengthAndPrintLL(Node h){
    Node hc = h;
    int len = 0;
    while(hc != null){
        len++;
        hc = hc.next;
    }
}
```