

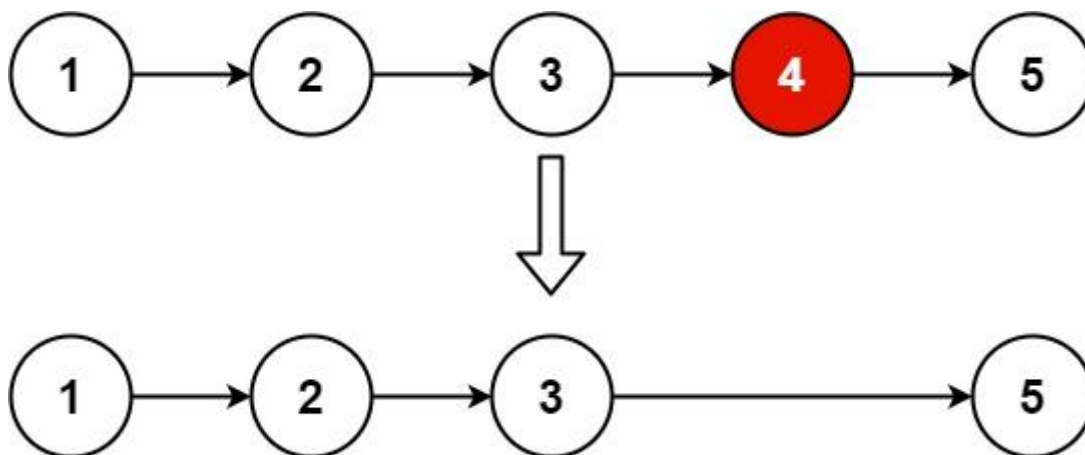
Remove Nth Node From End of List

Question:

<https://leetcode.com/problems/remove-nth-node-from-end-of-list/>

Given the *head* of a linked list, remove the *nth* node from the end of the list and return its head.

Example 1:



Input: `head = [1,2,3,4,5], n = 2`

Output: `[1,2,3,5]`

Example 2:

Input: `head = [1], n = 1`

Output: `[]`

Example 3:

Input: `head = [1,2], n = 1`

Output: `[1]`

Approach:

The first approach was to use two pointers: **fast and slow**. We will give our fast pointer a head start of n steps.

Then we will move both the slow and fast pointers together making. In this way, when the fast pointer reaches the end, the slow pointer will be n nodes from the end.

Now we will just remove the current slow node and we are done.

The problem here is that **if the number of nodes is less than n** , we will get an error while deleting.

To overcome and handle this problem, we check this condition after giving our fast pointer a head start.

Solution:

<https://gist.github.com/vermaayush680/cfe5b593f29824ce6719a048333d83a3>

```
fast = slow = head
for _ in range(n):
    fast=fast.next
if not fast:
    return head.next
while fast.next:
    fast=fast.next
    slow=slow.next
slow.next=slow.next.next
return head
```