

BEST Linked List Questions

Java

1. Find the nth node from the end & remove it.

Time complexity – $O(n)$

Space complexity – $O(1)$

```
public ListNode removeNthFromEnd(ListNode head, int n) {  
    if(head.next == null) {  
        return null;  
    }  
  
    int size = 0;  
    ListNode temp = head;  
    while(temp != null) {  
        temp = temp.next;  
        size++;  
    }  
  
    //removing SIZEth node from last i.e. head  
    if(n == size) {  
        return head.next;  
    }  
  
    //find previous node  
    int ptf = size - n; // position to find  
    ListNode prev = head; // previous node  
    int cp = 1; // current position  
  
    while(cp != ptf) {  
        prev = prev.next;  
        cp++;  
    }  
  
    prev.next = prev.next.next;  
    return head;  
}
```

```
}
```

2. Check if a Linked List is a palindrome

Time complexity - $O(n)$

Space complexity - $O(1)$

```
public ListNode getMiddle(ListNode head) {  
  
    ListNode fast = head;  
  
    ListNode slow = head;  
  
    while (fast.next != null && fast.next.next != null) {  
  
        fast = fast.next.next;  
  
        slow = slow.next;  
  
    }  
  
    return slow;  
}
```

```
public ListNode reverse(ListNode head) {  
  
    ListNode prev = null;  
  
    ListNode curr = head;  
  
    while (curr != null) {  
  
        ListNode next = curr.next;  
  
        curr.next = prev;  
  
        prev = curr;
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        curr = next;

    }

    return prev;
}

public boolean isPalindrome(ListNode head) {

    if(head == null || head.next == null) {

        return true;

    }

    ListNode firstHalfEnd = getMiddle(head);

    ListNode secondHalfStart = reverse(firstHalfEnd.next);

    ListNode firstHalfStart = head;

    while(secondHalfStart != null) {

        if(secondHalfStart.val != firstHalfStart.val) {

            return false;

        }

        secondHalfStart = secondHalfStart.next;

        firstHalfStart = firstHalfStart.next;

    }

    return true;

}

```

3. Detecting Loop in a Linked List.

Time complexity - $O(n)$

Space complexity - $O(1)$

```
public boolean hasCycle(ListNode head) {  
  
    ListNode slow = head;  
  
    ListNode fast = head;  
  
    while(fast != null && fast.next != null) {  
  
        slow = slow.next;  
  
        fast = fast.next.next;  
  
        if(fast == slow) {  
            return true;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return false;  
}
```

Homework Problems

1. Removing Loops in a Linked List.

(Please try on your own first. The answer will be updated soon!)