

Linked List

- Linear data structure
like arr/list

arr [3]



↓
this might not
be free

arr [10000]



getting wasted

- insert
- memory wastage

arr: elements are continuously stored.

Add elements as per our requirements → Basic idea of LL



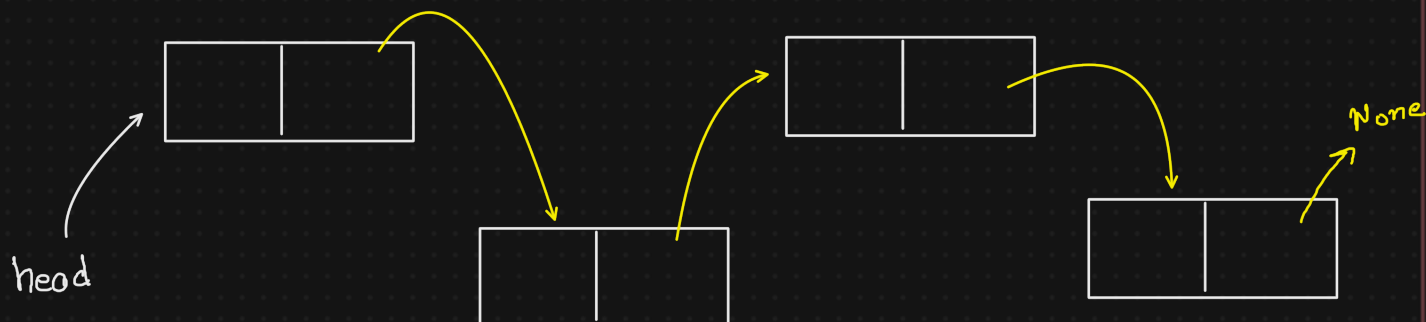
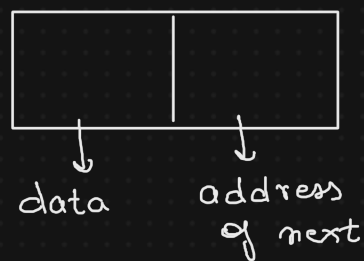
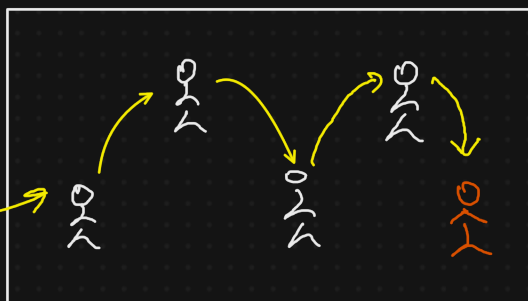
randomly
allocated space
in memory.

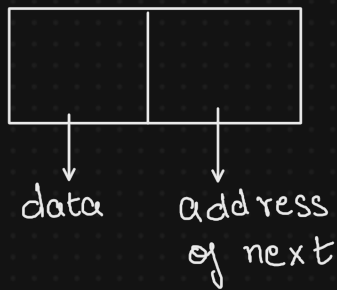


1. array/list → to store addresses

2. ask my elements to store the address of element after it

first
(head)





Node

OOPS / Classes
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user defined
data-type

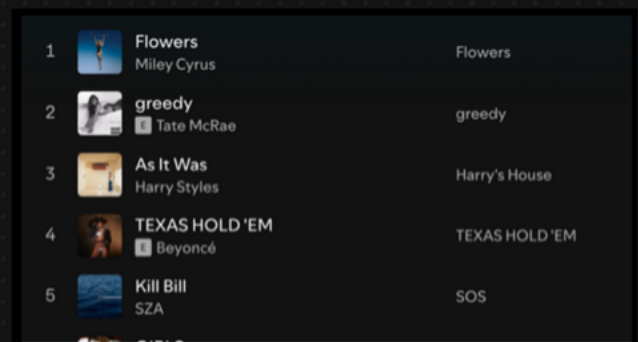
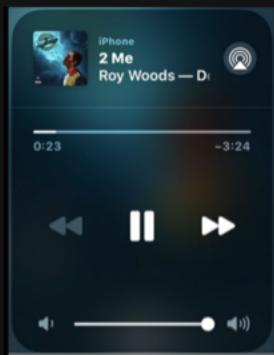
Class Node :

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-- init -- (value) :  
self.data = value  
self.next = None
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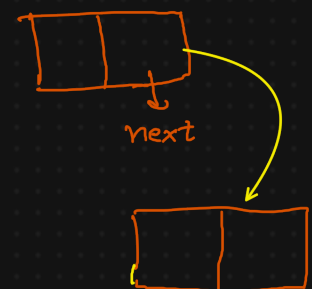
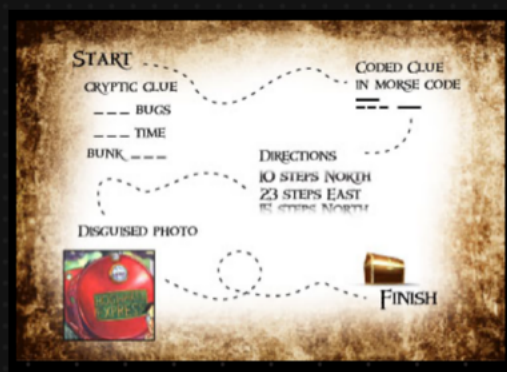
0x10



1. Playlist

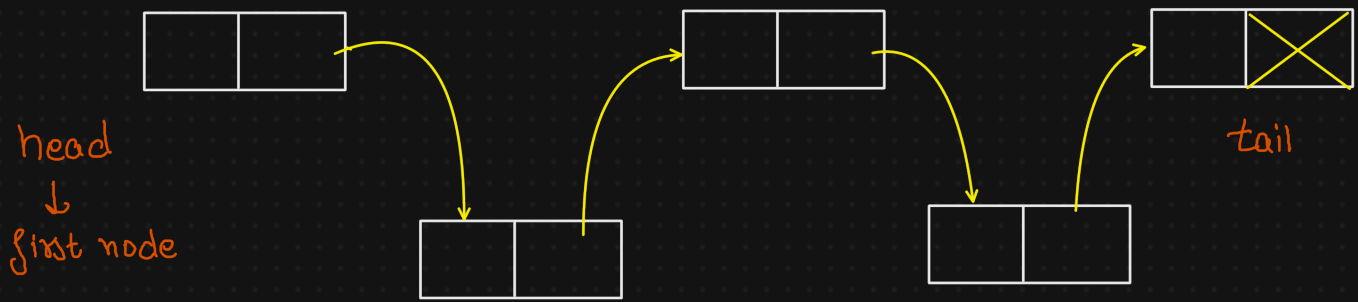


2. Treasure Hunt



3. Browsing History

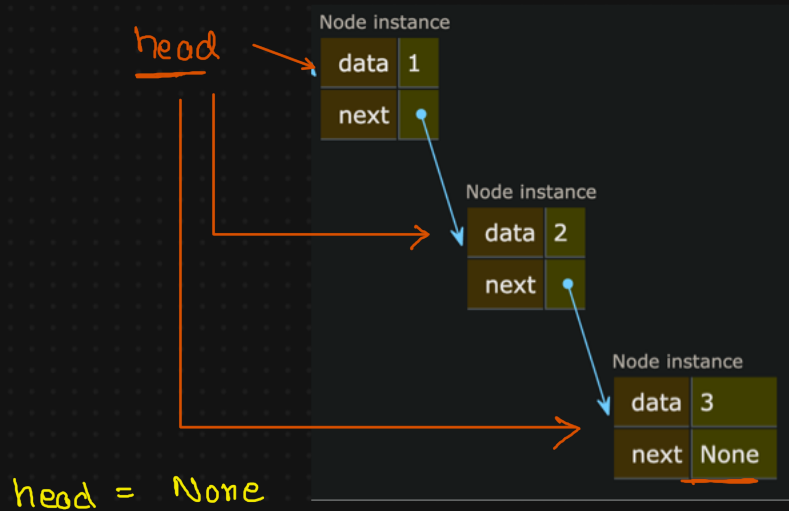
Linked List



Print LL

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{ head.data → 1
  head = head.next
{ head.data → 2
  head = head.next
{ head.data → 3
  head = head.next
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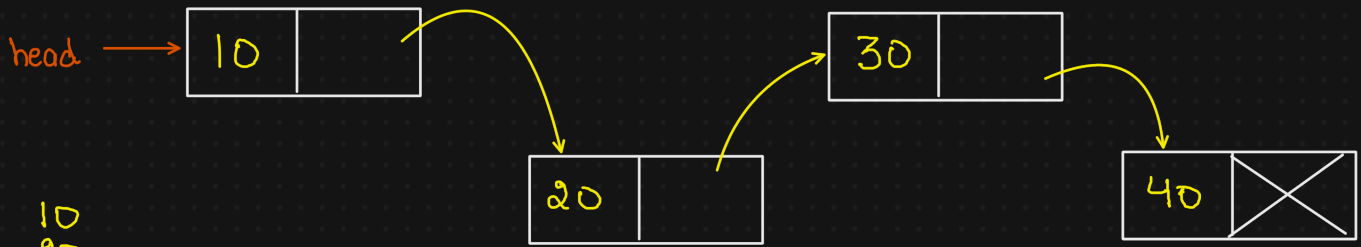
1
2
3



we cannot use .data or .next on my None.

Take Input of linked list

1 → 2 → 3 → None



10
20
30
40
-1

empty linked list

-1



return None as head

first node created

head = ~~None~~

second node created



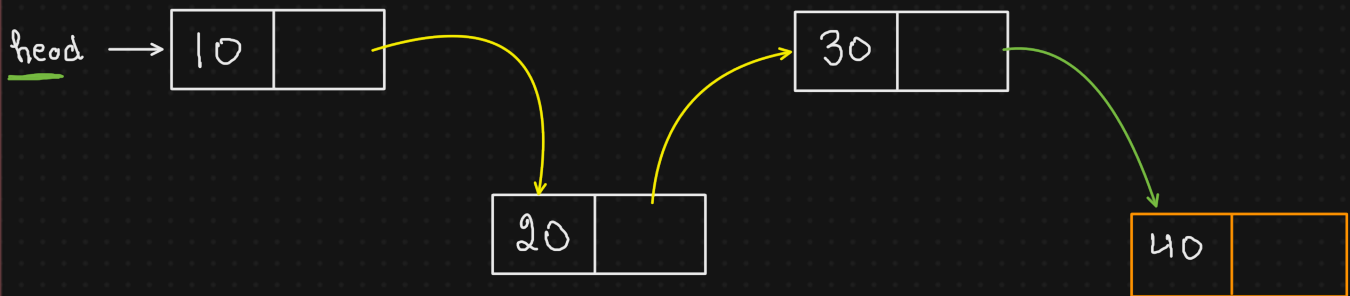
first

first.next =
second

second

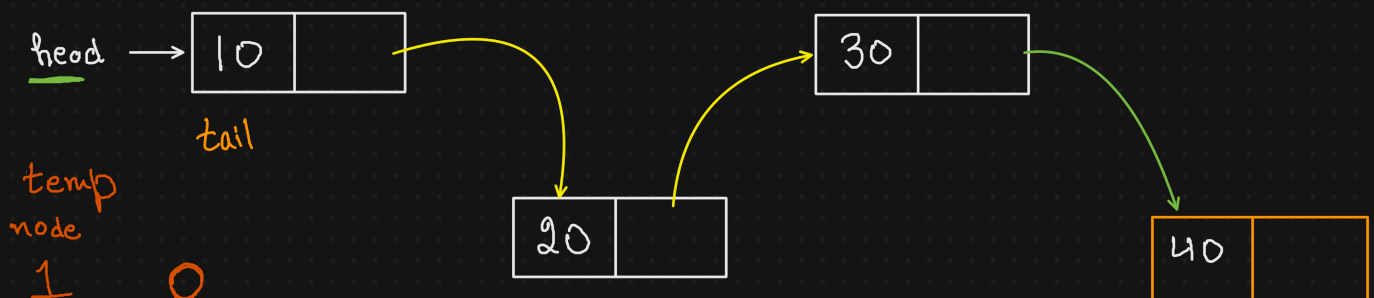
Take Input (linked list) - Corrected

We saw how take input was failing as we failed to connect last node to the newly created node.



Last node is where next is None

What is the time complexity of take input () function?



temp
node

1	0
2	1
3	2
4	3
⋮	⋮
n	n-1

Outer loop $\rightarrow n$

inner loop $\rightarrow n$

time complexity $O(n^2)$

← pretty bad
just for taking
input

Is there some way we can reduce our time complexity?

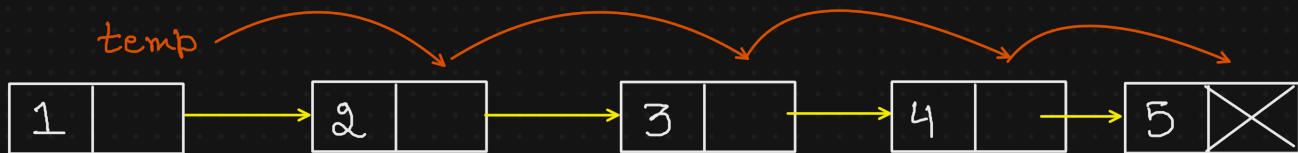


tail.next = newNode

tail = newNode

Using a tail variable/ pointer, we have successfully reduced Time complexity from $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n)$

Length of LL

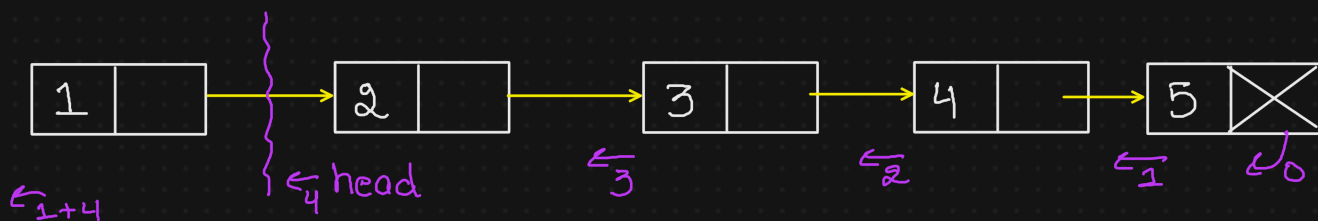


head

def length(head):

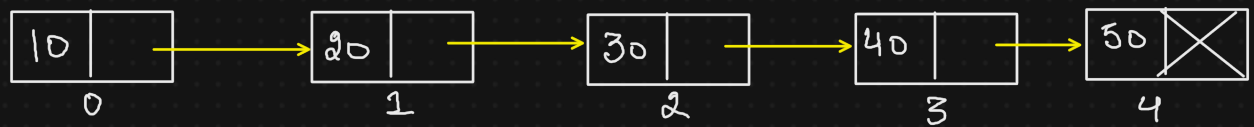
return length

Linked List length using recursion



1. Base Case \longrightarrow head == None return 0
2. Recursive Call \longrightarrow to get length of head.next
3. Our work \longrightarrow 1 + recursion answer

Linked List Operations



1. Insert

- Insert at head
- Insert at tail
- Insert in between

2. Delete

- delete head
- delete tail
- delete by index
- delete by value

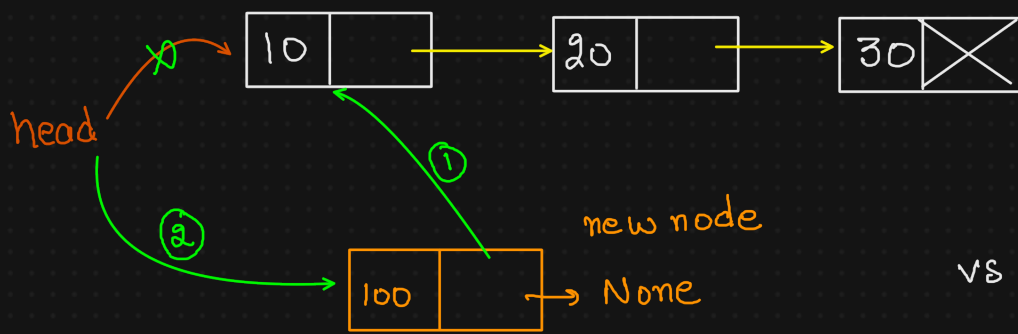
3. Search

- Search by index
- Search by value

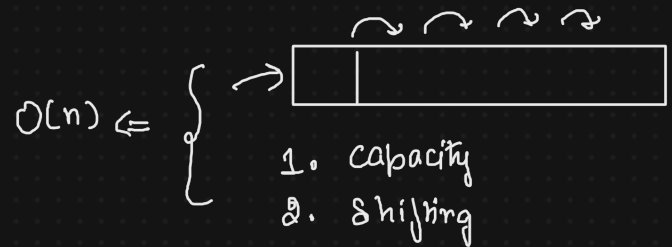
4. Traverse

- Print

Insert at head of LL



vs array / list

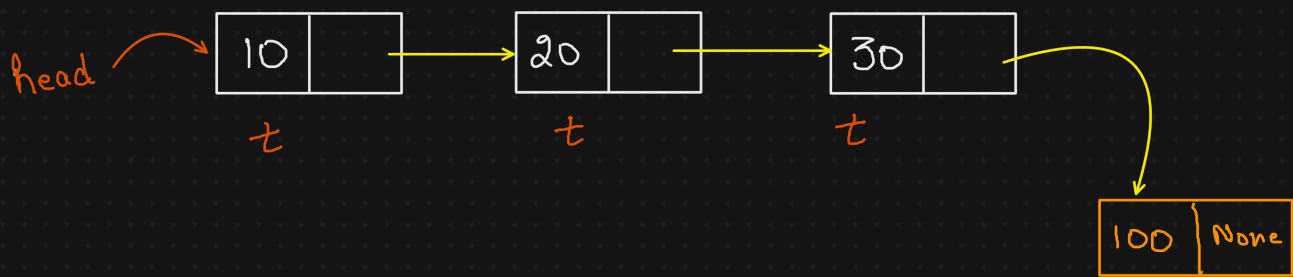


function can either just make the change
or return the updated head.

Time Complexity: Insert at head

\Rightarrow as only constant operations $\Rightarrow O(1)$
 $O(1)$

Insert at tail of LL



when LL is empty
we have to just
return the newnode

compare with array/list

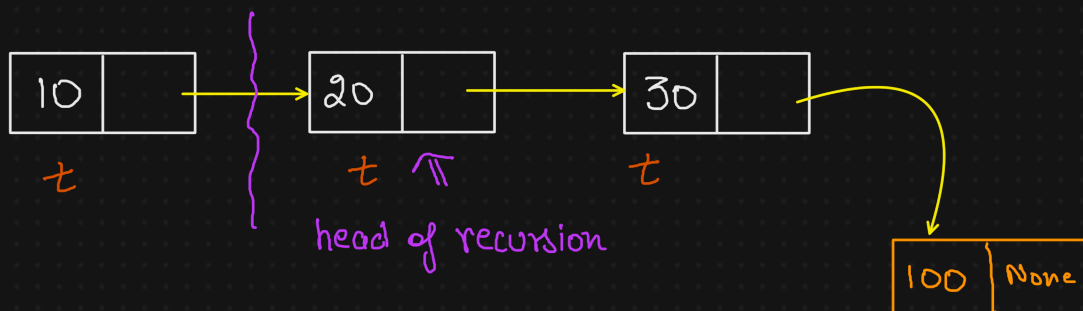


$O(n)$ time complexity

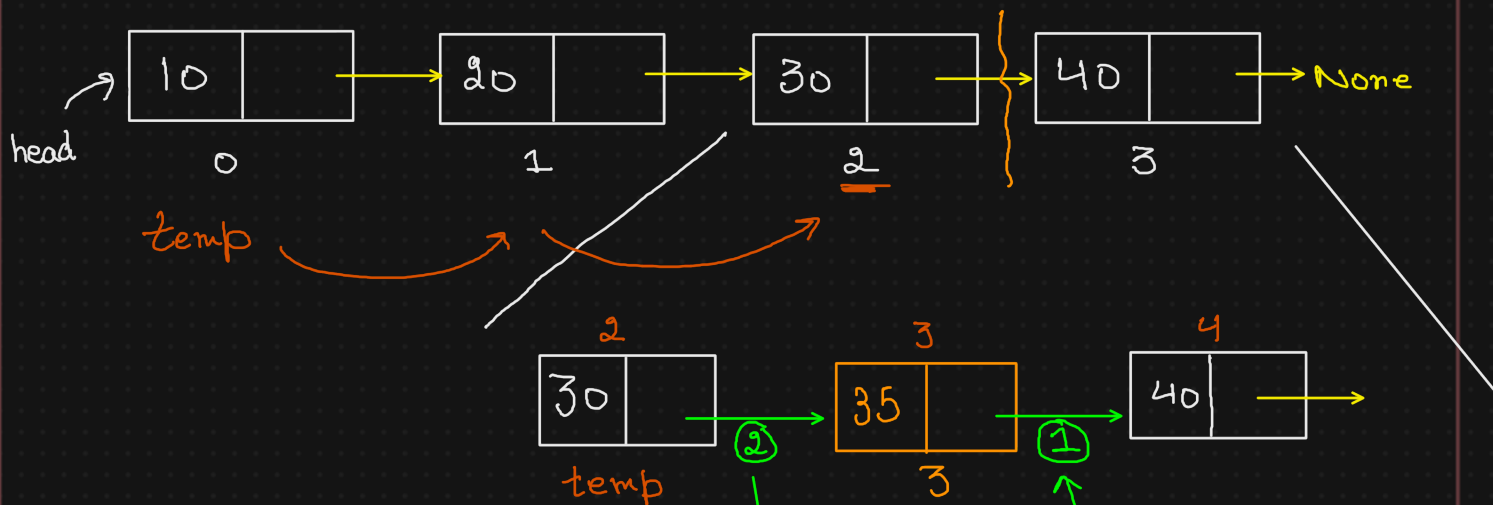
Time complexity : $O(n)$ as we traverse to tail

Insert at Tail - Recursive

1. Base Case \rightarrow If (head == None) return newNode
2. Recursion Call \rightarrow
3. Our work \rightarrow If (head.next == None) \Rightarrow we are tail



Insert a node at an Index



1. make a temp
2. move temp till index-1, using count var
3. Update the connection to insert new node
4. Order is very important

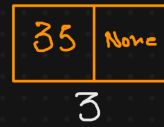
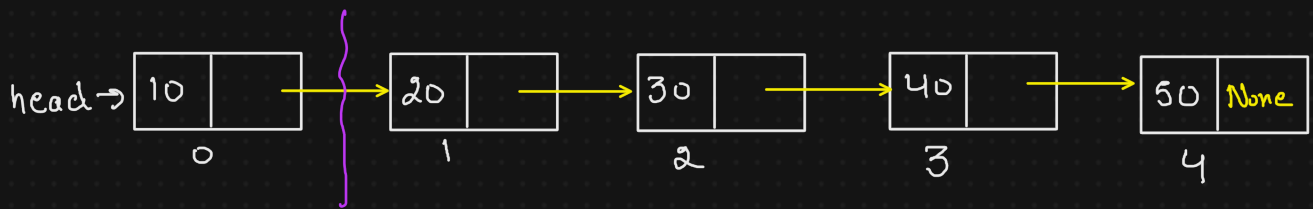
temp.next
= newnode

should be done first
using node (30)
newnode.next
= temp.next

Edge cases

1. if index is 0 \Rightarrow we have to add at head
2. if index > len \Rightarrow out of bounds error
3. if index == len i.e. add at end.

Insert node at an Index (Recursively)



1. Base case

index == 0 insert at head
head = None

2. recursive call.

head.next = insert (head.next, data, index - 1)

3. Our work

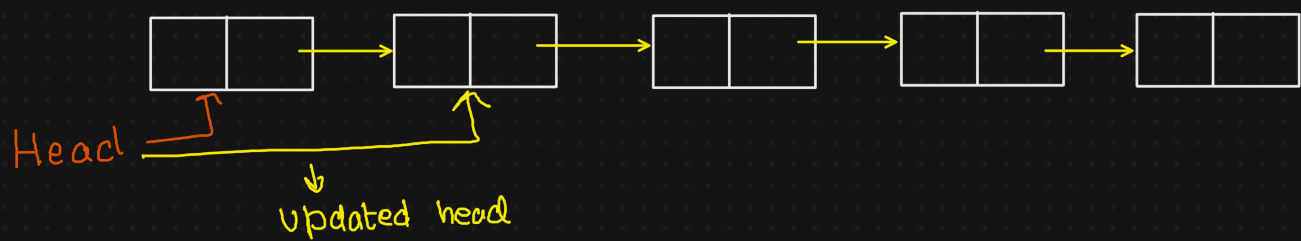
return head



3, 35 → 2, 35 → 1, 35 → 0, 35
index, data

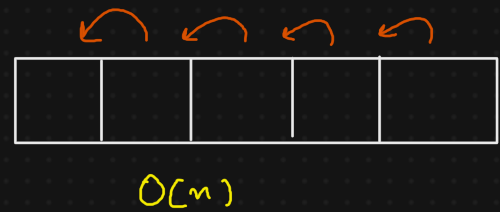


Delete Node in a Linked List = Head node



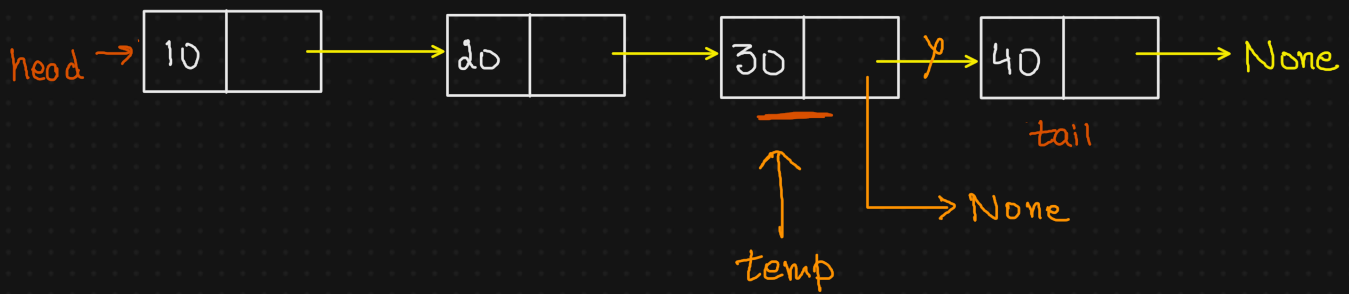
$head = head.next$

Time complexity = $O(1)$



★ Make sure to handle edge case of empty list

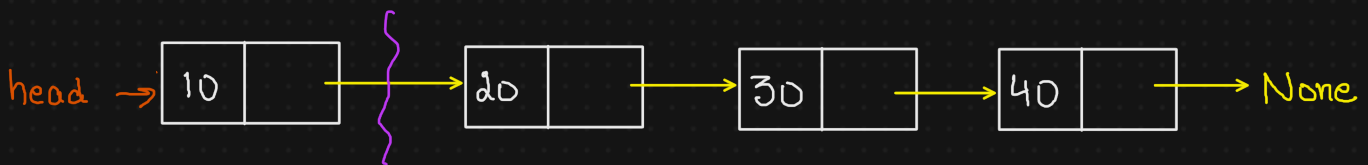
Delete a node in LL \rightarrow Tail



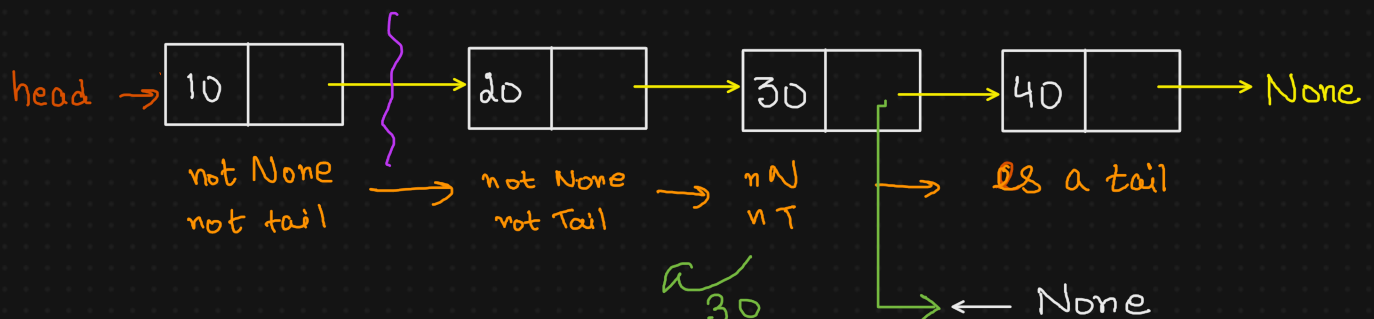
When we want to delete a node, we stop at a node before.
 When we have to insert a node, we stop on the node where we will insert

while (temp.next.next is not None)

Delete a tail node - recursively



1. Base case \rightarrow if head == None
2. Recursive call \rightarrow del (head.next)
3. Our work \rightarrow if (head.next) is None:
 return None



Delete a node at a given index



delete node at Index 3

Complexity $O(n)$



Delete a node at Index : Recursively



1. Base case : if (head is None)
2. Recursive call: head.next = del (head.next, index-1)
3. Our work : if index == 0, return head.next

Delete a node by value



head

we will have
no stop 1
node before
so we can change
the connection

delete
4

- ✓ 1. head value
- ✓ 2. value not present
- ✓ 3. value is present

Search in a Linked List : Value



value = 3

Similar to linear
Search

$O(n)$
as worst
case

Search in Linked List : Index

Iterative / Recursive

head $\frac{1}{0} \rightarrow \underset{1}{2} \rightarrow \underset{2}{3} \rightarrow \underset{3}{4} \rightarrow \underset{4}{5} \rightarrow \text{None}$

Array / list

Linked list

Access

index

$O(1)$

$O(n)$

Memory
management

Fixed size

- Some vacant
- Some filled

memory fragmentation not possible

- No unused memory
 - All nodes have data
 - Extra memory for my pointers
- memory fragmentation possible

Insert

$O(n)$ start

$O(1)$ end, not full

$O(N)$ end, full

$O(N)$ middle

$O(1)$ head

$O(n)$ at tail

$O(N)$

good for indexing

read fast

insert/delete from my head

write fast

Linked list Class

1. Create
2. Insert
3. Delete
4. Search
5. Traverse/Display