

3. Linked List

- Array data structure is simple to use and array element can be accessed by $A[i]$ where A is the name of array & i is the index or size.

• Array data structure suffers some limitations

1] Size of an array is defined at the time of programming.

2] Require contiguous memory.

- if the actual amount of data store is less than the maximum size, good amount of memory will be wasted.

⇒ Advantages of linked list

1] linked list is the example of dynamic data structure

1] They can grow & shrink during execution of program.

efficient memory utilization

Insertion & deletion are efficient & easier.

• Introduction

The LinkedList consist of series of structures or nodes

Each structure or node consist of two field
1st data field 2nd address field. address field contain the address of its successor

Data	Address

Fig. Node

A LinkedList is a collection of nodes

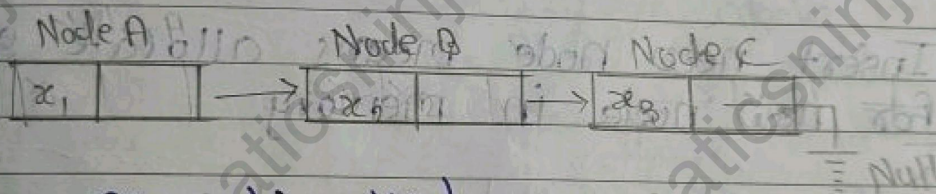


Fig: LinkedList

- Above linked list contain 3 nodes node A, node B, node C
- Node A contain data x_1 and address of the successor node B, node B contain data x_2 & address of the successor node C, node C contain data x_3 this is last node it has no successor, there its field pointed to the null.

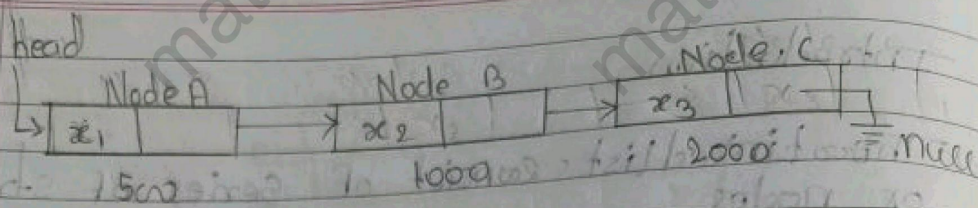


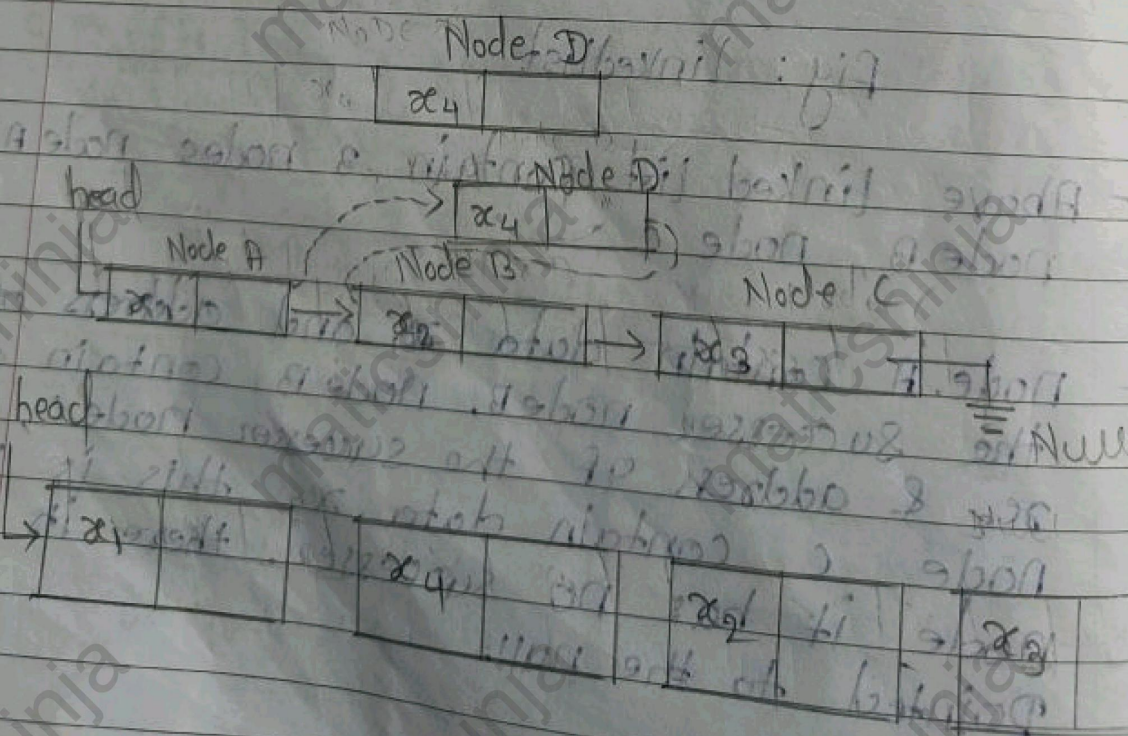
Fig : Linked list.

1] Insertion operation :

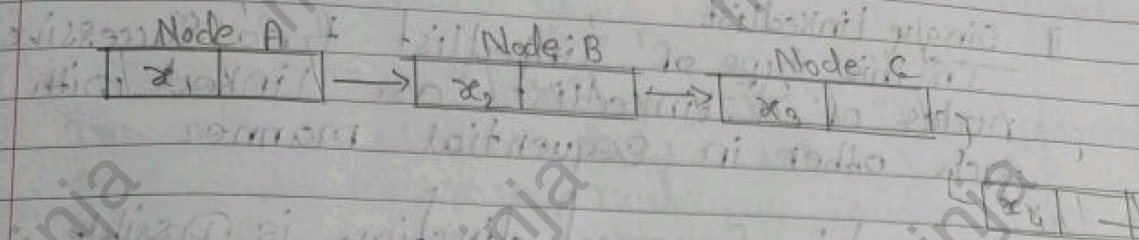
There are three possibilities of insertion operation

- i) At the beginning
- ii) At the middle
- iii) At last

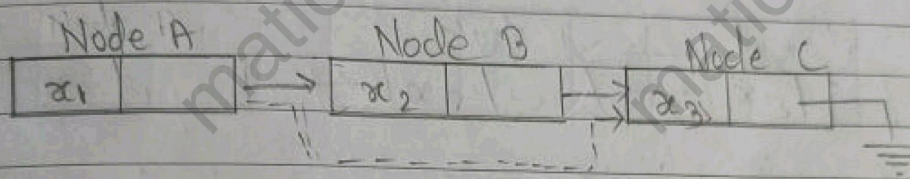
Insert new node means allocate space for new node in memory



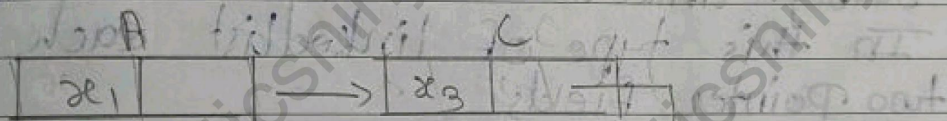
Insert new node at last / end of linked list.



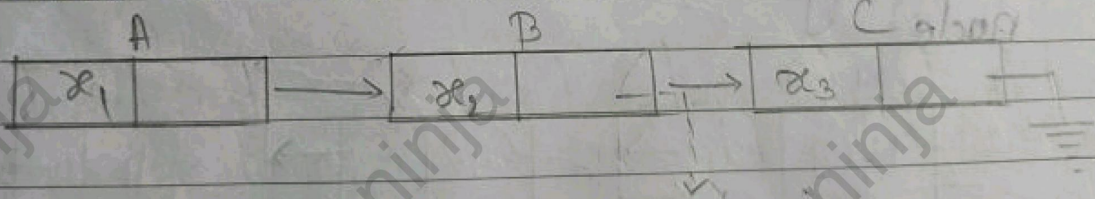
2] Deletion of a node :



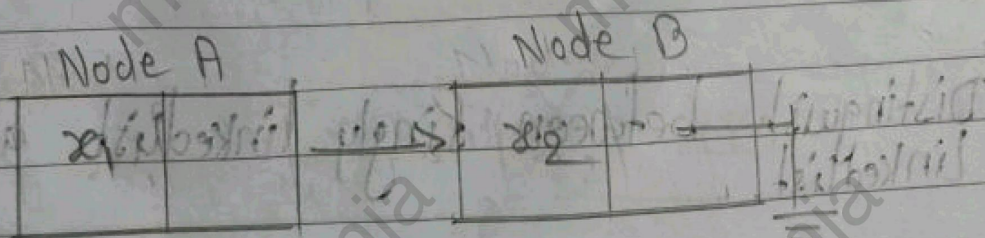
If we delete node B from above linked list



Deletion of last node :



If we delete node C then,

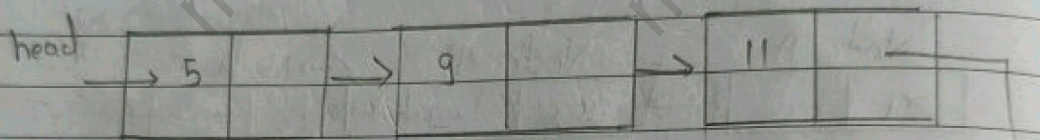


Types of Linkedlist

1] Singly Linkedlist

In this type of linkedlist two successive nodes of a linkedlist are linked with each other in sequential manner.

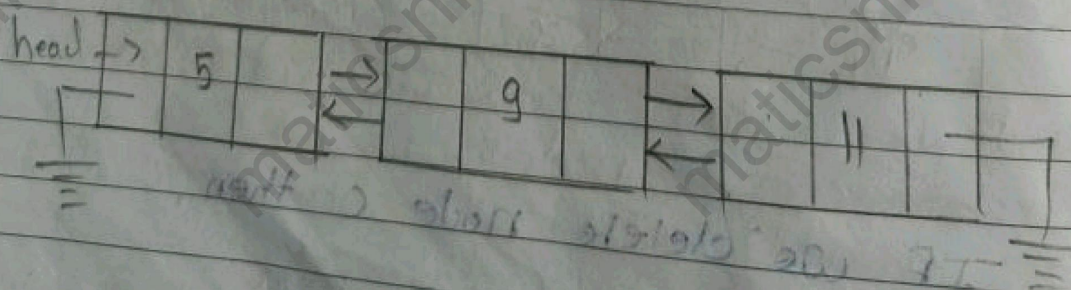
Movement in forward direction is possible.



2] Doubly Linkedlist

In this type of linkedlist each node holds two pointer fields.

In doubly linkedlist address of next as well as preceding elements are stored with current node.

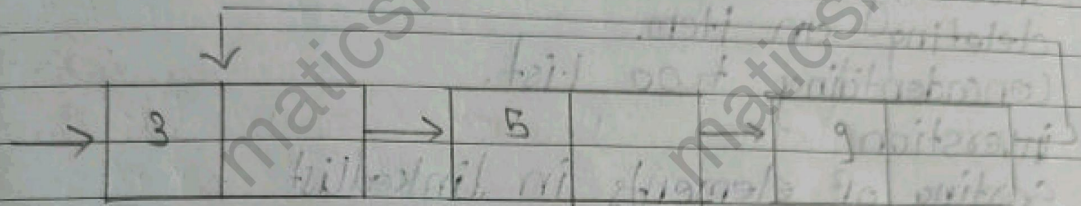


Q. Distinguish between Singly linkedlist and doubly linkedlist.

3] Circular Linkedlist

In circular list first and last element are adjacent.

A linkedlist can be made circular by storing the address of the first node in the next field of last node.



Q. Distinguish between linear linked list & circular linked list.

⇒ Advantages of circular linked list.

1] In circular linkedlist last node contain the address of first node. Any node can be access again & again in the loop.

2] Traversing is Possible from node to any other node in the circular linked list which is not possible in singly linked list.

3]

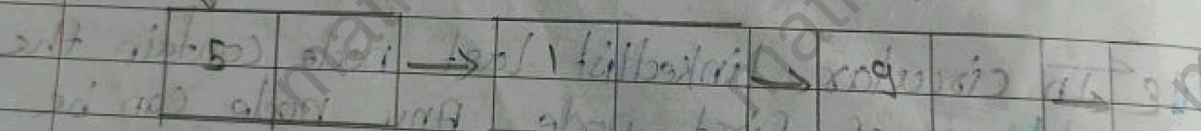
⇒ Application

round robin algorithm in cpu scheduling

- Basic operations on linked list:
 - 1] Creation
 - 2] Traversing
 - 3] Printing
 - 3] Counting the nodes in list.
 - 4] Searching an item in list.
 - 5] Inserting an item.
 - 6] deleting an item.
 - 7] Concatenating two List.
 - 8] inversion
 - 9] Sorting of elements in linkedlist.
 - 10] merging of two sorted linkedlist

1] Traversing :

Head $\rightarrow$



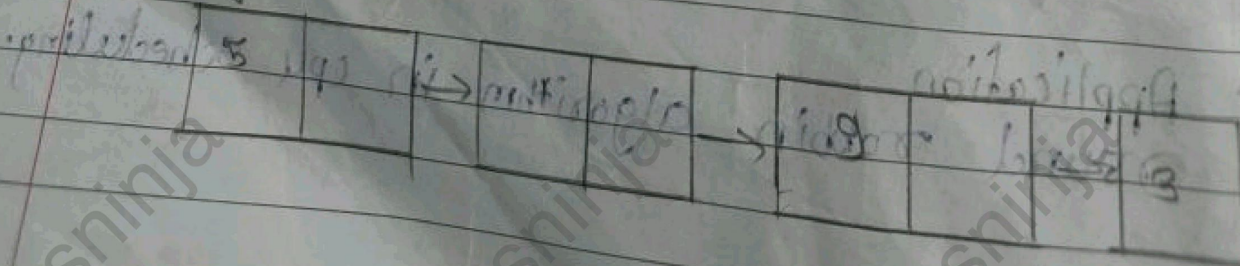
$P = \text{Head}$

While ($P \neq \text{Null}$)

$P = P \rightarrow \text{next}$

2] Counting :

Head $\rightarrow$

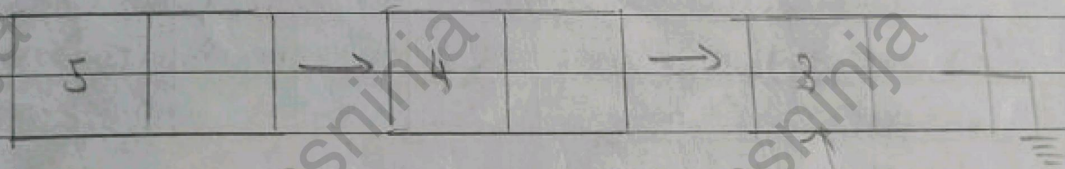


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int Count (node *p)
{
    int i;
    i = 0;
    while (p != Null)
    {
        i = i + 1;
        p = p -> next;
    }
    return i;
}

```

3] Printing a list through print function



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Void Print (node *p)
{
    while (p != Null)
    {
        printf (" \n %d", p -> data);
        p = p -> next;
    }
}

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4] Insertion :

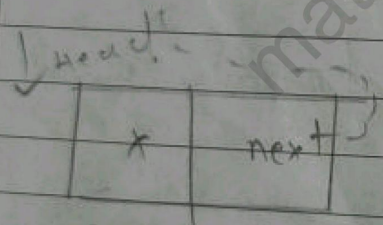
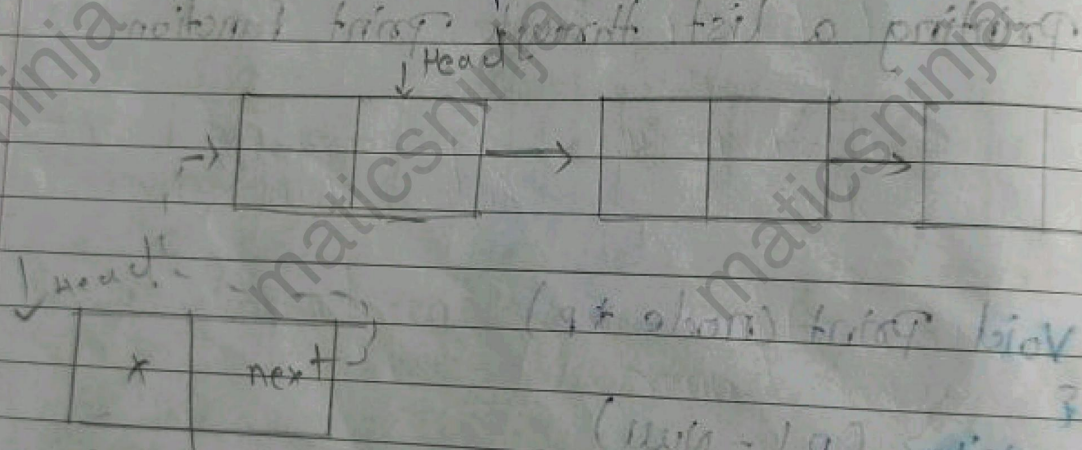
① Inserting an item at the beginning:

Step 1: obtain space for a new node.

Step 2: Assign data to the data field of new node.

Step 3: Set the next field of new node to the beginning of linked list.

Step 4: change reference pointer of linked list to point new node.



(q * sizeof(struct tnode))

(new = 1, 0)

;

;

;

1 Distinguish between singly linked list and doubly linked list.

Singly Linked List

Doubly Linked List

① A linked list that contains nodes which have a data field & a next field which points to the next node in the line of nodes.

① A linked list that contains the data field, next field that points to the next node and a previous field that points to the previous node in the sequence.

② Allows traversing in one direction through the elements.

② Allows traversing in both directions backward and forward.

③ Requires less memory as it stores only one address.

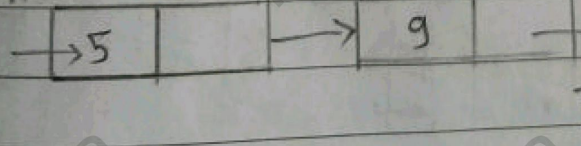
③ Requires more memory as it stores two addresses.

④ Complexity of insertion and deletion at a known position is $O(n)$.

④ Complexity of insertion and deletion at known position is $O(1)$.

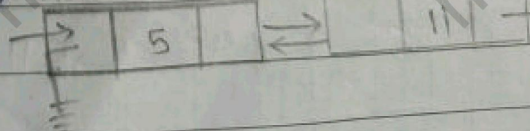
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head



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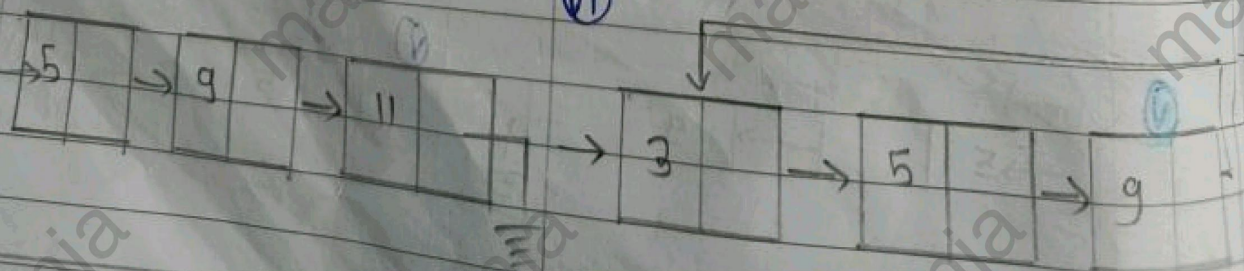
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2. Distinguish between Linear Linked List and Circular linked list.

Linear linked list	Circular Linked list
① Node contain two fields in 1st part data & next part address of next node.	① Node contain two fields in 1st data & next part address of next node.
② only forward traversing is allowed	② only forward traversing is allowed but can jump from last node to first.
③ It uses less memory per node (single pointer)	③ It uses less memory per node (single pointer)
④ Singly linked list can mostly be used for stacks.	④ can be used to implement round robin method.
⑤ Complexity of insertion & deletion at known position is $O(n)$.	⑤ At known position the complexity of insertion is $O(n)$ and deletion is $O(1)$.

head



② Insertion after node n:

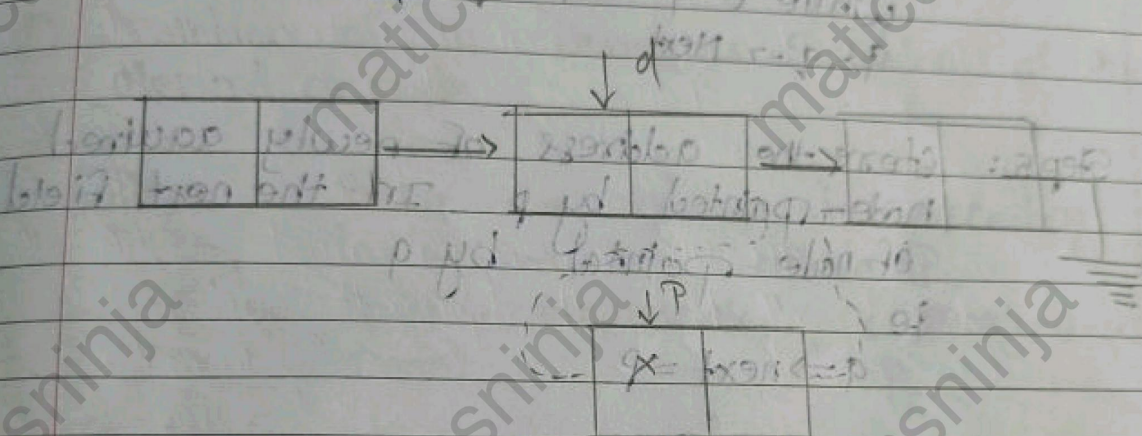
Step 1: obtain space for new node.

Step 2: Assign Value to its data field.

Step 3: Search node N_i .

Step 4: set the next field of new node to point to $N_i \rightarrow \text{next}$.

Step 5: Set the next field of N_i to point new node.



$p \rightarrow \text{next} = q \rightarrow \text{next}$
 $q \rightarrow \text{next} = p$

③ Insertion of node at the end.

Step 1: obtain space for new node

$p = (\text{node} *) \text{malloc}(\text{size of}(\text{Node}))$

Step 2: Assign Value to its data field & make its next field

$p \rightarrow \text{data} = x;$

$p \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{NULL};$

Step 3 : IF head is Null then

head = p

goto steps

Step 4 : Position a pointer q on last node by traversing the linked list from first node until it reaches last node.

q = head

While (q → next != Null)

q = q → Next

Step 5 : Store the address of newly acquired node pointed by p in the next field of node pointed by q

q → next = p

Step 6 : Stop

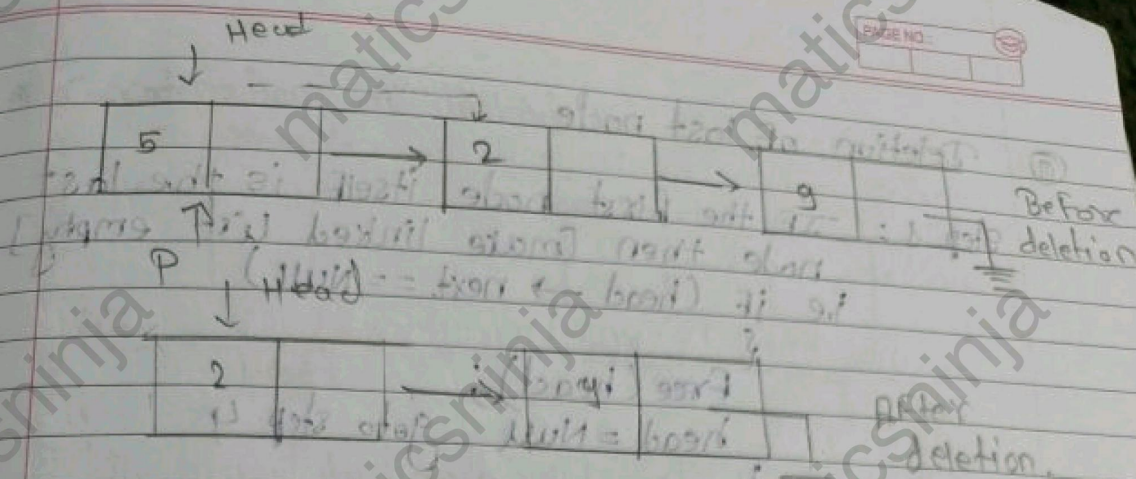
5) Deletion

① Deleting first item

Step 1 : Store the address of first node in a pointer Variable p.

Step 2 : Move the head to next node

Step 3 : Free the node whose address is stored in the pointer Variable p.



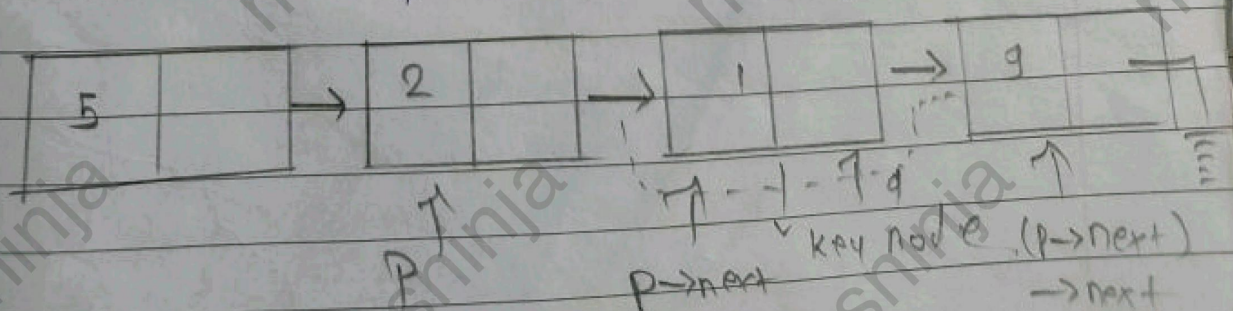
① Deletion of an item or Deletion of middle element or node.

Step 1: Store the address of preceding node in a Pointer Variable P.
 Node to be deleted is marked as Key node.

Step 2: Store the address of key node in Pointer Variable q.
 So that it can be free.

Step 3: Make the Successor of Key node as the Successor of node pointed by P.

Step 4: Free the node whose address is stored in the pointer Variable q.



③ Deletion of last node

Step 1: IF the first node itself is the last node then [make linked list empty]
i.e. if (head $\rightarrow$ next == Null)

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{  
    free(head);  
    head = Null; goto step 4  
}
```

[otherwise]

Step 2: Position a pointer q on last but one node

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q = head  
while (q  $\rightarrow$  next  $\rightarrow$  next != Null)  
    q = q  $\rightarrow$  next
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Step 3: Delete last node

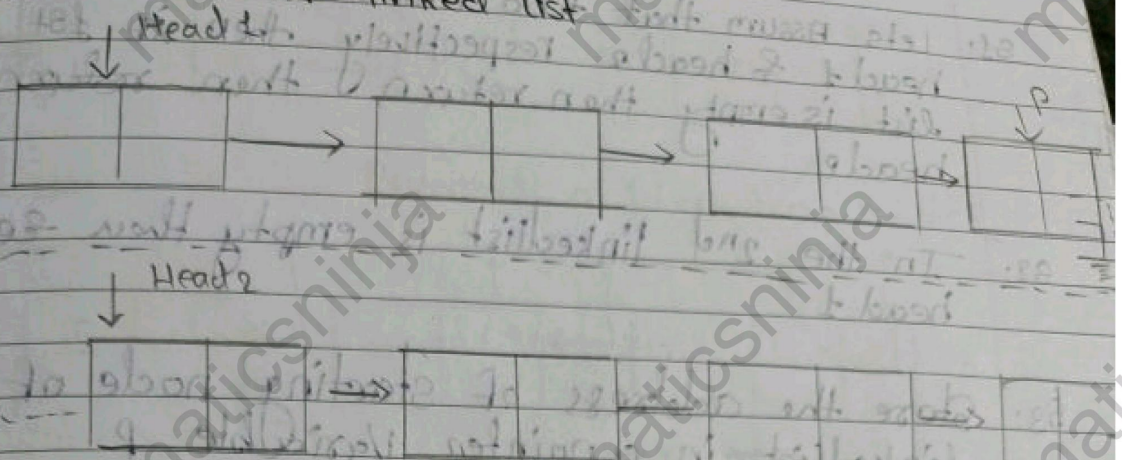
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p = q  $\rightarrow$  next
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free(p)
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q  $\rightarrow$  next = Null
```

Step 4: Stop

Q. * Concatenation of linked list



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Node * Concatenate ( Node * head 1, Node * head 2 )
{
    Node * p;
    if ( head 1 == Null )
        return ( head 2 );
    if ( head 1 != Null )
        return ( head 1 );
    p = head 1;
    while
    ( p->next != Null )
    {
        p = p->next;
    }
    p->next = head 2;
    return ( head 1 );
}
    
```

81: Let's Assume that two linkedlist are reference by head 1 & head 2 respectively then if 1st linkedlist is empty then return head 2

82: In the 2nd linkedlist is empty then return head 1

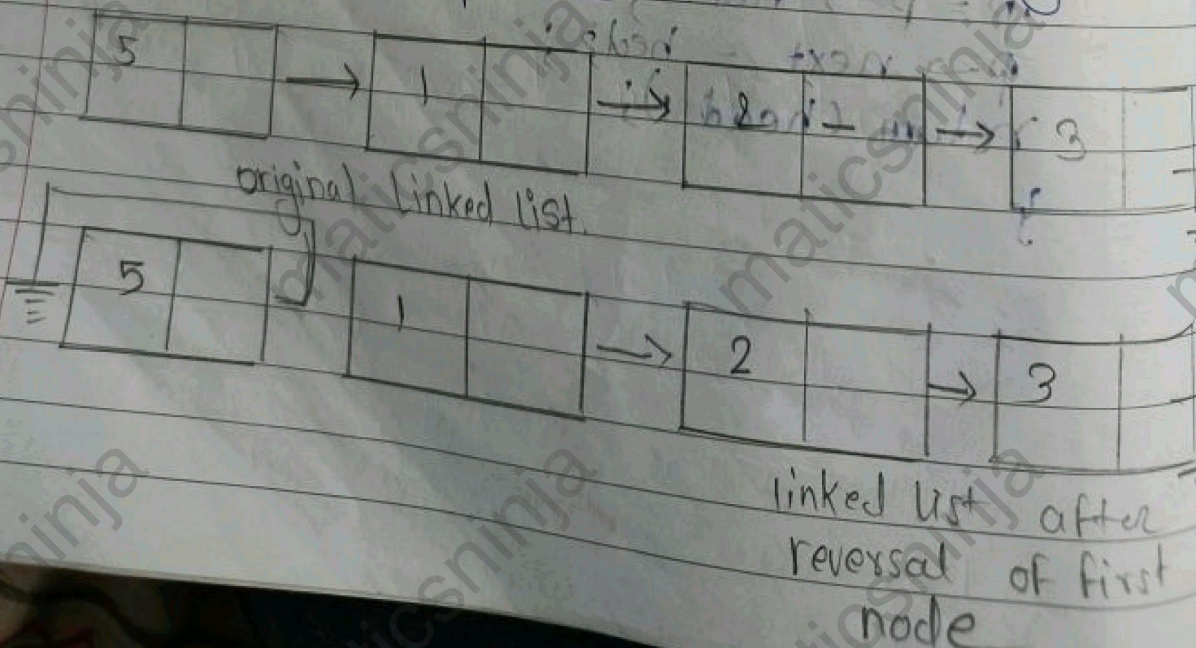
83: Store the address of starting node of first linkedlist in a pointer variable p

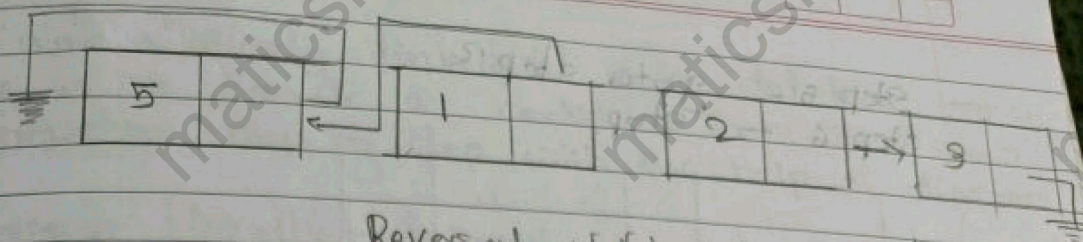
84: move the p to the last node of linkedlist through the simple linkedlist traversal technique

85: Store the address of 1st node of 2nd linkedlist in the next field of the node pointed by p.

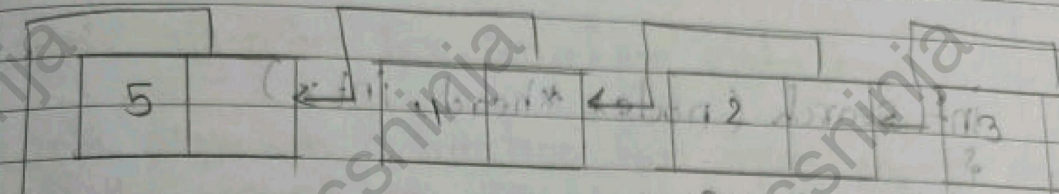
7] Inversion of linked list.

A linkedlist can be reverse by changing the direction of the pointer





Reversal of first two nodes



Reversal of all nodes
(using 3 slides)

8) Search operation

In order to search an element in linked we start traversing a linked list from a first node

traversal end with a success if the element is found - if the element is not found search end in failure.

Algorithm

Step 1 - $p = \text{head}$

Step 2 - IF data stored in node pointed by p is x then end search with success i.e. return(1)

Step 3 - Continue searching

$p = p \rightarrow \text{next}$

Step 4 - IF the end of linked list then return (0).

Step 5 - goto step 2
Step 6 - stop.

```
int search (node *head, int x)
```

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{
```

```
    int node *p;
```

```
    p = head;
```

```
    while (p != Null)
```

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    {
```

```
        if (p->data == x)
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            return (1);
```

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            p = p->next;
```

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        return (0);
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    }
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Applications of Linked List

1) Polynomial as linked list

Representation of Polynomial

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_nx^n$$

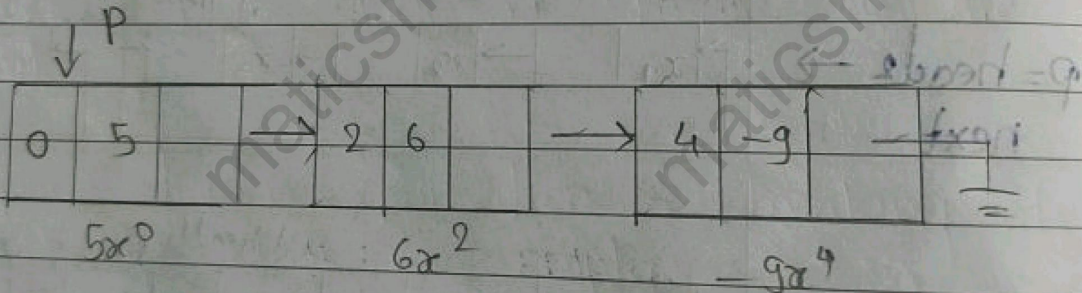
- n is integer value

- Each term content two tuples Power, Coefficient

$$5 + 6x^2 - 9x^4$$

$$(0, 5) \quad (2, 6) \quad (4, -9)$$

$$5x^0 = 5x^1 = 5$$



2) Addition of two polynomials.

In order to add 2 polynomials denoted by P_1, P_2 whenever the Powers of Current terms are P_1 & P_2 are same there coefficient term added, Coefficient term of new Polynomial.

Ex.

