CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II

Linked List Examples
Example 1

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head

n=4
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- Two pointers p1=head; p2=head
- First move p1 to n nodes from head.
- Now move both pointers one by one until p1 reaches end.
- P2 stops at target
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\[ n_1 = \text{length}(l_1) \]
\[ n_2 = \text{length}(l_2) \]
\[ d = l_1 - l_2 \]
Move \( p_1 \) \( d \) times
Move both \( p_1 \) and \( p_2 \) until they meet
Example 3:

Find the split point of two Linked Lists
Example 4:

Detect if there is a cycle in a Singly Linked List
boolean hasLoop(Node first) {
    if (first == null) return false;
    Node slow, fast; // create two references.
    slow = fast = first;
    while (true) {
        slow = slow.next; // 1 hop.
        if (fast.next != null)
            fast = fast.next.next; // 2 hops.
        else
            return false; // next node null => no loop.
        if (slow == null || fast == null) // if either hits null, no loop.
            return false;
        if (slow == fast) // if the two ever meet...we must have a loop.
            return true;
    }
}
Example 5:

Remove the cycle in a Singly Linked List
Example 6:

Clone a linked list with next and random pointer