

# Even Odd

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Implement the method `evenOdd` by *destructively* changing the ordering of a given `IntList` so that even indexed links **precede** odd indexed links.

For instance, if `lst` is defined as `IntList.list(0, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5)`, `evenOdd(lst)` would modify `lst` to be `IntList.list(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)`.

You may not need all the lines.

**Hint:** Make sure your solution works for lists of odd and even lengths.

```
public class IntList {
    public int first;
    public IntList rest;
    public IntList (int f, IntList r) {
        this.first = f;
        this.rest = r;
    }

    public static void evenOdd(IntList lst) {

        if (_____) {
            return;
        }

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        while (_____) {

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        }

        _____

    }
}
```

### Solution:

```
1 public static void evenOdd(IntList lst) {
2     if (lst == null || lst.rest == null) {
3         return;
4     }
5     IntList oddList = lst.rest;
6     IntList second = lst.rest;
7     while (lst.rest != null && oddList.rest != null) {
8         lst.rest = lst.rest.rest;
9         oddList.rest = oddList.rest.rest;
10        lst = lst.rest;
11        oddList = oddList.rest;
12    }
13    lst.rest = second;
14 }
```

### Alternate Solution:

```
1 public static void evenOdd(IntList lst) {
2     if (lst == null || lst.rest == null || lst.rest.rest == null) {
3         return;
4     }
5     IntList second = lst.rest;
6     int index = 0;
7     while (!(index % 2 == 0 && (lst.rest == null || lst.rest.rest == null))) {
8         IntList temp = lst.rest;
9         lst.rest = lst.rest.rest;
10        lst = temp;
11        index++;
12    }
13    lst.rest = second;
14 }
```

**Explanation:** For any linked list, observe that we simply want to change the `rest` attribute of each `IntList` instance to skip an `IntList` instance. Looking at `lst`, we want to link 0 to 1, 3 to 4, and so on. This will constitute the work of the body of the `while` loop, so we just need to figure out how to link the last even indexed `IntList` instance to the first odd indexed `IntList` instance. To keep track of the first odd indexed `IntList` instance, we can use `second`. Now, we just need to exit the `while` loop when we are at the last even indexed `IntList` instance. This occurs when the index is even and we are either at the second to last element (`lst.rest.rest == null`) or the last element (`lst.rest == null`).