## Lab 5

- test cases
  - print out enough from your tests that you can tell what worked (and what didn't) directly from the output
    - include a name / short description and at least either the actual and expected results or a pass/fail message
  - be thorough in your test cases make sure you find all the bugs!
    - pay careful attention to the expected behavior described in the comments
      e.g. what should index0f do if there are duplicates?
    - beginning and end to check for off-by-one in loops
    - empty list or just one element to check for common special cases
    - no loop iterations vs at least one, manipulating empty sublists where can things like this come up in compact?

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- · avoid unnecessary loops
  - keep in mind which nodes you have pointers to you don't have to always start at the head
  - draw before and after pictures to identify what needs to be relinked
    - once you have pointers to the right nodes in compact, re-linking doesn't involve loops
- a loop should have one purpose
  - finding the first and last occurrences in compact is two things
    - prefer one loop to find the first occurrence, then a second separate loop to find the last – the logic of each loop is simpler
    - a single loop with an if statement to either update first or last is more complex to understand and get right

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