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class ListNode:
    def __init__(self, val=0, next=None):
        self.val = val
        self.next = next

def deleteDuplicates(head: ListNode) -> ListNode:
    current = head

    # Traverse the list
    while current and current.next:
        if current.val == current.next.val:
            # Skip the next node since it's a duplicate
            current.next = current.next.next
        else:
            # Move to the next distinct element
            current = current.next

    return head

# Helper function to print the linked list
def printList(head: ListNode):
    while head:
        print(head.val, end=" -> " if head.next else "")
        head = head.next
    print()

# Example usage
# Create a linked list: 1 -> 1 -> 2
head = ListNode(1)
head.next = ListNode(1)
head.next.next = ListNode(2)

# Call function
head = deleteDuplicates(head)
printList(head) # Output: 1 -> 2

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