

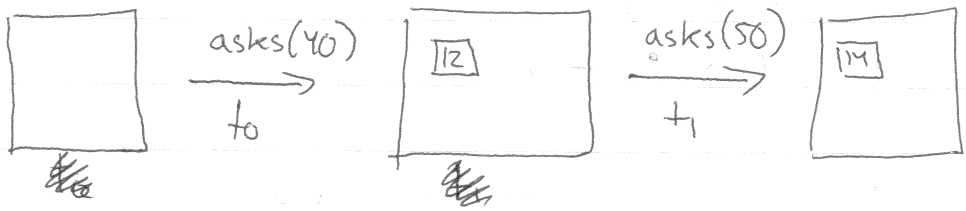
Sound, language - implementation controlled MM

↳ "garbage collection" (GC)

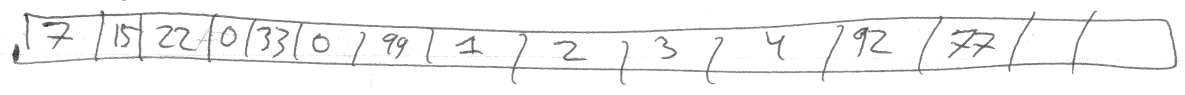
Your program:

- Asks for memory
- Changes memory

changes to values ← don't
 changes to pointers ← matter

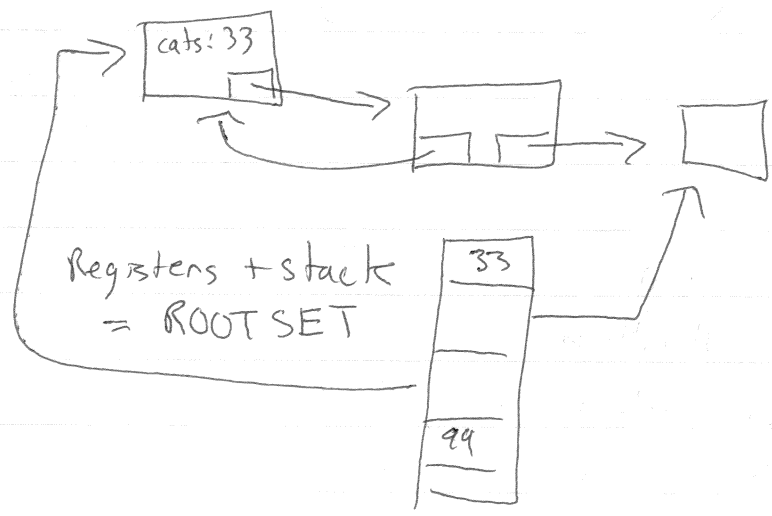


Memory Actual



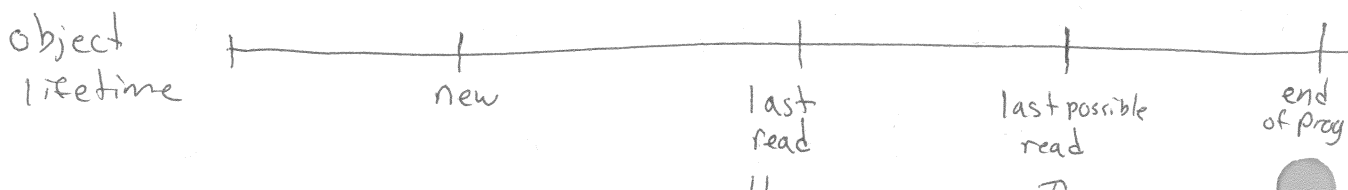
Memory Abstract — Object Graph

← GC + you need it



types
 of mem(heap)
 and of root
 set

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0: x = new (23);
    ... mention x ...
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99: print(x);
    ... long computation done x ... (defines y)
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200: if (y > 29) {
201:   print(x * 2);
    }
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return
    ... big comp done x ...
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y = scanf

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global list = ...
x = new (23);
    ... m x
list -> add (x);
    ... dm x
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scope ≠ extent

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When a variable is meaningful

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when an object is meaningful

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liveness

Basic GC algorithm

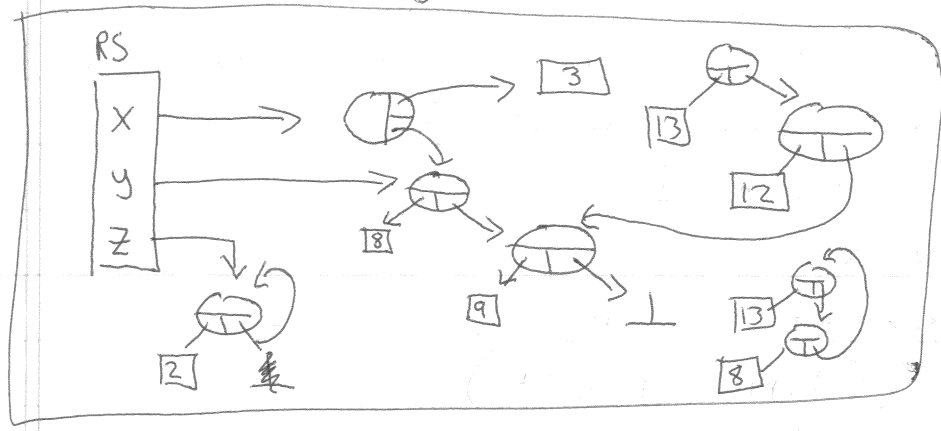
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① Free Space = All Mem
On Req for mem x, do:
  if (FS > x) {
    FS -= x
  } else {
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- ② figure out what's live (ie has a name)
- ③ free other stuff
- repeat

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Figure out what is live (i.e. has a name)

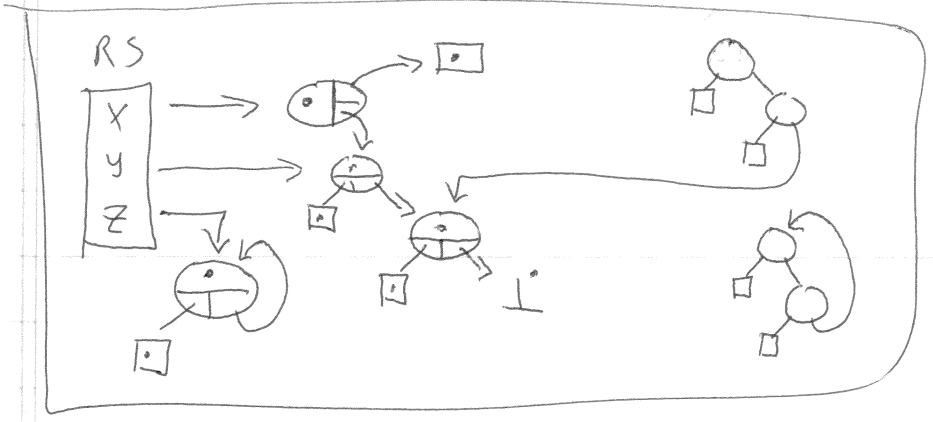
- tracing
- computing reach-ability



live =
 \exists path from root to obj
 dead =
 \forall path from root, dest \neq obj

Mark + Sweep (McCarthy 1959)

(1st 'use' Jan 1993)



mark =
 follow paths from RS and put dots
 $O(\text{live})$
 memory

~~Sweep~~

sweep = for every obj in memory,
 if marked, unmark
 o.w, free()

$O(\text{objs})$
 "live + dead"

Boehm - GC (-lgc)

- malloc - $O(\lg n)$
- free - $O(\lg n)$ & ~~$O(\text{dead})$~~
- collect - $O(\lg n) \times O(\text{dead}) + O(\text{objs})$
- collect' - $O(\text{dead}) + O(\text{objs})$
- = $O(\text{objs})$

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Memory Over head (a)



overhead in time because of delayed frees
(time space trade off)

inherent overhead

- mark
- type information
(vtable in C++)
ptr

