

10-2 | 100% completeness at low low prices

1. obj  $x = \text{malloc}();$

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  | obj  $y = x$       ← alias      ignore

88. if ( $f()$ )  $\epsilon$       ← line 87.  
89. print  $x$        $\rightarrow g(1z) \rightarrow h(19, 20)$

90. 3      completeness depends

91. exit      on knowing what  $f()$  can  
return

TM-Halts( $n$ )

$\text{malloc}()$  /  $\text{free}()$  as a person (Jay Method)

- sound - possible, but mistakes happen  $\rightarrow$  NO

- completeness - anything (leak =  $\neg \text{if } f$ ) (mem hog =  $\Delta \gg$ )

- mem -  $\lg n + \lg o$

- time -  $\lg n$

- latency - naive  $\rightarrow$  high latency      possible queuing  $\rightarrow$  low latency

11-1 Smart Pointers use a "reference" count

" $o.f = \text{ptr}$ "  $\rightarrow$  ptr's count to inc

when a new ref / alias is made

" $o.f = \text{NULL}$ "  $\rightarrow$  o.f is no accessible

" $o.f = \text{ptr2}$ "  $\rightarrow$

ptr's count decreases

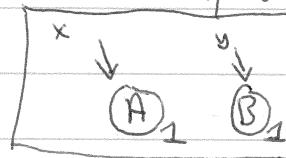
"return false"  $\rightarrow$  ptr is not accessible

when count == 0, free()

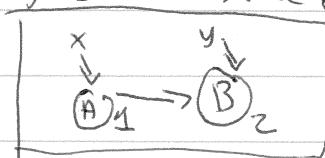
sound  $\rightarrow$  Yes. \* In some impl, there's human trust/fragility

complete  $\Rightarrow$  freeing un-reachable object

↓ same problem



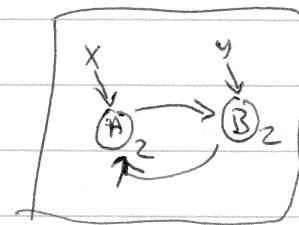
$x.f = y$



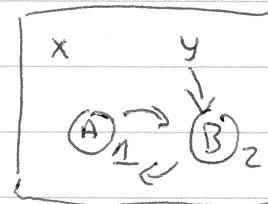
retain(p)

if (p.count != 255)

p.count++



$y.f = x$

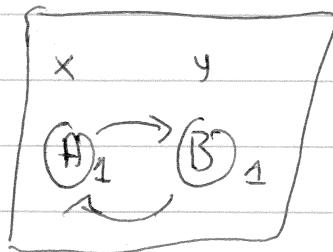


release(p)

if (p.count != 255)

p.count--

if (p.count)  
free(p)



$x = \text{NULL}$

Cycles are not reclaimed

trial deletion is expensive

mem efficiency  $\rightarrow$  store the count

if small, infinite extend obj (due to modulo)

small objs have a great % memory cost

most objs are small

time  $\rightarrow$  same as manual

cost  $\propto$  work (vs. size)

latency  $\rightarrow$  same as manual

due to cascading

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Mark + Sweep

for o in Object-Graph  
mark(o)

for o in memory  
if !marked(o)  
free(o)

"garbage collection"

↳ a correct memory manager  
sound as complete  
as can be

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Globals

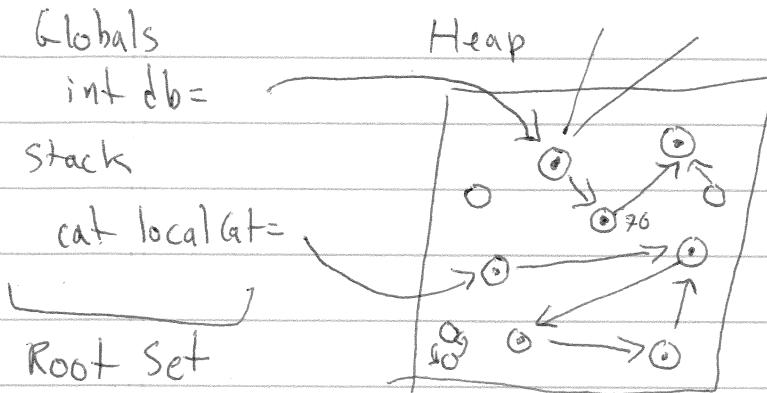
int db =

Stack

cat localAt =

Root Set

Heap



how does GC know the roots?

how does GC know obj layout?

↳ tag, BiBoP

where is the mark?

↳ tag or bitmask per page

time  $\rightarrow$  malloc is  $O(\lg n)$  / free is  $O(n)$  vs  $O(n \lg n)$

mem  $\rightarrow$  tags

time  $\rightarrow$  mark is  $O(\text{live})$  / sweep  $O(\text{memory})$

sound + complete / as can be

Hans Böhm GC for C

