

Memory — Static + Dynamic

Static — an known position in program text to call free (e.g. when we're done with arg or fn)

Dynamic — not static, the free position is a property of evaluation.

"Stack Memory" an implementation *static memory

C's local vars

"Heap memory" is dynamic memory

CEK = static = { arg, fn } dyn = { clo, E[x ← v] }

Strategy for you in C:

- I make mistakes w/ off-by-1 (sometimes reference undefined memory)
- Input determines your allocation pattern
- Allocation is determined by a computation
 - ↳ nervous about aliases (other pointers to the values)
- It's a global decision

Errors

Soundness
Completeness

- Freeing too early, may cause reuse, may cause inconsistent use => crash

- Free too late => use too much memory

Soundness = never free too early

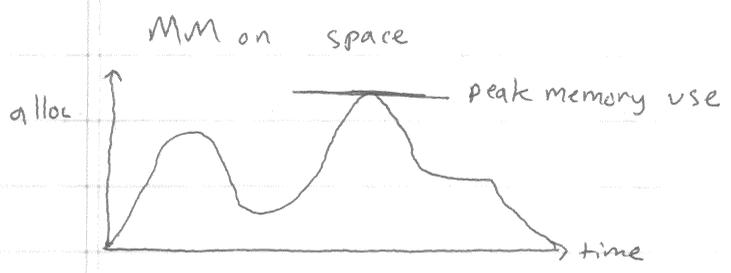
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0. int *x = malloc(sz);
1.   return x[2] = 28;
2. f(10); ←———— what if f never returns?
3. return x[2];

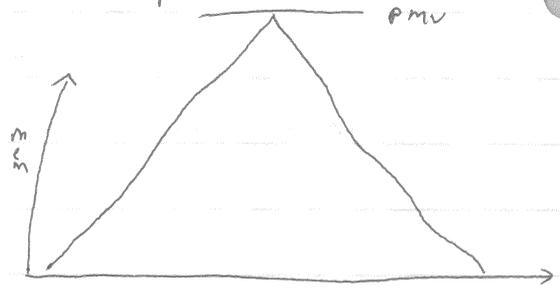
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Memory Management:

- Necessary to be sound
- As close to complete and little impact on time as possible



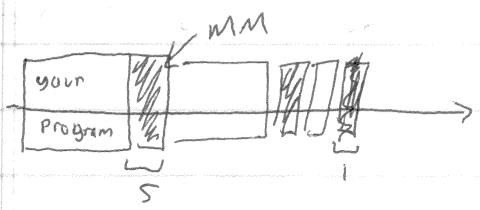
MM1



MM2

imagine MM_m where $pmu(MM_m) \leq pmu(MM_x) \forall MM_x$

MM on time



minimize
total time = your + mm

- minimize just mm
- minimize % in mm
- minimize the maximum mm slice
- maximize the mini your slice

Common C MM

- Insert calls to free() when you think it's right
- Put in lots of copies to remove aliases \rightarrow if you're wrong, \rightarrow spend more space (i.e. less complete) then \rightarrow sound
- Doug Lea alloc - runs in $\lg n$ where n are the # of objects
free - $\lg n$
space - at worst $2x$ space

"Garbage Collector"